

## SPSA Annual Conference – University of Lucerne 3 – 4 February 2020

### THE DE- AND RE-NATIONALIZATION OF POLITICAL CONFLICTS IN A DIGITAL AGE

Dear members of the Swiss Political Science Association

It is a pleasure to invite you to the annual SPSA conference titled *The de- and re-nationalization of political conflicts in a digital age*. The conference is organized by the Department of Political Science at the University of Lucerne and will take place in Lucerne on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

The main theme of the conference connects processes of digitalization with processes of inter- and re-nationalization. The digital transformation has traditionally been understood as a facilitator of processes of globalization: the digital knows no borders. Recently and somewhat paradoxically, digitalization seems to facilitate the rise of particularistic identities, as well. For example, it could be argued that digitalization, as the herald of financial and economic globalization and the transformation of industrial into informational societies, has contributed to the revitalization of nationalism. This conference seeks to explore the tension between the border-transcending and border-reinforcing tendencies in the process of digitalization.

A highlight of the conference will be the keynote speech by Pippa Norris, one of the most prominent and distinguished political scientists of our time, on the rise of authoritarian populists in digital societies. The keynote speech will be followed by a panel discussion with Prof. Rachel Gibson, Prof. Anita Ghodes and Prof. Helen Margetts.

As always, the panels and workshops of the conference will be organized in collaboration with the standing working groups of the Swiss Political Science Association. The working groups (described under <https://www.svpw-assp.ch/working-groups>) also form the specific thematic context of your submission of the abstract on the conference topic described above. The working groups are:

- International Affairs
- European Politics
- Peace and Security Policy
- Public Policy
- Political Behaviour and Communication
- Political Theory
- Gender and Politics
- Political Economy and Social Policy
- Comparative Politics
- Empirical Methods
- Development and Environment
- Federalism and Territorial Politics
- International Political Sociology

### Guide for authors

The deadline to submit the abstract (maximal 250 words) is the **4<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**.

To submit your abstract, please click on the following link: <https://www.svpw-assp.ch/conference-2020/call-for-papers/>

**Important Dates**

Deadline for abstract submission: 04.10.2019

Notification of acceptance: 08.11.2019

Deadline for final paper submission: 10.01.2020

**Organising committee**

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We look forward to seeing you at the annual SPSA conference in Lucerne!

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Joachim Blatter