



Postdoctoral Position (2-3 years) in a European Research Council Project “Participation and Representation in the Digital Age (PRD)”

We invite applications for a postdoctoral position in a European Research Council (ERC) project (\$1.5 million Euro, 2023-2028) led by Prof. Jennifer Oser and hosted by Ben-Gurion University.

The project: A global trend has emerged in patterns of political participation over the past few decades. While voting has declined, non-electoral participation—like protest, and digital activism—has increased. A main concern is that these trends may lead to unequal representation. This project uses multiple methodological approaches to advance theory-based, empirical scholarship on the connection between participation and representation. See additional information about this project ([here](#)) and its international collaborators ([here](#)).

The role: The postdoctoral position is a full-time (40 hours per week), research-focused role to lead the construction of a harmonized dataset of high-quality, cross-national surveys on political participation, and to conduct data analyses outlined in the project’s work plan. The role includes:

- Leading the data management needed to construct the originally harmonized dataset.
- Conducting and publishing high-quality research, both co-authored and sole-authored.
- Support to dedicate time to personal research as part of the position (approximately 20%).
- There is no teaching obligation; teaching positions (lectureship) can be arranged if requested.

Qualifications:

- PhD (or close to completion) in political science, data science, or related fields.
- Strong methodological and quantitative background; excellent command of Stata and/or R.
- Ambition and ability to produce high-impact publications.
- Ability to work independently and to communicate effectively with a team.
- Commitment to a two-year postdoctoral position, with an option for a third year.

Benefits:

- Work as part of a supportive team committed to professional growth and intellectual discovery.
- Competitive ERC-funded salary (approximately 65,000 Euro per year for full-time position).
- Generous additional funding for international conferences and methodological workshops.
- Opportunity to advance your own research as part of a prestigious international grant project.
- Support from project PI, collaborators, and network to advance your academic skills and career.

The postdoctoral research position can be conducted largely remotely for candidates who prefer to be physically located in universities in the European Union (EU), EU-affiliated countries, the United States, and Canada. **For candidates who wish to be located in Israel**, office space can be arranged at [Ben-Gurion University](#)—which is consistently highly ranked for student life by Israeli students—as well as in other Israeli universities and institutions throughout the country.

Application:

- Please submit: (1) **Letter of application** describing your motivation and qualifications (2) **CV** with publication list and contact information for at least 2 references (3) **Two writing samples**, including at least one that is sole-authored (published or unpublished).
- Email the files to the project’s Administrative Manager, Raya Even-David, rayaED@bgu.ac.il.
- Applications submitted by **May 25, 2023** are guaranteed full consideration. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled.
- Position start date: **October 2023** (with flexibility).

Informal inquiries about the position are welcome: Prof. Jennifer Oser, oser@bgu.ac.il.