The National Research Network ‘Austrian National Election Study’ announces the opening for

**1 PhD positions** (Pre-doc) (30 hours per week)

at the **Department of Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Vienna**

as of **March 1, 2013**, appointed until **December 31, 2015**.

The National Research Network will provide a comprehensive social science analysis of the next Austrian national election and to extend the database and analysis also to previous elections. It will provide a fully integrated study of the demand side (voters) and the supply side (political parties) of electoral competition, the media coverage of the campaign, and the dynamics the campaign unfolds. The open position is part of the Demand Side project under the direction of Prof. Dr. Sylvia Kritzinger.

**Job Description**

Assistance in designing the questionnaires for online-surveys, assistance in conducting pre-tests, assistance with the establishment of the variable-catalogues and their operationalisation, assistance in the statistical analyses.

The candidate is expected to write a PhD in the related field.

**Requirements**

Applicants hold a Diploma or Master’s certificate in political science, sociology, or another field in the social sciences with a specialization in electoral behaviour. Candidates should have some training and knowledge in quantitative empirical research methods, especially in the analysis of survey data. An excellent command of spoken and written English and German is essential.

**Documents required for application:**

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two potential references
- Certificates

Applications must be sent electronically to **sylvia.kritzinger@univie.ac.at** by **January 31, 2013**.

The gross income will be approximately **€ 26.000 per year**.

The University of Vienna intends to increase the number of women on their faculties, and therefore specifically invite applications by women. Among equally qualified applicants women will receive preferential consideration.