

MOSAiCH 2018: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the follow-up survey administered after the ISSP 2018 survey focusing on ‘Religion’. Successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2018. The deadline for submissions is Monday September 11th 2017.

MOSAiCH is a programme for cross-sectional general social surveys conducted in Switzerland under this name since 2005. It integrates the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP, see www.issp.org) – with Swiss data going back as far as 1987. The survey is conducted with at least 1,200 respondents randomly drawn from a register-based individual sampling frame of adults residing in Switzerland. From 2018 on, the survey will be self-administered (web/paper). All respondents will be invited to participate in a follow-up survey. Through this follow-up survey, FORS offers the scientific community a space for their questions aiming at enhancing the analytic potential of the survey.

TOPICS AND CONCEPTS MEASURED IN MOSAiCH 2018:

- “Religion IV” (ISSP module 2018, repeated topic, previously fielded in Switzerland in 2008 and 1998, plus supplementary questions); see detailed concepts in attachment
- Socio-demographic variables designed to meet the ISSP requirements.

The topic(s) and concepts of the follow-up survey will be defined through the accepted proposals.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

This call invites researchers from the social science community to propose questions for the follow-up survey. The questions shall enhance the analytic potential of the ISSP 2018 data in Switzerland. Preference will be given to topics and concepts with relevance for a larger scientific public and to instruments, which harmonize with the planned ISSP survey. In principle, each contributor will be given a space of 10-15 questions. Proposals with single questions or entire modules will also be considered. The length of the whole questionnaire will not exceed 15 minutes.

Proposals have to be submitted in English, the proposed questions can be in English, German, French, or Italian. The proposal has to include

- An explanation of the relevance as well as the theoretical foundation of the proposal
- An outline of the proposed concepts and questions
- A plan on publication and dissemination of research findings

If you propose questions developed and used in other projects, please cite the source. If there exist validated translations in any of the survey languages (German, French and Italian), please include them in an annex. All items will be subject to further detailed assessment and possible amendment before being adopted.

TIMELINE

Proposals have to be submitted until **Monday September 11th 2017**. They will be evaluated by the MOSAiCH 2.0 Scientific Commission, and the questions of the accepted proposals will be developed in collaboration with survey experts of FORS. The data will be collected during spring and summer 2018 and will be ready for analysis by the end of the year. All data will be made directly publicly available through the FORS archive and Nesstar server.

CONTACT

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Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH 2018

The first wave of the 2018 edition of MOSAiCH will be mainly composed of the ISSP 2018 questionnaire “Religion IV” and a socio-demographic part that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

The **ISSP Religion module** has already been conducted in 1991, 1998 and 2008, containing thus several long time series that cover highly relevant topics, with Swiss data available for the last two previous editions. Some core batteries are also kept intact in the ISSP 2018 questionnaire, composed of forty-five repeated items and fifteen new ones. Similarly, optional repeated and new items are included. The covered topics range from religious attitudes and beliefs, religious socialization, past and current religious practices, religion and governmental connections, to aspects of secularization such as sexual morality and gender norms. The topics and detailed items of the ISSP 2018 questionnaire are listed on pages 3 to 6. In addition, the MOSAiCH 2018 survey will include a battery on alternative spirituality practices.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2018 Religion module. Standard variables on household composition, education, occupational situation, religious affiliation and religious services’ attendance, as well as social origin will be measured.

For the exact wording of all the items that were asked in the past, please refer to the [Nesstar website](#) or the documentation on [FORS webpage](#) dedicated to MOSAiCH.

ISSP 2018 Religion IV (1991, 1998, 2008, the last two editions with Swiss participation)			
<i>Numbers of new items start with “N” in the ISSP 2018 column; replicated items are displayed without any marks (“Q”); “BV” designate Background Variables; “O”: Optional items.</i>			
Topic and abbreviated version of question	Item in ISSP 2018	ISSP 2008 variable in MOSAiCH 2009	Item surveyed in ISSP 1998
Well-being			
Happy or unhappy with life in general	Q1	R1	√
Satisfaction with family relationships	N2	-	-
Self-reported health	BV	C15	√
Abortion, sexual morality and gender norms			
Wrong/not wrong: extramarital relations	Q3	R3	√
Wrong/not wrong: same sex relations	Q4	R4	√
Right to abortion: low income	Q5	R5_02	√
Husband’s job to earn money, wife’s to look after family	Q6	R6	√
Confidence in Institutions			
Confidence in: Parliament	Q7a	R8_01	√
Confidence in: Business and industry	Q7b	R8_02	√
Confidence in: Churches and religious organizations	Q7c	R8_03	√
Confidence in: Courts and the legal system	Q7d	R8_04	√
Confidence in: Schools and the educational system	Q7e	R8_05	√
Religion and Science			
Agree/disagree: We trust science too much, faith not enough	Q9a	R11_02	√
Agree/disagree: Religions bring more conflict than peace	Q9b	R11_03	√
Agree/disagree: People with strong religious beliefs are too intolerant	Q9c	R11_04	√
Religion and Governmental Connections			
Religious leaders should not try to influence people’s vote	Q8	R10_01	√
Churches have too much/too little power	Q10	R12	√
Governments should not interfere with religions spreading their faith	N33a	-	-
People with different religions cannot get along	N33b	-	-

