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Dear SPSA members,

We are pleased to share with you the second SPSA newsletter.

We would like to warmly congratulate Magdalena Breyer, who was awarded the Early Career Award in Bronze at this year's SAGW Annual Meeting for her article [Backlash or Progressive Mobilization? Voter Reactions to Perceived Trejectories of Women's Representation](#)

We would also like to draw your attention to **two** current calls:

Firstly, the Call for Papers for the SPSA Annual Congress in Zurich is now open. We warmly invite you to submit a contribution. Further information can be found [here](#).

Secondly, the application period for the Outreach Award is currently open. The deadline for submissions is September 30. All further details can be found [here](#).

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Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR)

The next issue of the Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR) will be published in June 2025 with a Special Issue "Party Politics at the Local Level" (Christina-Marie Juen, Raf Reuse, Martin Gross, Simon Otjes, Michael Jankowski):

- Introduction to the SI (Christina-Marie Juen, Raf Reuse, Martin Gross, Simon Otjes, Michael Jankowski)
- [Party Strategies in Local Elections: Insights from Israel](#) (Tal Elovits, Nimrod Barnea)
- [Does the left-right cleavage matter in local politics? An analysis of local party manifestos across municipal sizes](#) (Raf Reuse)
- Which factors influence issue salience in electoral manifestos? New insights from the salience of social services in Dutch local elections (Joes de Natris)
- [Vicious circle of peripheries: Representation of sub-municipal units in local election manifestos in amalgamated municipalities](#) (Petr Voda, Petra Vodová)
- [The Local Party Branch and the Council Party Group: Who Governs?](#) (Vibeke Hansen, Hilmar Mjelde, Jo Saglie, Signe Seggaard)
- [The Impact of Institutional and Financial Constraints on Party Behaviour in Local Politics](#) (Martin Gross, Dominic Nyhuis, Sebastian Block, Jan A. Velimsky)
- [Beyond coalition and opposition? The effect of councilwide agreements on legislative voting behaviour in Dutch municipalities](#) (Thijs Vos, Simon Otjes, Lianne van Kalken, Geerten Boogaard)
- [Multi-level party favoritism: The case of a discretionary grant program in Poland](#) (Adam Gendźwił, Paweł Swianiewicz, Dawid Sześciło)

Book review

- Noam Lupu & Jonas Pontusson (Eds.): [Unequal Democracies: Public Policy, Responsiveness and Redistribution in an Era of Rising Economic Inequality](#). By Ari Ray
- Lucas Schramm: [Crises of European Integration. Joining Together or Falling Apart?](#) By Marius Ghincea
- Andreas Gross: [Landbote vs. NZZ \(Editions Le Doubs, 2023\) & Gertrude Lübbecke-Wolff: Demophobie. Muss man die direkte Demokratie fürchten?](#) By Alexander Geisler

The last issue has been published in March 2025 and is available [online](#).

DeFacto

DeFacto is the platform for the dissemination of Swiss political science research. DeFacto features short versions of papers published in scientific journals, summaries of book chapters and other research reports, as well as analyses and commentaries written especially for the platform, in connection with current events. The platform is available to all researchers in political science and related disciplines. Get in touch if you have an interesting publication that you would like to make known to a wider audience! Recently published: [The Ideological Space of the Papal Conclave](#) (Alexandre Afonso)

[More about DeFacto](#)

General Information

Through SPSA working groups or the Young Scholars Forum, SPSA members may apply to the SPSA Board for financial support for thematic workshops (outside the annual congress). The guidelines are available [here](#).

Universität Bern / Institut für Politikwissenschaft

Neu & einzigartig – ab HS2025 der erste BA Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft in der Schweiz: Die Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät (WISO) und die Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät (RW) haben eine spannende Neuigkeit zu verkünden: Der neue BA Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft wird eine departements- und fakultätsübergreifende Ausrichtung bieten, die neben den klassischen WISO- und SOWI-Fächern einen weiteren Schwerpunkt in den Bereichen des Rechts und der Verwaltungswissenschaft legt. Mehr Informationen finden Sie [hier](#).

FORS, Schweizer Kompetenzzentrum Sozialwissenschaften

Neu: Kumulativer Selects-Datensatz 1971–2023

Der kumulative Datensatz der [Selects](#)-Nachwahlbefragungen ist soeben veröffentlicht worden. Er vereint alle Nachwahlbefragungen von 1971 bis 2023 und bietet damit eine ideale Grundlage für die Erforschung des Wahlverhaltens in der Schweiz über mehr als fünf Jahrzehnte.

Jetzt herunterladen: <https://doi.org/10.48573/2w7s-1591>

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Prof. Dr. Karin Ingold ist neu Präsidentin des Oeschger Zentrums für Klimaforschung an der Universität Bern. Das Oeschger Zentrum umfasst rund 45 Forschungsgruppen aus fünf Fakultäten und 270 Forschenden und wurde vor bald 20 Jahren an der Universität Bern gegründet.

Universität St. Gallen / Departement für Politikwissenschaft

Prof. Elsa Massoc's research brief with the Progressive Politics Research Networks (PPRN), based at Oxford University; "Public Investment in the Green Transition: Why do states prioritise other objectives over the green priority?" has been published in English, French and German in De Facto in April 2025.

Universität Zürich / Institut für Politikwissenschaft

Dr. Chuyu Liu is the Head of Research Area “Politics of Contemporary China” at the Department of Political Science.

Enzo Nussio is a Research Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich. He leads the research project “Decades of Peace”.

