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Dear SPSA members

Welcome to our first edition of the SPSA Newsletter as co-presidents. We look forward to the next three years as co-presidents and with you. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank Pascal Sciarini and Steven Eichenberger for their commitment over the last three years.

As you will have noticed, the SPSA newsletter has a new look - and we would also like to slightly adapt its content. All SPSA members shall find a place here to communicate their current projects, events, book publications, dissertations, etc. In this vein, the newsletter will provide readers with an up-to-date overview of what is happening in the Swiss political science community. A few contributions have already found their way into this newsletter, and we look forward to receiving further input from you for the next issues. You can send them to [Beatrice Romann](#) at any time.

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](#) know.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the next SPSA Annual Congress. It will take place on 3 and 4 February 2022 at the University of Lausanne. The call for papers will be sent to you soon.

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Research projects

University of Lucerne, Department of Political Science

Digitalization and political conflict: parties, voters, and electoral alignment (DIGIPOL)

What are the socio-political consequences of the digital revolution? As digitalization has profoundly impacted society, this study asks how this is reflected in public opinion, political behavior and partisan politics. The contribution of DIGIPOL lies in the careful theorization of digital technology-induced political conflict. Not only will this research help to better identify the societal challenges posed by continued digitalization, but also to provide new insights regarding citizens' attitudes towards digitalization issues. Finally, it will attempt to answer the questions of how political actors and parties deal with such issues, and how voters react to the political offer regarding the latter. The proposed study therefore strives to break new ground both in terms of theory and empirics, regarding pressing questions of political and social relevance.

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Populism as Peripheral Resentment? Emotions, Narratives and Sliding Processes

The peripheral resentment thesis consists of two claims: that the emotional state of resentment drives populism (1) and that this emotional state is fueled by the image of a periphery-metropole cleavage and the ways in which this image is narrated (2). In the theoretical part of the project, we aim to make innovative contributions to the populism debate by clarifying these two claims. Second, we contribute to the spatial turn literature in the debate on populism by turning our focus from material-economic structures or fixed cultural identities to the processes of narrating periphery-metropole cleavages.

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Université de Genève, Département de Science Politique et Relations Internationales

Swiss Political Theory Network - SPTN

Lancé en 2021 sous le patronage du Groupe de travail en théorie politique de l'Association suisse de science politique, le Réseau suisse de théorie politique (Swiss Political Theory Network - SPTN) soutient la recherche en théorie / philosophie politique et l'échange entre les chercheurs et les chercheuses engagé-es dans ce domaine au sein de la communauté universitaire suisse.

A l'initiative de ses membres fondateurs (Prof. Emanuela Ceva et Dr Michele Bocchiola, Université de Genève, et Dr Alice el-Wakil, Université de Zurich), le SPTN compte à présent des membres de toutes les universités suisses.

Le SPTN s'engage à soutenir le développement scientifique des jeunes chercheurs et chercheuses en offrant un forum pour l'échange des informations sur les événements scientifiques et les opportunités de carrière. Toute personne intéressée est invitée à visiter le site web du réseau <https://www.unige.ch/sptn/>.

Interdisziplinäres Team unter Beteiligung der Universität Bern, Institut für Politikwissenschaft

SWEET-EDGE / Integration der dezentralen Versorgung mit erneuerbarer Energie in das schweizerische Energiesystem

Ein interdisziplinäres Team aus verschiedenen Institutionen wird in den kommenden Jahren zur Integration dezentral generierter erneuerbarer Energie ins schweizerische Energiesystem in verschiedenen geographischen Räumen (urbane Gebiete, Mittelland und alpine Regionen) forschen. Über den Zuschlag der Fördermittel im Rahmen des SWEET-Programms und die ausgewählten Projekte informiert das Bundesamt für Energie auf seiner [Webseite](#).

Kontakt: [Isabelle Stadelmann](#)

SWEET-SURE / Nachhaltigkeit im Zentrum eines widerstandsfähigen Schweizer Energiesystems

Ein interdisziplinäres Team aus verschiedenen Institutionen wird in den kommenden Jahren zur verschiedenen Szenarien eines nachhaltigen und resilienten Schweizer Energiesystems und deren Umsetzungschancen forschen. Über den Zuschlag der Fördermittel im Rahmen des SWEET-Programms und die ausgewählten Projekte informiert das Bundesamt für Energie auf seiner [Webseite](#).

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Books / Ebooks

University of Zurich, Department of Political Science

Housing Governance in a Time of Financialization - A Comparative Analysis of Zurich, Birmingham and Lyon

In recent years, the financialization of housing has become a major challenge to many cities across the globe, not the least because it tends to favor the interests of global finance over the needs of residents. Based on three case studies in the city regions of Zurich, Birmingham and Lyon, the present investigation analyzes the interplay of housing governance and policies over the past 20 years against the backdrop of the financialization of housing.

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Political Corruption

Nouveau livre sur la corruption politique: [Political Corruption The Internal Enemy of Public Institutions](#), co-écrit par [Emanuela Ceva](#), professeure de théorie politique au Département de Science Politique et Relations Internationales de l'Université de

Genève, vient d'être publié par Oxford University Press. Le livre offre la première discussion de la corruption politique en tant qu'un objet d'éthique publique. Il montre la racine commune des manifestations individuelles et institutionnelles de ce phénomène alors qu'il réinterprète la lutte contre la corruption en tant que question de responsabilité de la fonction publique au-delà des approches légalistes standard.

Dissertations

Universität Basel, Fachbereich Politikwissenschaft

Dr. des. Maria Thürk hat ihre Dissertation zum Thema «Policy-Making under Minority Governments – How minority cabinet parties influence and pass public policies» am 04.03.2021 an der HU Belrin erfolgreich verteidigt.

Dr. des. Daniel Höhmann hat seine Dissertation «Critical Actors, Electoral Incentives, and the Substantive Representation of Women in Parliament» an der Universität Bamberg erfolgreich verteidigt.

Call for Papers

Université de Lausanne, Institut d'Etudes Politiques

Hervé Rayner (UNIL), Bernard Voutat (UNIL) et Laurent Willemez (UVSQ, Université Paris-Saclay) coordonnent le dossier "Les temporalités de la démocratie" de la revue "temporalités". L'appel à communication se trouve sur le site de cette [revue](#).

Jobs

We would like to highlight the following job advertisements. You can find more [here](#).

[**PhD candidate \(70%\) at the Department of Political Science and International Relations / University of Geneva**](#)

[**Postdoctoral FNS Researcher / University of Lausanne**](#)

[**Assistant-e diplômé-e dans le domaine de la communication politique et des médias / Université de Fribourg**](#)

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Kind regards from Bern and see you soon,

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