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Religious Tolerance and Extremism			
Accept that person from different religion: marries a relative	Q11	R14_01	-
Religious extremists: be allowed to hold public meetings	Q12a	R15_01	-
Religious extremists: be allowed to publish views on Internet/social media	N12b	-	-
Religious Beliefs			
Belief in God: extent	Q13	R16	√
Belief in God: past and now	Q14	R17	√
Belief in: life after death	Q15a	R18_01	√
Belief in: heaven	Q15b	R18_02	√
Belief in: hell	Q15c	R18_03	√
Belief in: religious miracles	Q15d	R18_04	√
Belief in: the supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	Q15e	R18_07	√
Agree/disagree: God concerns himself with everybody personally	Q16a	R19_01	√
Agree/disagree: People can do little to change their lives	Q16b	R19_02	√
Agree/disagree: God gives the meaning to life	Q16c	R19_03	√
Agree/disagree: Life does not serve any purpose	Q16d	R19_04	√
Agree/disagree: People give the meaning to life	Q16e	R19_05	√
Agree/disagree: I connect with God without churches or religious services	Q16f	R19_06	-
Religion and Gender			
Own religion treats men and women equally	N17	-	-
Agree/disagree: Religions are barriers to equality	N32	-	-
Religious Socialization / Past Religious Practices			
Mother's religion when child	Q18	R20	√
Father's religion when child	Q19	R21	√
Religion you were raised in	Q20	R22	√
Frequency attendance of religious services when child: mother	Q21	R24	√
Frequency attendance of religious services when child: father	Q22	R25	√
Frequency attendance of religious services when 11-12 years old	Q23	R26	√

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Current Religious Practices			
Frequency of prayer	Q24	R27	√
Participation in activities/organizations of a church	Q25	R28	√
Past 12 month: Read/listened to reading of any holy scripture	N26	-	-
Culture-Specific Behaviours			
Shrine/altar/religious objects at home	Q27	R29	-
Frequency visiting a holy place	Q28	R30	-
Religiosity and Spirituality			
R's religiosity (self-assessed)	Q29	R31	√
Religion versus spirituality	Q30	R32	-
Religion helps: to make friends	Q31a	R34_02	-
Religion helps: to find consolation	Q31b	R34_03	-
Secularization Theory			
Religion represents past and not future	N34a	-	-
Religion as relevant today as in past	N34b	-	-
Attitude towards Members of Religious Groups (new in 2018; optional in 2008)			
Attitude towards: Christians	Q35a	RO8_01	-
Attitude towards: Muslims	Q35b	RO8_02	-
Attitude towards: Hindus	Q35c	RO8_03	-
Attitude towards: Buddhists	Q35d	RO8_04	-
Attitude towards: Jews	Q35e	RO8_05	-
Attitude towards: Atheists/non-believers	Q35f	RO8_06	-

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Optionals			
R's experience on being born again	QO1	RS9_p	(optional)
Beliefs about the Bible	QO2	RS2_p	√
Turning point in life after religious commitment	QO3	-	√
Good luck charms bring luck	QO4a	RS3_01	(optional)
Fortune tellers can foresee future	QO4b	RS3_02	(optional)
Faith-healers do have healing powers	QO4c	RS3_03	(optional)
People's star sign can affect course of their future	QO4d	RS3_04	(optional)
Conflict between law and religious principles	QO5	RO7	(optional)
Threatening/not threatening: Christians	NO6a	-	-
Threatening/not threatening: Muslims	NO6b	-	-
Threatening/not threatening: Hindus	NO6c	-	-
Threatening/not threatening: Buddhists	NO6d	-	-
Threatening/not threatening: Jews	NO6e	-	-
Threatening/not threatening: Non-believers	NO6f	-	-
Agree/disagree: People can be trusted	QO7	R7	√
Belief in: reincarnation	QO8a	R18_05	-
Belief in: nirvana	QO8b	R18_06	-
Agree/disagree: Country's laws shouldn't be based on religion	NO9	-	-