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Der SVPW Jahreskongress liegt hinter uns. An dieser Stelle möchten wir uns noch einmal herzlich bei dem engagierten Lausanner Organisationskomitee bedanken, das den zweiten virtuellen Kongress in der Geschichte der SVPW erfolgreich über die Bühne, resp. den Bildschirm gebracht hat.

Ebenfalls online finden Sie das [Protokoll der Generalversammlung](#) sowie den [Jahresbericht 2021](#) der beiden Präsidentinnen. Der nächste Jahreskongress wird am 2. & 3. Februar 2023 an der Universität Basel stattfinden – Save the date! Dort wird traditionsgemäss wiederum der **SVPW Nachwuchspreis** verliehen. Wer sich für den mit CHF 3000.- dotierten Preis bewerben möchte, findet alle Informationen [hier](#).

Des Weiteren freuen wir uns, Ihnen zwei neue Forschungsprojekte vorzustellen:

Università della Svizzera italiana / Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society / Institute of Communication and Public Policy

Deliberative Quality in Trade-Related International Organizations

Deliberative quality is rooted in the idea that decision-making is not a simple aggregation of pre-existing preferences, nor an arena where the most powerful wins, but a process where different actors interact and justify their positions to find common ground for agreement. In the face of strong headwinds against multilateralism, eroding trust, and decreasing perceived legitimacy and relevance of trade-related international organizations (IOs), a solid and effective strategy of Deliberative Quality allows to better address such challenges, particularly paving the way for a renewed role for IOs.

This project aims to develop the concept of Deliberative Quality, focusing on its application in trade-related International Organizations (IOs), analyzing decision-making processes and stakeholder engagement strategies of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade And Development (UNCTAD), and the International Trade Centre (ITC).

The work on this project was accepted for funding last summer by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) and will last for two years (2022-2023). The project was developed by a consortium of researchers from Università della Svizzera italiana, the University of International Business and Economics of China, the University of Bern, the University College of Dublin, Universidad Autónoma de Chile, and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva. [More information](#)

Coordinator: Prof. Jean-Patrick Villeneuve; Co-Coordinator: Dr. Alberto Bitonti, Host Institution: Università della Svizzera italiana

Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Universität Bern (IPW)

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is funding a project which investigates the political psychology of pandemics. The project lead by Markus Freitag is concerned with how exposure to pandemic threat affects a set of social and political preferences related to the control and avoidance of disease contamination. The premise is that the appraisal of a pandemic threat is critical to predicting the emotional states that it will stimulate and therefore the impact that exposure to the Covid-19 pandemic threat will have on social and political orientations (social trust, tolerance towards people who appear especially likely to pose some risk of pathogen transmission, attitudes toward immigrants, conceptions of nationhood and political preferences with regard to technocratic, right-wing populist or authoritarian rule). [More information](#)

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Freundlich Grüsse aus Bern und bis bald,

Karin Ingold, Isabelle-Stadelmann-Steffen & Beatrice Romann

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