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Dear SPSA members,

This newsletter was not sent in December as originally planned. We apologize for the inconvenience.

On January 15 and 16, 2026, the Swiss Political Science Association invites you to its annual conference with the theme Emotional Politics at the University of Zurich. The conference offers a diverse and inspiring program covering all areas of political science. One highlight is the plenary session with Prof. Catherine E. De Vries, who will provide insight into her current research on “Public Service Deprivation and the Rise of Populism in Europe.” In 13 working group workshops, researchers will present around 390 papers, offering an in-depth look at the latest scientific findings and lively debates from all areas of the discipline. The day ends with a flying dinner, providing an opportunity for exchange, networking, and getting to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere..

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## Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR)

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

## Original Articles and Research Notes

- [Transmissions, Decisions, Discourses – A Methodological Framework for Measuring and Comparing Democratic Innovations' Policy-Impact\(s\)](#) (Dannica Fleuß & Christoph Deppe)
- [Bring the Public In: Assessing Non-Participants' Legitimacy Perceptions of a Digital Democratic Innovation in a Swiss Experiment](#) (Giada Gianola)
- ["I'm worried, but": Unpacking the gap between environmental concern and pro-environmental behavior](#) (Elisabetta Mannoni)
- [Institutional Context and Satisfaction with Democracy: Shaping the Winner-Loser Gap among Latin American Legislators](#) (Mar Martínez-Rosón, Margarita Corral & Araceli Mateos)
- [Obtaining Grants: Does Dual Mandate Holding Create a Self-Perceived Competitive Edge?](#) (Benjamin Descamps & Carine Smolders)
- [Welfare Chauvinism among Voters and Political Parties: Exploring Preferences for Restricting EU Migrants' Access to Social Assistance in Switzerland](#) (Angie Gago, Juliana Chueri & Mia Gandenberger)
- [Latent Ideological Positions of Swiss Parties and Subsets of the Population](#) (Maxime Walder)
- [Municipality-Level Outcomes of Direct-Democratic Votes in Switzerland, 1866-2023](#) (Patrick Emmenegger, Lucas Leemann, Andreina Thoma & André Walter)
- [The Political Maturity of Youths and Young Adults – Empirical Evidence from Switzerland](#) (Robin Gut, Juri Ezzaini & Daniel Kübler)

## Debate “Unequal voices – Education and political participation in Swiss democracy”

- [Introduction to the Debate: Unequal voices - Education and political participation in Swiss democracy](#) (Wolf Linder)
- [The Role of Education in Shaping Political Participation Among Young Voters](#) (Lucas Leemann, Tabea Palmtag & Mala Walz)
- [Human Capital and Social Capital in the Creation of Political Participation in Switzerland](#) (Alina Zumbrunn)
- [Assembly Democracy Between Social Selectivity and Equality](#) (Hans-Peter Schaub & Philippe E. Rochat)
- [Unequal Voices: The Educational Gap of Voting Choices in the Swiss Direct Democracy](#) (Pascal Sciarini & Maxime Walder)
- [The Politics of Education: The Case of Social Selectivity](#) (Wolf Linder)
- [Conclusion to the Debate: Unequal voices - Education and political participation in Swiss democracy](#) (Wolf Linder)

## Book reviews

- [Matt Qvortrup: Understanding Referendums](#) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2025) (Robin Gut)
- [Isabel M. Perera: The Welfare Workforce Why Mental Health Care Varies Across Affluent Democracies](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2025) (Debra Lanfranconi)

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:

[COVID-19: A stress test of protection regarding domestic violence and child welfare](#) (Daniel Saraga)

[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](#).

### **FORS/Selects**

Sie kennen sicher die Selects-Befragung, die seit 1995 nach jeder eidgenössischen Wahl durchgeführt wird. Aber wussten Sie, dass es auch eine Selects-Panelbefragung gibt, die aus sieben Wellen besteht und zwischen dem Beginn des Wahlkampfs 2019 und den eidgenössischen Wahlen 2023 dieselben Personen begleitet hat? Entdecken Sie [diese Daten](#) auf SWISSUbase und laden Sie [hier die Übersicht über die Konzepte](#) und Fragen herunter, die in jeder Welle gestellt wurden. Eine [zweite Selects-Panelbefragung](#) hat 2023 begonnen und wird bis zu den Wahlen 2027 fortgesetzt. Die Daten der Wellen 1–4 können Sie bereits herunterladen. Die fünfte Welle wurde gerade abgeschlossen und eine neue Version des Datensatzes mit der diesjährigen Befragungswelle wird im Februar 2026 auf SWISSUbase verfügbar sein.

### **Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich**

Prof. Dr. Livia Schubiger is the new Director of Studies of the MACIS Program as of the 15th of September, 2025.

