In the context of the research project "Governance in Vocational and Professional Education and Training" (GOVPET), funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, the Department of Political Science at the University of St. Gallen invites applications for two PhD positions (50%) in the research group of Prof. Patrick Emmenegger. The research project investigates how socio-economic megatrends such as digitalisation and globalisation impact the governance of skill formation systems and asks questions such as how do skill formation systems need to adapt in order to be competitive in the knowledge economy. For more information on GOVPET, please visit www.govpet.ch.

Responsibilities
- Development and conduct of own PhD project in the framework of the overall research Project
- Participation in the Department's doctoral programme, which offers advanced methodological and substantive training as well as professional development

Qualifications
- Master degree in political science, sociology, economics or a related discipline
- Strong ability and motivation to pursue an academic Career
- Interest in theory-driven empirical research on topics of skill formation systems, labour markets and political institutions
- Knowledge of qualitative or quantitative Methods
- Good command of one Swiss national language and English, both spoken and written

The position starts in July 2020 (or upon agreement) and is for a period of three years, with the possibility of extension for up to two years. The salary aligns with the directives of the University of St. Gallen and amounts to about 42,000 CHF in the first year.

GOVPET is a collaborative project of the University of St. Gallen (Prof. Patrick Emmenegger), the University of Lausanne (Prof. Giuliano Bonoli), and the University of Cologne (Prof. Christine Trampusch). The PhD candidates will be integrated in an international research team.

Applicants should send their full application (in German or English) - including cover letter, CV, letter of motivation, examples of their academic work (e.g. their MA dissertation or seminar papers), copies of relevant certificates and the contact details of two academic references - to Prof. Patrick Emmenegger (patrick.emmenegger@unisg.ch) no later than 22.3.2020. For further inquiry, please send an email to Prof. Patrick Emmenegger.