



The **Collaborative Research Center** “Political Economy of Reforms” (SFB 884) is seeking a

**Student Assistant  
(20h/month, Bachelor or Master student)**

at the earliest possible date, to support the interdisciplinary research project C4 “Measuring a Common Space and the Dynamics of Reform Positions” headed by Thomas Gschwend, Simone Paolo Ponzetto and Heiner Stuckenschmitt in collaboration with the project team.

**About us:**

The Collaborative Research Center 884 is an interdisciplinary institution that is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). More than 60 international researchers from political science, economics, sociology, and computer science conduct research in 18 projects.

The project C4 aims to analyze political behavior of actors and institutions which are often overlooked; these are in particular legislative minorities, courts and central banks. In order to do so we develop innovative methodological approaches to scale the actors and institutions on a common spatial dimension using computer-assisted text analysis.

**Your tasks are primarily methodological, including:**

- Systematic data collection;
- Support in document (pre-)processing for computer-assisted text analysis; and,
- Data management.

**Your qualifications are:**

- Experience in quantitative methods;
- Capability to program using common statistical software (R, Python) and/or willingness to advance a basic skillset; and,
- (additionally) Basic Spanish communication and interest in Latin American politics (preferable B2 level or above; further language skills are advantageous).

We offer an opportunity for active participation in a dynamic research project. The wage per hour is 10,01 € for Bachelor students and 11,64 € for Master students.

If interested, please submit via email a short letter of motivation, CV, and transcript of records by **September 15th, 2018** to:

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