

Selects 2019: Call for modules/questions

The Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) is a SNSF-funded project to study electoral behavior in Switzerland (www.selects.ch). For the various surveys around the national elections in October 2019 we invite researchers to submit proposals for modules to be included into the questionnaires.

The study will have the following components:

- A. An online/paper *post-election survey* with about 5000 interviews (incl. over-samples for three cantons) of appx. 30 min average interview time (national sample with over-sampling of smaller cantons to guarantee at least 80 respondents per canton), covering voters and non-voters. This study will incorporate the Module 5 questionnaire of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES).
- B. An online *panel survey* to study opinion formation and the influence of campaign dynamics on voting behavior. The panel survey includes three waves with about 15-20 minutes interview time in each wave:
 - A pre-campaign panel wave in June 2019.
 - A campaign wave in late August/early September 2019.
 - A post-election panel wave.
- C. An *online/paper candidate survey* covering all National Council (“Nationalrat”) and Council of States (“Ständerat”) candidates as part of the Comparative Candidate Survey project (CCS).

The core questionnaires of all three components, to which successful proposals will be added, can be found here: <https://goo.gl/dS1uuS>.

Proposals should be no longer than 5 pages in total and must contain:

- A short abstract of the proposal
- A thorough theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and how it relates to existing research in the field
- A proposal for question wording (in English, German, or French)
- An outline of planned publication activities

Proposals can include single questions or short blocks of questions, which may be incorporated into several parts of the study (e.g. corresponding questions in components A and C). Proposals should focus on substantial rather than methodological research. When proposing a question, keep in mind that questionnaire space is extremely limited, especially in the post-election survey (due to the inclusion of CSES Module 5). It is therefore recommended that proposals indicate which items are of core interest.

The call for modules is open to researchers worldwide. Multiple submissions are possible. Proposals for modules must be written in English and submitted electronically to ankedaniela.tresch@fors.unil.ch no later than **18 June 2018**. All proposals will be subject to an anonymous peer-review process. The Selects Commission bases its decisions on the results of the peer-review. Acceptance of modules/questions may be made conditional to a revision of the proposal. The implementation of the modules will be carried out by the Selects management team in collaboration with the module proposers.

Selects is an “open source” project. Having a module/question included in the study does not give preferential access to the data. Data will be made available through the FORS archives to all researchers at the same time.

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