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Swiss Political Science Association

Dear SPSA members,

Welcome to the third issue of our newsletter in 2025.

The submission deadline for the SPSA Outreach Award was September 30. The SPSA competition committee will now review the applications and make a selection for the event on 20 March 2026.

We would also like to remind you once again that the next annual conference at the University of Zurich will take place on 15 and 16 January 2026. We look forward to your participation and hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

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## Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR)

The last issue of the Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR) has been published in September 2025 with the following articles:

Special Section "Authoritarianism in the Digital Age" (Guest Editors: Josette Baer, Jasmin Dall'Agnola)

- [Technology-Enabled Surveillance as a Regime Characteristic: Re-Authoritarianization in Central Asia](#) (Josette Baer & Jasmin Dall'Agnola)
- [research note] [Variegated digital state repression in Central Asia](#) (Colin Knox & Bakhytzhon Kurmanov)
- [When Do Authoritarian Regimes Use Digital Technologies for Covert Repression? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis \(QCA\) of Politico-Economic Conditions](#) (Ildar Daminov)
- [Big Brothers United: The Influence of China and Russia in Strengthening Tajikistan's Model of Authoritarian Internet Governance](#) (Edward Lemon & Oleg Antonov)
- [From Old to New Colonial Dependencies: Public Perceptions of Chinese Surveillance Cameras in Central Asia](#) (Jasmin Dall'Agnola)

Original Articles and research notes

- [When issues matter: A Survey Experiment with Local Leaders](#) (Quentin Borgeat)
- [research note] [Political Attitudes and Sexual Identity in Germany: Examining the Sexuality Gap](#) (Constantin Wurthmann)
- [What is the normative added value of deliberative mini publics in the context of climate policy making?](#) (Janina Walkenhorst, Fabian Schuppert)
- [Ethnicity and Elections: Electoral Context Affects Parties' Use of Ethnic References](#) (Frederik Gremler, Lea Haiges)
- [How Populists Rally Around the People: Evidence from the Yellow Vests Movement Using an Embedding Regression Model](#) (Frédéric Gonthier)
- [ChatGPT as a voting application in direct democracy](#) (Maud Reveilhac, Davide Morselli)

Book review

- Sean Mueller: [Shared Rule in Federal Theory and Practice: Concept, Causes, Consequences](#). By André Lecours
- Silja Häusermann & Herbert Kitschelt (Eds.): [Beyond Social Democracy. The Transformation of the Left in Emerging Knowledge Societies \(OUP, 2024\)](#). By Jonas Pontusson

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: [Playfully exploring health behaviour](#) (Ori Schipper)

[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](#).

### **Dreiländertagung DVPW-ÖGPW-SVPW: Europas Zukunft - Zukunft Europa, 17.-19. Juni 2026**

The Dreiländertagung offers a forum for exchange on current research from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and beyond. It will take place from June 17 to 19, 2026, at Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen.

Submission deadline: 14 November 2025

More informations can be found [here](#).

### **FORS, Swiss Centre for Expertise in the Social Sciences**

The Comparative Candidates Survey (CCS) Module III – Cumulative Dataset 2019–2024 (Version 3.0) is now available. <https://doi.org/10.48573/s11z-ea96>. This new release brings together candidate survey data from 13 parliamentary elections in 11 countries: Canada, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

In this release, 4 elections from 4 countries have been added to the cumulative CCS III dataset:

- Iceland 2021
- Portugal 2022
- Montenegro 2023
- Switzerland 2023

This dataset provides harmonised data for cross-national research on candidates and elections.

## **Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau ZDA**

### [Political opinion-forming: social media as the underdog?](#)

Even though political parties spend large sums on social media campaigns during referendum campaigns, Instagram, Facebook, and other platforms are only a key source of information for a few when it comes to voting. How does this fit together? Results from a research project by the Center for Democracy Studies Aarau provide clues and raise questions about the regulation of social media.

## **Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences**

The call for applications for the Early Career Award 2026 is now open. The prize is awarded annually by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences to researchers at an early stage of their career who have recently published an outstanding scientific paper in the field of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The total prize sum will be divided among the prizewinners: 10 000 Swiss francs for the first prize, 5000 Swiss francs for the second, and 3000 Swiss francs for the third.

Submissions should be made online via the mySAGW platform. Please note that only articles published within six years of the doctoral degree are eligible.

Further details: [www.sagw.ch/early-career-award](http://www.sagw.ch/early-career-award)

## **Universität Zürich / Institut für Politikwissenschaft**

Die Universität Zürich hat den Wahlprozess der Stadt St.Gallen untersucht. Der Bericht bringt diverse Schwachstellen ans Licht. Zehn Monate sind seit dem fatalen Fehler vergangen. Das Stimmbüro der Stadt St.Gallen kam bei den Parlamentswahlen 2024 zu einem falschen Ergebnis. Die FDP schwebte als überraschende Wahlsiegerin auf Wolke sieben. Am Montag folgte die Bruchlandung. Der Präsident des Stimmbüros trat zurück. Der Stadtrat beauftragte die Universität Zürich mit einer Untersuchung.

