

### **Open position: Ph.D. candidate**

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**Position:** The NCCR project "The Mediatization of Political Decision-Making" examines how and to what extent mediatization influences political decision-making. The Ph.D. thesis will focus on Switzerland. More specifically, the objectives of the project can be summarized as:

- Examine how specific decision-making processes are depicted in the media.
- Examine how media coverage influences the actors' strategies, as well as the decision-making structures and processes.

Special consideration is given to the effects of Europeanization in this context.

**We offer:**

- An exciting Ph.D. project that is both well defined and adjustable to your interests
- A guarantee to write a high-quality Ph.D. thesis within four years
- A stimulating and collegial work environment
- The chance to concentrate entirely on your research (no administrative tasks)
- A place in the multidisciplinary and multicultural NCCR doctoral school
- Flexible working terms

**Your profile:**

- Master degree (or equivalent) in political science or in a related field
- Strong analytical skills and ability to work independently
- Interest in political decision making
- Enjoys learning and contributing to a collaborative environment
- French or German mother tongue with a good level of the other language; English desirable

**Location:** University of Geneva, Switzerland.

**Terms of employment:** The salary is determined according to the pay scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation (1<sup>st</sup> year: 36'600 CHF, 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 42'600 CHF, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year: 45'600 CHF).

**Deadline for applications:** Until candidate is identified.

**Starting date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 or as soon as possible.

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Applications should include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae (including references) and copies of all academic degrees. They should be sent to [sarah.kopse@unige.ch](mailto:sarah.kopse@unige.ch) or Sarah Kopse, Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, 40, Bd du Pont d'Arve, CH – 1211 Geneva 4.