**Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology**

**Description:**

Six full days of classes in late June/ early July plus the first day was a welcome keynote and dinner. Topics differ each year, when I attended in 2019, we covered writing functions, web scraping, text analysis, simulations, advanced graphics, and social network analysis.

**Application and Required Background:**

The application is rather short, a few multiple-choice questions and short answer questions. I think Americans are at a notable disadvantage applying to this program because one of its goals is to network European political methodologists. That being said, I did get in and I study American politics, however I was the only American. There were two women from Brazil, but everyone else was based out of European schools. It would be very helpful if you study European politics or if you plan on working in Europe post-graduation. If either of these apply to you, I’d definitely try to work it in to the application.

As the name of the program should indicate, this is a summer school for women/ female identifiers. The goal is to try to increase female representation in political methodology.

**Additional Details:**

I applied March 6th, expect the deadline this year to be similar. They covered lodging and reimbursed I think about $300 in travel expenses.

It appears as though they canceled the summer school for 2020, which makes sense given COVID. If you are interested, I suggest checking their website around late February/ early March to see what their plan is for this coming summer.