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## **2 PhD Positions in Comparative Constitutional Law**

The Chair for Public International Law and Constitutional Law at the University of Zurich offers two PhD positions (4 years; 0.6 FTE).

### **Job description**

We are looking for two outstanding PhD researchers interested to analyse the legal frameworks of direct-democratic instruments in various European states. One researcher should have a background in Italian law, the other in Hungarian law.

The selected candidates will contribute to the execution of the 5-year project “Popular Sovereignty vs. the Rule of Law? Defining the Limits of Direct Democracy” (LIDD). The project is funded by the European Research Council Consolidator Grant (ERC-2017-CoG 772160) and is led by Prof. Daniel Moeckli. LIDD aims to assess where the legal limits of direct democracy should be drawn and how compliance with these limits should be reviewed.

In particular, the successful candidates are expected to:

- perform research leading to a doctoral dissertation in the area of comparative constitutional law
- assist in implementing the LIDD research project in terms of collection of data, conducting of interviews with experts and construction of a database
- contribute to the dissemination of research results, including by presenting results at international workshops and conferences
- assist in the organisation of international conferences on the research topic
- assist in the administration of the project

### **Your profile**

Applicants must have:

- a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in law
- a good command of either Italian or Hungarian and a good understanding of either the Italian or the Hungarian legal system
- an excellent command of English, both written and spoken
- strong analytical skills
- good organisational skills
- a genuine interest in comparative constitutional law and direct-democratic mechanisms



### **Employment terms and conditions**

The appointment will be for 4 years, the starting date is 1 November 2018. The workload is 0.6 FTE. The University of Zurich offers excellent terms of employment. The starting gross annual salary is ca. EUR 68'000 pro rata (that is, ca. EUR 41'000 for a 60% appointment). Funding for research stays abroad and the attendance of conferences is available. We offer you an inspiring working environment within a young and motivated team and flexible working hours.

### **Information and application**

Additional information about the University of Zurich can be found at [www.uzh.ch](http://www.uzh.ch). For inquiries about the advertised positions please contact us at [lst.moeckli@rwi.uzh.ch](mailto:lst.moeckli@rwi.uzh.ch).

Applications must include the following documents:

- a motivation letter
- a CV
- certificates
- contact details of two referees
- a sample of your written work in English (for example a student paper, a Master thesis or a short publication)

Applications must be submitted by **31 July 2018**. Please send your application electronically to the following address: [lst.moeckli@rwi.uzh.ch](mailto:lst.moeckli@rwi.uzh.ch)