Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative. Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

The Institute of Public Communication (ICP) at the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society invites applications for a fully funded PostDoc position on higher education research.

The PostDoc Position
The successful candidate will work at the Institute of Public Communication in the group on Research Policy and Higher Education Studies directed by Prof. Benedetto Lepori.

The selected candidate will work on various European research projects, such as the RISIS2 research infrastructure project (www.risis2.eu) and the European Tertiary Education Register project (www.eter-project.com), managing data collection and the production of indicators; additionally, s/he will be expected to publish in top-level journals in the field both individually and together with the group leader and other members of the group.

The PostDoc candidate will work under the scientific supervision of Prof. Benedetto Lepori (http://usi.to/dyu). The successful candidate will be offered the possibility to work in a dynamic research team and in a multidisciplinary and international scientific environment.

The PostDoc candidate will collaborate to the development of the institute research agenda.

The position is up to four years with competitive salary.

Candidates’ profile
Ideal candidates should satisfy the following requirements:

- A PhD in social sciences or economics on a topic related to research policy, sciences or higher education studies and should have competences in quantitative research and data management, or related disciplines.
- High personal interest in study of the structure of higher education systems, as well on diversity of higher education and its policy and organizational determinants.
- Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.
- A strong desire for research and publishing at top venues.
- Ability to work independently and to plan and direct own work.
Ability to work in team and autonomy in scheduling research steps. Availability to collaborate with colleagues (engage in scientific dialogue, listen and think critically) are required.

General terms
Workplace is USI Università della Svizzera italiana, located in Lugano, Switzerland. Distant work might be possible in a first phase. Availability to travel to other parts of Switzerland and abroad (for purposes of collaboration and research) is required.

Starting date is 1st April 2021 (at the earliest). However, the position will be kept open until a suitable candidate has been found.

The Application
Applications should contain: (1) a letter in which the applicants describe their research interests, the motivation to apply and fit with the position, (2) a complete CV, (3) transcripts of university education (4) the names of two academic references, (5) other materials that s/he deems relevant (e.g. PhD thesis and writing samples).

Please send your application in electronic form or requests for further information to Prof. Benedetto Lepori (benedetto.lepori@usi.ch).

Applications received before February 28th, 2021, will be given priority. However, applications will be received until the position is filled.

As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

Lugano, February 9th 2021