



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 (2023-2028) led by Prof. Jennifer Oser, and hosted by Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

This postdoctoral research position can be conducted largely remotely for candidates who prefer to be physically located in universities throughout the European Union (EU), EU-affiliated countries, and the United States and Canada.

The project: A surprising 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. Additional information about this project, and its international collaborators can be found [here](#).

The role: This postdoctoral position is a full-time, research-focused role to lead the construction of a harmonized dataset of high-quality, cross-national surveys on political participation. The ideal candidate will:

- Conduct and publish high-quality research in accordance with the project’s theoretical aims.
- Lead the data management needed to construct the originally harmonized dataset.
- The role can be conducted largely remotely, with participation in international team meetings in Israel and additional locations.
- Additional research roles are possible if the candidate is interested, including: time dedication to the candidate’s sole-authored research agenda; course instruction and advising; and contributing to the facilitation of an international speaker series webinar.

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:

- Opportunity to advance your own research as part of an international team of top scholars.
- Work as part of a supportive team committed to professional growth and intellectual discovery.
- Competitive ERC salary with funding for methodological training workshops.
- Generous funding for international conferences and workshops.

Application:

- Please submit: (1) **Letter of application** describing your motivation and qualifications (2) **CV** with publication list and contact information for 3 references (3) **Two writing samples**
- Email the files to the project’s Administrative Manager, Raya Even-David, rayaED@bgu.ac.il
- Applications will be reviewed starting **May 15, 2023** 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