

CALL FOR PAPERS POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Working Group Specific Call for Papers for the Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association 2027

The deadline for the submission of contributions is **31 August 2026**. A notification of acceptance or rejection of your contribution is expected to be sent to you until the end of October.

Please submit your abstract [here](#).

The conference panels are organized in cooperation with the permanent working groups of the Swiss Political Science Association. The working groups cover most sub-disciplines of political science, including political psychology. As they provide the thematic framework for your submission, they may define a sub-discipline-specific focal theme within the congress theme. When submitting, you will be asked to indicate to which working group you would like to submit your paper. Please note that, while you may submit more than one paper to the conference, multiple submissions of the same paper to different working groups are not permitted. Further information regarding the 14 working groups can be found [here](#).

Focal Theme Working Group Political Psychology: Democratic Resilience

For decades, the story of liberal democracy was one of progress: more countries holding free elections, stronger rights, wider participation. Lately, that mood has darkened. Talk of democratic decline is everywhere – backsliding governments, polarized societies, citizens losing faith in institutions they once took for granted. But that is only half the picture: in many places, democracy has proven resilient.

Democratic resilience is not only a matter of institutional strength – it is fundamentally about people. We therefore invite contributions that examine democratic resilience from a psychological perspective, including individual- and group-level mechanisms that strengthen democracies against backsliding, risk factors that make democratic erosion more likely, and the psychological effects of (a lack of) democratic resilience.

The working group political psychology remains open to and welcomes other submissions on any topic within political psychology.

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