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| College Management Unit: | UCD College of Social Science and Law |
| School Unit: | UCD School of Politics and International Relations |
| Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant) | Senior European Research Council (ERC) Fellow in survey research |
| Project: | Democracy Challenged |
| Post Duration: | Temporary Fixed Term 4 years (48 months) Proposed start date: September 2024 |
| Line Manager | Prof. Aidan Regan aidan.regan@ucd.ie (informal inquiries are very welcome!) |
| Competition Ref. N^o | 017343 |
| HR Administrator | Alicja Straczek |
| Application materials: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover letter outlining your motivation for the position (max 2 pages) + Curriculum Vitae (please include contact details of two referees – please note these will not be contacted unless successful at interview). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit as one PDF document. • Writing sample (max 12,000 words) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit as one PDF document. |

Position Summary:

A senior **post-PhD ERC research fellow** with training in political and social science is being recruited to join an ERC-funded project at UCD’s School of Politics and international Relations: **Democracy Challenged**. You will be tasked with supporting the quantitative and experimental survey aspects of the project. You will work directly with the Principal Investigator/research team on the work package that analyses the relationship between the media, democracy and inequality. More specifically, you will support the PI in implementing cross-national survey experiments on public opinion, democracy and inequality in the USA, UK, France and Germany.

You can read more details about the Democracy Challenged project here:
<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101125672>

This is a 4 year (48 month) position. The **employment benefits** include:

- Competitive salary.
- Social insurance and pension contribution.
- Generous funding for fieldwork abroad.
- Generous funding for conference travel.
- Laptop allowance.
- Organisational/administrative support from project manager.
- Dedicated office space.

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Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop a comprehensive political and social science literature review on the relationship between the **media, inequality and democracy**.
- Develop and support the PI in implementing a cross-national **survey experiment** on the role of the media in framing and contesting the politics of inequality in the USA, UK, France and Germany.
- Develop and support the PI in implementing a list-survey experiment among tax lawyers, legal-accountants and business-finance elites.
- Carry out administrative work associated with the research programme.
- Engage in the dissemination of the results of the research in which you are engaged as directed by and with the support of the PI.
- Mentor and assist, as appropriate and as directed, the research graduate students in your group.
- Engage in the wider research and scholarly activities of your research group.

Salary Range: €51,125 - €54,192 per annum

Appointment on the above range will be dependent on qualifications and experience

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at

<https://www.ucd.ie/hr/resourcing/eligibilitytocompete/>

UCD is committed to creating an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is afforded equality of opportunity. We welcome applications from everyone, including those who identify with any of the protected characteristics that are set out in our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Learn more about Diversity at

<https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/>

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to any applicant during the interview process who discloses they have a disability or are neurodiverse.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory:

- PhD submitted at time of appointment in relevant political and social science subject area.
- Strong quantitative research skills.
- Experience with social science survey research.
- Evidence of strong research activity and scholarly output.
- Strong commitment to publishing high-level academic/scientific research.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and organisational/administrative skills, including an ability to work to deadlines.
- Strong commitment and willingness to work within an interdisciplinary research team.
- Awareness of UCD's equality, diversity and inclusion agenda.

Desirable:

- Experience of working in an interdisciplinary research team.
- Skills/experience in survey experiments.
- Skills/experience of surveying elites.
- Skills/experience in computational/quantitative text analysis methods, or a commitment to learning these.
- Fluent in German and/or French.
- Some background or familiarity with the political economy research on democracy and economic inequality.
- Some background or familiarity with the political economy research on multinational corporate tax avoidance.
- Some background or familiarity with the political science research on political communication and media framing.

Supplementary information:

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| The University: | https://www.ucd.ie/ |
| UCD Strategy 2020-2024: Rising to the Future | https://strategy.ucd.ie/ |
| The College/Management Unit: | https://www.ucd.ie/socscilaw/ |
| The School/Programme Office/Unit: | https://www.ucd.ie/politics/ |
| Equality Diversity and Inclusion at UCD | https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/ |
| Other (Please specify): | https://www.ucd.ie/spire |

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