

Postdoc Position in ERC Project on the Trade-offs of Democracy

The Department of Political Science at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) invites applications for a Postdoc position in the ERC-funded research project “Reconciling Citizens with the Trade-offs of Democracy: Attitudes Toward Democracy Under Rising Politicization” ([DEMOTRADEOFF](#)) led by Professor [Enrique Hernández](#).

The project will be part of the Political Science Department research group on [Democracy, Elections and Citizenship \(DEC\)](#).

Job description

The successful applicant will make a leading contribution to the DEMOTRADEOFF project. The postdoctoral researcher will be expected to contribute to the development of the project’s methodological and theoretical tasks. The successful candidate will engage in collaborative research with the project team members that leads to the submission of publications to top outlets. The postdoctoral researcher will also assist in the management of the research project.

Your profile

- PhD in political science or related discipline (completed or close to completion). PhD degree must be completed before September 15, 2022.
- Interest in the field of public opinion and democracy.
- Strong methodological skills and a high level of proficiency of Stata/R.
- Some experience with survey design and/or experiments is an asset, but not required.
- Very good command of English and excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interest in academic research, ideally proven through international publications or collaboration in research projects.
- Ability to work effectively in an international team.
- Ability to work independently.

What we offer

- A three-year initial appointment, renewable for up to two additional years conditional on performance.
- Integration in the [Democracy, Elections and Citizenship group](#), with highly motivated and engaged researchers.
- Career mentoring.
- Opportunity to develop your own research agenda within the project.
- Salary range: 34,000 – 37,000 € (yearly, gross), depending on research experience.
- The project also offers significant funding for data collection, research assistance, and travel.

The DEMOTRADEOFF project

DEMOTRADEOFF aims to study democratic trade-offs and how these might fuel political discontent. Democracies involve trade-offs since all their desirable qualities cannot be simultaneously maximized. Hard choices must be made to balance principles such as popular sovereignty and the rule of law, or freedom and political equality. However, we still know little about the positions of citizens and parties regarding democratic trade-offs; how these contribute to citizens' increasing discontent with democracy; or how the rising politicization of the trade-offs of democracy might exacerbate these dynamics. The project examines these questions through a combination of cross-sectional and panel surveys, content analysis, and experiments.

Further information about the project can be found [here](#).

Application

Applications should include: a motivation letter explaining how your research profile and interests relate to the project, a CV, a writing sample, contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference, a copy of your ID/Passport, and a copy of degree certificates.

Candidates must apply through the website <https://seleccio.uab.cat> (position 2022DILEUA34).

In addition, candidates should send all their application documents (as one PDF-file) to enrique.hernandez@uab.cat. Please write "Postdoc DEMOTRADEOFF" in the subject line.

Closing date for applications: April 14, 2022.

Start date of employment: October 2022

Informal inquiries are encouraged by writing to enrique.hernandez@uab.cat