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The **Institute for Communications and Media Education**, Department of Psychology, Campus Landau, invites applications for a

PhD Position in Media Psychology (0,5, EGr. 13 TV-L)

The position is assigned to Assistant Professor Dr. Tobias Rothmund and designated to support the interdisciplinary research group “E-Democracy” at the University of Koblenz-Landau. This research group aims to investigate how the use of digital media changes political communication and deliberation in democratic societies.

The position is limited for a time period of three years and subject to the German law on fixed-term contracts in science (WissZeitVG). Salary will be according to the German public service salary scale TV-L EGr. 13.

Topic:

From a media psychology perspective, the main focus of interest in “E-Democracy” is to contribute to a better understanding of the cognitive and motivational underpinnings of political online participation. Theoretical approaches from personality research, social psychology and communication science will be combined. From an applied research perspective, the project’s aim is to develop technological and pedagogical tools that facilitate digital political participation.

Work tasks include (a) planning, conducting and analyzing empirical studies, (b) supporting the writing of a research grant, (c) preparing and submitting manuscripts in scientific journals and (d) presenting research findings at international conferences.

Requirements:

The successful candidate holds a degree (M.Sc, M.A, Diploma) in Psychology, Communication Science or a related field. Applicants are expected to be enthusiastic about the topic of digital political participation and to creatively develop research questions in collaboration with the other members of the research group. Expertise in research on political psychology, political education or social media and methodological expertise in data analyses using R, automated content analyses or online survey research will be helpful.

Please contact Dr. Tobias Rothmund (rothmund@uni-landau.de) for further information.

It is the policy of the University Koblenz-Landau to increase the percentage of female employees. If equally qualified, preference will be given to female applicants in fields where they are underrepresented. Disabled candidates are given priority, if equally qualified. International candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Applications should include a letter of motivation, a CV, certificates and contacts of two referees. Please send your application in one pdf-file, quoting the reference number **165/2017**, before **15/10/2017** to **bewerbung@uni-koblenz-landau.de**.

We do not send a confirmation of receipt. In accordance to the protection of data privacy all documents will be destroyed after the application procedure.

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