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**UNIVERSITÄT  
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Faculty of Business, Economics and  
Social Sciences

Department of Social Sciences

**Institute of Sociology**

As part of the SNF funded research project "Modeling Meaning in Text Data for the Social Sciences", we offer a position as a

## Postdoc in Computational Social Science

Immediately effective, for the duration of 3 years.

**Duties:** As part of this research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, the postdoc is expected to develop computational tools for studying meaning in text, specifically interview transcripts. Candidates should have skills in network analysis with a focus on text and NLP techniques; R skills advisable. The project tackles substantive issues in cultural sociology more broadly but the concrete topics can be adjusted to the interests of candidates. Curiosity and creativity will be valued highly in candidates. The project requires commitment to three years, while offering room for and strongly encouraging the development and exploration of new, related ideas together as a team.

We offer a competitive salary and great working conditions in a multi-lingual/multi-cultural environment. There is no teaching obligation but opportunities are available. The postdoc will be affiliated with the University of Bern, Switzerland which will provide office space and computational resources. Swiss/European nationality is not a requirement; help with visa related issues (including partner visa) is offered by the university.

**Qualifications:** A completed PhD in a relevant subject; strong programming skills; curiosity for social science questions; good English language proficiency, in speech and writing is required; German language skills are not required.

**Deadline:** Applications are screened immediately until the position is filled. Employment is expected to commence by 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2021.

**Documents:** CV, including publications and other relevant research outputs; short motivation letter, emphasizing projects and skills focusing on text analysis; names and contact information for two references.

Applications are to be sent electronically to: Fabian Bartsch, Institute of Sociology, University of Bern, [fabian.bartsch@soz.unibe.ch](mailto:fabian.bartsch@soz.unibe.ch)