Selects Swiss Election Study

Call for papers for a Special Issue Proposal to be submitted to the
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The 2023 Swiss National Elections

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The results of the 2023 Swiss Federal elections were marked by stability, yet most political parties still experienced different fates compared to the previous elections. In 2023, the SVP and SP emerged as winners in the National Council elections, while the Greens and GLP suffered significant losses - opposite to 2019 electoral dynamics. The Liberals (FDP) have continued their decline and are now almost tied with the new party The Centre, which achieved a better result than the combined vote share of its predecessor parties. In addition to these party system dynamics, the 2023 elections took place in the immediate aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis and during the international energy crisis following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

For this Special Issue, we invite contributions that focus on new theoretical, methodological or empirical aspects in the study of election campaigns and voting behavior in Switzerland. Preference will be given to contributions based on data from the Swiss Election Study Selects, but we are also open to papers studying various aspects of the 2023 elections based on other data (e.g., political campaign ads, EFK/CDF campaign funding). We particularly encourage work that adopts a longitudinal or comparative perspective, as well as contributions related to the various new questions and modules included in the 2023 surveys (e.g., affective polarization, perceptions of social groups, etc.). We strongly value papers that combine the various datasets in an innovative way.

In 2023, the Selects study collected the following data:

- An online/paper post-election survey among 5,033 Swiss citizens;

- A three-wave online panel survey (with a pre-campaign wave, N=8,197; a campaign wave, N=6,077; and a post-election wave, N=5,579);

- An online/paper candidate survey among candidates for the National Council and the Council of States (N=2,527);

- A media study analyzing the content of 116 print and online media (dailies and weeklies), which allows identifying the most important actors and issues

Questionnaires are available open-access on SWISSUBase and data can be downloaded after signing the required contract. The Selects report can be read here.

Proposals (max. one page) for this Special Issue should be sent to the three Guest Editors ([line.rennwald@unil.ch,](mailto:line.rennwald@unil.ch) marlene.gerber@unibe.ch, and elie.michel@unil.ch) by **September 23, 2024**. Acceptance notifications will be emailed by mid-October. Accepted proposals must be presented in a designated workshop in early April 2025 and submitted to the usual peer review process in early June 2025. If accepted, this Special Issue is planned to be published in June 2026.[1]

For any further queries, do not hesitate to contact the Guest Editors.

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[1] As a service to students and as a statement towards research transparency and replicability, authors will be asked to publish their codes online. To promote their research to a broader audience, they will also be asked to write a short article for the platform DeFacto.