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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The **Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences** at the University of Warsaw is announcing a competition for the post of **Assistant Professor** within the project:

About the project:

Title of the programme/project/initiative	Incentivising Citizen Exposure to Quality News Online: Framework and (NEWSUSE)
Type of programme/project/initiative	ERC Consolidator Grant
Funding body	EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AGENCY
Duration of the programme/project/initiative	1 December 2024 – 30 November 2029
Programme/project/initiative	Prof. Magdalena Wojcieszak
Description of the programme/project/initiative	Populism, polarisation and wavering support for democratic norms are pressing threats to the EU. NEWSUSE seeks to explain and address these threats by bringing the issue of insufficient news consumption to the fore. Rather than focusing on echo chambers, disinformation or filter bubbles, the project concentrates on citizens' very low consumption of news as an overlooked problem that leads to voting contrary to individual interests and vulnerability to manipulation, populism and disinformation. Given that greater exposure to news can make citizens more resilient to various threats to democracy, the project asks how to encourage the consumption of high-quality news in a sustainable manner. NEWSUSE takes into account individual, algorithmic and social factors influencing the (non-)consumption of news, as well as various approaches to the promotion and design of computational tools aimed at increasing the consumption of high-quality news on social media. NEWSUSE is based on state-of-the-art multidisciplinary methods, combining quantitative and qualitative, observational and experimental designs, and utilising the latest advances in computer and computational social sciences.

About the position:

Job title	Assistant Professor
Organisational unit	Place of work: Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences
Staff group	Research
Job profile	R2
Academic discipline	Communication and Media Studies, Political Science and Public Administration, Computer Science, Computational Social Sciences
Number of posts	1
Type of employment and	Employment contract, full-time

working hours	
Expected start date and duration of employment	24 months, from 15 September 2026 (flexible start date and the possibility of extension for a longer period following a successful assessment)
Salary	Salary: 14,975 zł gross per month (including basic salary and supplementary pay), plus a 13th month's salary. Further information: link
Organising body	Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences (at the Centre for Migration Research)
Other terms and conditions of employment	– <i>Place of work: Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences</i> – <i>Career development opportunities: ... Further information: link</i>
Main responsibilities	1. Carrying out a research project as part of the 'NEWSUSE' team in collaboration with the research team leader and team members. 2. Co-designing and programming innovative experiments using web data; 3. Working with or assisting in the development of automated classification systems (NLP, Large Language Models); 4. Analysing and visualising data, applying statistical models to test hypotheses on large datasets; 5. Preparing and editing articles for publication in high-impact journals and for international conferences; 6. Writing popular science articles to disseminate the results of ongoing research; 7. Preparing presentations of the results of analyses, including the visualisation of research findings; 8. Presenting research findings at international conferences and academic meetings More: General scope of duties of an academic teacher
Eligibility criteria for the competition	The competition is open to candidates who meet the conditions set out in Article 113 of the Act on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, consolidated text). • a doctoral degree or a completed doctoral thesis (with a scheduled defence date prior to the start of employment) • a degree in the social sciences (i.e. Communication and Media Studies, Political Science and Public Administration, Psychology, Computational Sociology, Economics and Finance, or Computer Science, Data Science) • experience in quantitative research methods (e.g. analysis of survey and experimental data using advanced models); • computational skills – experience working with R, Python or other programming languages; • experience in designing, conducting and analysing complex research projects that combine first-hand data (experiments/surveys) with digital tracking data; • experience in addressing significant questions in the social sciences using computational methods; • good command of spoken and written English; • experience of working in multi-person research teams • experience in analysing survey or experimental data and visualising results; • the ability to carry out several tasks simultaneously
Furthermore, we	<i>In the event of appointment, we expect the University of Warsaw to be the</i>

expect	<i>successful candidate's primary place of work.</i>
Criteria for assessing candidates in the competition	The following will be assessed: competences (previous achievements appropriate to the candidate's career stage and relevance to the scope of the project), research maturity (overall level, research methodology, alignment with the project's overall objectives), experience of academic mobility (changes in research environment, discipline or sector, etc.) and soft skills. We reserve the right to invite selected candidates to an interview.
<i>Position related/not related to activities involving the protection of minors.</i>	

About the competition rules:

Reference number of the vacancy	OBM-NA-P-NEWSUSE-5.1/2026
Keywords	social computational sciences, data science, data analysis
Deadline for applications	15 August 2026
How to apply	by email to cess@uw.edu.pl with the subject line OBM-NA-P-NEWSUSE-5.1/2026 Candidates will receive confirmation of receipt of their application by email.
Required documents	• a copy of the doctoral degree certificate or a certificate confirming that the thesis has been submitted / the scheduled date of the defence, • CV (without a photograph), • a cover letter (including an approximate date for when you might be able to start work at the University of Warsaw), • a sample of academic work in English (e.g. a journal article, doctoral thesis), • a list of three names who could be contacted as referees (reference letters are not required), • a signed personal questionnaire for job applicants link Please ensure your application is complete and submit it by the specified deadline!

This competition is the first stage of the recruitment process; please familiarise yourself with the University of Warsaw's Policy on Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment [link](#)

Stages of the competition	The competition consists of the following stages and a task: – Stage I – formal assessment of documents, – Stage II – substantive assessment based on the documents submitted, – Stage III – interview with shortlisted candidates, – Stage IV – final assessment of competences, experience and academic achievements, – Stage V – decision on the competition and announcement of the results.
Expected date and method of notification regarding the outcome of the competition	Expected date of the competition's outcome: <u>15 September 2026</u>. Candidates will be notified of the results of the competition by email. The organisation reserves the right to respond only to selected applications and to close the competition without selecting a candidate.
Contact details for enquiries regarding the competition	Please direct any enquiries regarding the competition to cess@uw.edu.pl, quoting the reference number of the vacancy notice Requests for accessibility arrangements should be entered in the Personal Questionnaire, in the field: 'Other important information from the candidate'

About the department/hiring unit:

Research profile of the department /unit	https://cess.idub.uw.edu.pl/o-nas/o-centrum/
Teaching profile of the department/ unit	https://cess.idub.uw.edu.pl/o-nas/o-centrum/
Further information	We offer: • a unique opportunity to participate in a research project that utilises state-of-the-art data and methods (i.e. online tracking data and deep machine learning models) to address key social issues. • the chance to present your work at leading academic conferences, expand your professional network and submit your work to top academic journals. • access to a wide range of training courses; • access to facilities (office space, library, IT resources, sports facilities); • the opportunity to work in an enthusiastic and international team with external collaborators within a research environment at one of the leading universities in Central and Eastern Europe, with well-established international partnerships; • the opportunity to present your work at leading academic conferences, expand your professional network and submit papers to top academic journals; • the opportunity to secure funding for your own research; • international research trips for fieldwork and project meetings.

The University of Warsaw has a procedure in place for whistleblowers to report breaches of the law and for follow-up action to be taken. **For more** information on this and on the processing of applicants' personal data, see [the link](#).

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