Geneva Graduate Institute

[The Rise of Knowledge Brokers in Global Education Governance](#) (Chanwoong Baek, Steiner-Khamsi Gita)

[International climate adaption assistance: Assessing public support in Switzerland](#) (Andonova Liliana, Zucca Agnese, Montfort Simon, Dolšak Nives, Prakash Aseem)

[Contracts and effective Inter-Organizational Collaboration: The case of the Galabagos Wind partnership](#) (Andonova Liliana, Piselli Dario)

Awards

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Dr. Lukas Fesenfeld, Gruppe Policy Analyse mit Schwerpunkt Umwelt am Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR), wird mit dem Theodor-Kocher-Preis der Universität Bern ausgezeichnet. Dieser Preis, der mit 50'000 Franken dotiert ist, würdigt herausragende und innovative wissenschaftliche Leistungen junger Forscher in einem Spezialgebiet oder Fachbereich.

https://www.unibe.ch/research/funding_and_prizes/research_prizes/theodor_kocher_prize/index_eng.html

[Grusswort der Präsidentin: Theodor-Kocher-Preis - Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research \(OCCR\)](#)

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Tina Freyburg and her team (IPW, University of St. Gallen), together with designer Marina Braem, received two Indigo Design Awards for their explainer video ‘Introduction to Q-Methodology’. The video won Bronze in both ‘Infographics for Graphic Design’ and ‘Education for Social Change’. Created for the Horizon-funded project REDEMOS (redemos.eu), the video is part of an elite survey on the EU’s role as an external democracy supporter. It explains Q sorting using ice-cream preferences as an example. Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/P2NmxqHpt8g>

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Roberta Fischli received the DIA prize for the best dissertation 2025 for her work “Freedom after Algorithms: From Opportunity to Digital Self-Determination”, supervisor Klaus Dingwerth.

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Timon Forster was awarded the 2024 Rudolf Wildenmann Prize for his paper “Selective responses to the climate crisis: International financial institutions and strategic ignorance”. This annual prize is awarded to an early career scholar in recognition of an outstanding paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops.

Events

As always, you will find links to congresses or training and further education at: <https://www.svpw-assp.ch>

Universität St. Gallen / Departement für Politikwissenschaft

Research and Practice Symposium “European Universities Initiative 5 Years On: A Research and Practice Symposium” (2./3.06) (<https://www.usi.ch/en/feeds/31412>)

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(Aus-)bildung in Grenzregionen: Bildung ohne Grenzen oder Grenzen der Bildung?

[GOVPET Programm Aus bildung in Grenzregregionen 26.06.2025.pdf](#)

Projects

Universität St. Gallen / Departement für Politikwissenschaft

Julian Eckl, Spiele und Weltpolitik (Lehrprojekt, Teaching Innovation Lab, Universität St. Gallen)

Universität Basel / Institut für Politikwissenschaft

From Pixels to Peace: The Role of Visual Communication in Conflict Transformation

<https://www.swisspeace.ch/articles/from-pixels-to-peace>

Publications

Universität Bern / Institut für Politikwissenschaft

Ingold, K.; Fischer, M.; Freiburghaus, R.; Nohrstedt, D.; Vatter, A. (2025). How Patterns of Democracy Impact Policy Processes: When Lijphart and Sabatier Meet. European Policy Analysis, Early View, <https://doi.org/10.1002/epa2.70006>

Lütolf, M. (2025). The Balancing Act of Working Mothers and Caring Fathers: Impact of Family Policy on Egalitarianism in Families in Western Democracies. Springer VS Wiesbaden. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-47716-5SpringerLin>

Universität St. Gallen / Departement für Politikwissenschaft

Alina J. Felder-Stindt (2025): The Territorial Dimension of EU Knowledge Policies: Higher Education Institutions for Europe. Routledge: London

Klaus Dingwerth (2025): Klimagerechtigkeit zur Einführung. Junius Verlag: Hamburg

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Recent publications:

[Constituency references in social media: MPs' usage and voters' reaction](#) (Oliver Huwyler, Nathalie Giger, Stefanie Bailer, Tomas Turner-Zwinkels, Silvan Heller)

Dissertations

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- Ann-Katrin Claudia Kienle: "Essays on Redistribution under Constraints Doctoral"
- Simon Pistor: "Elements of Cosmopolitan Social Life Cosmopolitanism, Social Practices, and Hegel"
- Andreina Thoma: "The Political Inclusion of Minorities and Marginalized Groups: How Public Attitudes Shape Enfranchisement"
- Linda Maria Wanklin: "The Political Economy of Transferring the Collective Skill Formation Systems to Middle-Income Countries"

Geneva Graduate Institute

- Bart Sebastian Gabriel: "Power, Capital and Contestation: Towards a Critical Pedagogy in International Relations and Political Science"
- Anamarija Andreska: "Institutional Stretch(ing): The Informally Changing Composition of the UNSC"
- Juliette Ganne: "Localizing Regime Complexity in the Central African Republic: An Ecosystem of Interveners"

- Amena Martins Yassine: “The Rise of Women’s Organizations of Diplomats (WODs) and the Possibilities of New Imaginings for Diplomacy, Statecraft, and Foreign Policy”

Jobs

You can find all job advertisements [here](#).

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If you have not already done so, we would like to remind you to pay the membership fee and ask you to make the payment for the annual fee as soon as possible.

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Kind regards from Zurich and see you soon,

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PS: We write to you here in English because you have indicated that this is your language of correspondence. If you would like to receive the newsletter in French or German in the future, please let Monika Spinatsch (office@svpw-assp.ch) know.