Weiter zum Artikel: [ST. Gallen.pdf](#)

Weiter zur Sendung: [YouTube](#)

## **Awards**

### **Universität St. Gallen / Department of Political Science**

Adrian Rinscheid received a Notable Paper Award at the International Sustainability Transitions (IST) conference 2025 in Lisbon for his paper "[Do stakeholders' values support transformative change in the food system? Evidence from the Netherlands](#)".

## Events

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

### **Universität Bern / Kompetenzzentrum für Public Management**

Vom 20. - 23. Januar 2026 findet an der Universität Bern die Conference on Policy Process Research COPPR statt. COPPR bringt Forschende aus dem Bereich Public Policy zusammen: <https://policyprocessresearch.org/>

### **Universität Zürich / Institut für Politikwissenschaft**

Antrittsvorlesungen:

Prof. Dr. Thomas Kurer: Aufstieg, Abstieg, Umstieg? Arbeit im Wandel – Politik im Umbruch

- Ort: KOL, Universität Zürich Zentrum, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich; Raum: G 201 Aula
- Mo, 17.11.2025, 18:15
- <https://www.uzh.ch/de/events/agenda.html?event=63569>

### **Universität Zürich / Institut für Politikwissenschaft**

Prof. Dr. Enzo Nussio: Decades of Peace. Aligning State and Society to Overcome Persistent Violence

- Ort: KOL, Universität Zürich Zentrum, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich; Raum: G 201 Aula
- Mo, 8.12.2025, 17:00
- <https://www.uzh.ch/de/events/agenda.html?event=63576>

## Projects

### **Universität St. Gallen / Department of Political Science**

Adrian Rinscheid and Roy Gava have received a project grant from the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) for their new project Climate Action in Banks: Unpacking the Role of Non-State Pressures (ClimateB). Starting in December 2025, the project addresses an important research gap: while the influence of regulatory pressures on banks' climate-related financing and strategic decisions is increasingly studied, much less is known about the impact of non-state pressures. These include transnational voluntary industry initiatives (such as the Net-Zero Banking Alliance) and climate activism by civil society organizations and movements. Combining quantitative and qualitative methods, ClimateB investigates

how banks respond to these pressures, thereby contributing to the political economy and climate governance literatures and offering insights into the evolving role of banks in the transition to sustainability.

### **Geneva Graduate Institute**

- Sara Hellmüller, Margaux Pinaud, "[Yes, I do: A theory on belligerent consent to United Nations peace missions](#)"
- Suerie Moon, Iulia Slovenski, "[Building a Community of Practice on Global Health R&D](#)"

## **Publications**

### **Geneva Graduate Institute**

Keith Krause, Grazvydas Jasutis, Kristina Vezon, Rebecca Mikova: "[Human Security Provisions in Ceasefire and Peace Agreements: Case Studies from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia](#)"

### **Universität Zürich / Institut für Politikwissenschaft**

Sozialwissenschaftliche Datenanalyse - Eine Einführung und fortgeschrittene Modelle mit R

Sozialwissenschaftliche Analyseverfahren helfen uns, Daten richtig zu verstehen und fundierte Schlüsse zu ziehen. Dieses Lehrbuch bietet eine schrittweise Einführung in die Grundlagen der Datenanalyse. Es beginnt mit deskriptiven Analysen, führt über lineare Regressionen und behandelt anschließend weiterführende, komplexere statistische Modelle. Mithilfe des frei verfügbaren Statistikprogramms R werden die Analysen anschaulich umgesetzt, um die theoretischen Konzepte greifbarer zu machen. Zusätzlich stellt der Autor Quarto Markdown vor – ein Werkzeug, das das Erstellen von Seminar-, Bachelor- und Masterarbeiten auf technischer Ebene erheblich erleichtert. Übungen am Ende der Kapitel fördern die Anwendung und Vertiefung des Gelernten. Dieses Buch richtet sich primär an Studierende der Sozialwissenschaften.

Download: <https://shorturl.at/edngJ>

## **Dissertations**

### **Universität St. Gallen / Departement für Politikwissenschaft**

- Michael Asiedu: "Internet Shutdowns before Authoritarian Courts in Africa"
- Scherwin Michael Bajka: "Collective Skill Formation in the Knowledge Economy: How Institutions, Demand, and Supply navigate the Digital Transition"
- Cecilia Ivardi Ganapini: "The Knowledge Economy and Skill Ecosystems: A Discursive-Historical Theory of Institutional Change"

- Sabrina Mill: “On the path to net zero: Managerial decision-making for corporate decarbonization”, supervisor Rolf Wüstenhagen
- Juliane Seika: “Circular Economy Solutions for Electric Vehicle Batteries: A System Dynamics Simulation of Consumer Demand and Emerging Business Strategies”

### Geneva Graduate Institute

- Leopoldo Biffi: “[Three Essays on International-Cooperation Problems and Institutional-Design Solutions](#)”
- Swetha Ramachandran: “[Localization, Legacies, and Leverage: Three Essays on Donor Funding and Aid Allocation in Africa and Beyond](#)”
- Jaewon Kim: “[Three Essays on the Political Economy of Global Value Chains and Skills Governance](#)”
- Kulani Samalka Abendroth Dias: “[Why, when and who to govern AI? Evidence from the EU and the US](#)”
- Christian Dominic Florian Winkler: “[Navigating Uncertainty: Three Essays on Actor Preferences in Global Trade](#)”

### Jobs

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

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Kind regards from Zurich and see you soon,

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