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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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**FGIV - Project Officer - Political Economist/  
Political Scientist - Social Classes in the  
Digital Age**

<p><b>Position for:</b></p> <p><b>FG IV -</b> Project Officer – Political Economist/ Political Scientist</p>	<p>As the science and knowledge service of the Commission, the mission of DG Joint Research Centre is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.</p> <p>The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). Further information is available at: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/</a></p> <p>The current vacancy is in the Directorate for Strategy, Work Programme and Resources. With the JRC Strategy 2030, the JRC reinforces its commitment to scientific excellence. The creation of the Scientific Development Unit (SDU) is one of the instruments to underpin this strategy. As part of the JRC's strategic scientific development, the Directorate has established and manages the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS).</p> <p>The JRC is now looking for a Political Economist/ Political Scientist to work within a novel CAS project on "Social Classes in the Digital Age". CAS provides an interdisciplinary and stimulating space where JRC scientists are encouraged to think beyond the conventional, look forward towards cutting-edge technology hand-in-hand with scientific excellence.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to update the traditional Social Sciences concept of Social Class in order to adapt it to the new economic realities of the Digital Age. By operationalising such a concept into a set of analytical tools, such as new class taxonomies, and apply them to contemporary phenomena, such as the decline of the middle class and job polarisation, the project will chart the current and future effects of digital technologies on inequalities and life chances as well as the emergence of new types of economic relations.</p> <p>The political economist/ political scientist will work in a multidisciplinary team comprising of JRC staff and external specialists. He/she will contribute in particular to updating the concept of Social Class to the new realities of the digital age, to operationalising updated concepts into a set of analytical tools; and using big socio-economic databases/ or qualitative research to analyse the new political economy of social class in the EU.</p>
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	<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma and at least five years of professional experience in a field relevant to the position, alternatively a PhD diploma in Sociology, Economics, Political Science or other Social Sciences.</li> <li>• Demonstrated experience in applied socio-economic research on social stratification, inequality, social classes or occupational change.</li> <li>• Excellent written and spoken English (C1).</li> </ul> <p>Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additionally, experience in research on new technologies and their socioeconomic impact.</li> <li>• Experience in working in (or with) large socio-economic databases, surveys or register data.</li> <li>• A good understanding of the policy-science interface as well as the challenges associated with it.</li> <li>• Proven interest and skills in developing and implementing new ideas, in particular in multi-disciplinary fields, are an advantage.</li> </ul> <p>Interested candidates should provide a CV and cover letter. In the list of publications accompanying the CV, please highlight the most relevant publications. A contact point for references will also be needed.</p> <p>The JRC cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment, embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity encourages lifelong learning and development possibilities. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.</p>
<p><b>Directorate</b></p> <p><b>Unit</b></p>	<p>Strategy, Work Programme and Resources Directorate</p> <p>Scientific Development Unit</p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en</a>  <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/connected/community/jrc/directorate-a/a5/centre-for-advanced-studies">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/connected/community/jrc/directorate-a/a5/centre-for-advanced-studies</a>  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research/centre-advanced-studies">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research/centre-advanced-studies</a></p>
<p><b>Indicative duration</b></p>	<p>36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to a maximum of 6 years</p>
<p><b>JRC Site</b></p>	<p>Seville</p>
<p><b>Country</b></p>	<p>Spain</p>
	<p>The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff.</p> <p>If you are not in any valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff, you can still apply by following these steps.</p> <p>You express your interest by applying to the CAST Permanent or</p>

<p><b>Rules and eligibility</b></p>	<p>to the permanent JRC Call for researchers.</p> <p>1. CAST Permanent: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union (EU) can recruit contract agents. <a href="https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en">https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en</a></p> <p>2. JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV □ Research: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which mainly the JRC can recruit contract agents FGIV as researchers. Details available at the link below: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers</a></p> <p>Only then you can apply for this specific position, through <a href="http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX">http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX</a></p> <p><b>Auxiliary contract staff:</b> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members</a></p> <p>Article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union applies: the actual period of employment within the Commission under this type of contract, including any period under renewal, shall not exceed 6 years.</p> <p><i>Please note that in case a high number of applications is received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i></p>
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