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# Schweizerische Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft

Chères et chers membres de l'ASSP

Le congrès annuel de l'ASSP est derrière nous. Nous prenons l'occasion de remercier encore une fois le comité d'organisation lausannois qui a organisé avec succès le deuxième congrès virtuel dans l'histoire de l'ASSP.

Vous trouverez également en ligne [le procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale](#) ainsi que le [rapport annuel 2021](#) des présidentes. Le prochain congrès annuel aura lieu les 2 & 3 février 2023 à l'Université de Bâle – « Save the date ! » Comme le veut la tradition, **le prix de la relève de l'ASSP** y sera à nouveau décerné. Les personnes qui souhaitent poser leur candidature pour ce prix doté de 3000.- CHF trouveront toutes les informations nécessaires [ici](#).

Nous avons également le plaisir de vous présenter deux nouveaux projets de recherche :

**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](#)

Comme toujours, vous trouverez des liens vers des congrès, des offres d'emploi ou des cours et formations continues à l'adresse suivante : <https://www.svpw-assp.ch>.

Salutations de Berne et à bientôt,

Karin Ingold, Isabelle-Stadelmann-Steffen & Beatrice Romann