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## Research and Teaching Assistant PhD in Communication Sciences

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The Faculty of Communication Sciences at USI (Università della Svizzera italiana) invites for applications for a fully funded **position for earning a PhD in Switzerland, Lugano** in the realm of a project on “**smart city**” initiatives.

**Job Description.** We offer an opportunity for a person keen to conduct his/her doctoral research in an international team working at the intersection between narratives of technology innovation management and the organizing of urban spaces. In addition to his/her involvement in research, the person will support the institute in its teaching engagements and other academic activities. The person will have the possibility to work with an international network of scholars in the field and to become a credible member of the academic communities of organization and communication scholars.

**Candidate's Profile.** The ideal candidate will possess a master degree in business, communication, disciplines related to the social studies of technology, sociology, or geography. Ideally, he/she has an international orientation, some experience in qualitative research methods (e.g. ethnography), and an academic curiosity for developing our understanding of organizational phenomena and publishing in English in high-ranked journals.

The ideal candidate is proficient in English, knows how to take ownership of a project and is comfortable with both organising him/herself independently and working in an interdisciplinary team working with multiple theoretical and methodological approaches.

**Funding of Doctoral Studies / Residence.** The position is fully funded for a minimum of three years, during which the appointee will undertake his/her doctoral studies. The research activities will be carried out predominantly in Lugano, Switzerland, where the candidate should take residence, but be prepared to international travel.

**Contact.** Please send your application, incl. detailed CV (with 2 references), university grade transcripts, and a letter of motivation electronically to Jeanne Mengis, [mengisj@usi.ch](mailto:mengisj@usi.ch).

**Deadline.** The call is open until the position is filled, but envisaged to be appointed as soon as possible.