## Events

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

### **Schweizerische Akademie für Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften**

Künstliche Intelligenz verändert, wie wissenschaftliche Erkenntnis entsteht, geprüft und verbreitet wird. Was bedeutet das für die Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften? Und wie sollen wir als wissenschaftliche Gemeinschaft mit dieser neuen Realität umgehen, wenn wir Qualitätsstandards aufrechterhalten und unsere ethische Verantwortung wahrnehmen wollen?

In einer von der SAGW organisierten Veranstaltung erhalten Sie einen Überblick über zentrale Entwicklungen und haben Gelegenheit, Ihre Perspektiven und Fragen in die Diskussion einzubringen.

Datum: Freitag, 23. Januar 2026, 10:15–12:30 Uhr

Ort: Haus der Akademien (50 Plätze) und online (streaming)

Sprache: Deutsch und Französisch

### **Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau**

Aarauer Demokratietage 2026 - Save the Date: 12./13. März 2026.

Die Planung und Organisation der kommenden Aarauer Demokratietage schreitet mit grossen Schritten voran. Wir laden Sie daher bereits heute herzlich ein, sich das Datum der kommenden Aarauer Demokratietage vorzumerken. Die nächste Ausgabe wird zum Thema «Vertrauen und Demokratie» stattfinden. Der Anlass findet im Kultur- und Kongresshaus Aarau statt.

### **Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich**

Book Presentation, 16.01.2026 [Nationalism and the Transformation of the State – Center for Comparative and International Studies \(CIS\) | ETH Zurich](#)

## **Projects**

### **Universität Luzern, Institut für Politikwissenschaft**

Prof. Joachim Blatter in Zusammenarbeit mit Prof. Lukas Haffert, Universität Genf:  
SNF-Projekt «Knowledge, Epistemic Marginalization, and the Politics of Resentment»  
Laufzeit: 1.1. 2026 - 31.12.2029  
Fördersumme: CHF 1'170'000

### **Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich**

EUP postdoctoral researcher Aydin B. Yildirim was awarded a Starting Grant by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for his project "Reshore: Political Economy of Firms' Relocation Decisions in Europe". The five-year project will be funded with 1.77 million CHF and hosted at the University of St. Gallen. It seeks to develop a novel understanding of European firms' responses to geopolitical tensions and the complex motivations behind

their strategic relocation decisions in an increasingly fragmented global economy. He will start in St. Gallen in April/May 2026.

[NEWS: The role of politics in reshoring from China | unisg.ch](#)

### **Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich / UZH**

SNSF Ambizione Grant awarded to Dr. Jana Lipps

EUP senior researcher Jana Lipps was awarded an Ambizione Grant by SNSF for her project "Liberal tensions in border management". The four-year project will be funded with 730'000 CHF and hosted at the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich. The project explores how political oversight and legal accountability systems have evolved in state agencies that monitor cross-border movement — and how these changes shape the behavior of the agents working in the field.

## **Publications**

### **Institut de hautes études en administration publique, Université de Lausanne**

Publication (JEMS, online first, 03.11.2025): Harris, E., Taylor, A. M., Sánchez, R., Fossati, F., Chueri, J., Gandenberger, M. K., et al. (2025). « Who deserves student finance? Results from a survey experiment in six advanced capitalist economies ». *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2025.2575012

### **Institut de hautes études en administration publique, Université de Lausanne**

Hinterleitner, Markus (2025). *Blaming Bureaucracy: Reckoning with a Problematic Political Activity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich**

Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH Zurich), Luc Girardin (ETH Zurich), Carl Müller-Crepon (London School of Economics and Political Science), and Yannick I. Pengl (ETH Zürich) have a new publication by Cambridge University Press, [Nationalism and the Transformation of the State](#). It is now available in digital, hardback and paperback form, and we will be presenting the book on the 16th of January. You can find more information here: [Nationalism and the Transformation of the State – Center for Comparative and International Studies \(CIS\) | ETH Zurich](#)

### **Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich**

## Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft

Die 6., vollständig aktualisierte und erweiterte Auflage ist kürzlich im Nomos Verlag erschienen. Das Werk wird von Thomas Bernauer, Detlef Jahn, Sylvia Kritzinger und Patrick M. Kuhn verfasst.

ISBN: 978-3-7560-1619-8

Verfügbar von Nomos: <https://lnkd.in/eeMPNEzu>

## Dissertations

### Geneva Graduate Institute

- Carolina Fontes Dos Santos: "[Weaving a Patchwork Political Project: Transnational Feminist Mobilization and the Struggles of Peasant and Rural Women in Brazil](#)"
- Luisa Lupo: "[Cotton Wars: The Politics of Life and Labor in Southeast Turkey](#)"

## 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,

Thomas Widmer & Lena Ogi

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](mailto:office@svpw-assp.ch)) know.

