

MOSAiCH 2015: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the paper questionnaire administered after the main MOSAiCH 2015, a social survey conducted in Switzerland and mainly centered on the ISSP topics of ‘Citizenship’ and ‘Work Orientation’. Proposals will be selected according to their thematic relevance and their survey applicability. Successful proposals will be fielded free of charge in spring 2015. The timeline for submissions is May 5th 2014.

MOSAiCH is a cross-sectional general social survey conducted in Switzerland under this name since 2005. It integrates the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) – with Swiss data going back as far as 1987 – as well as several issues from the Eurobarometer in Switzerland. The survey is conducted every two years with 1,200 respondents out of a random sample of the resident population of Switzerland aged 18 years and more, who answer a 1-hour face-to-face interview. A paper questionnaire of about 10-15 minutes is left after the interview. Through this paper drop-off, FORS intends to enhance the analytic potential of the survey. Data collected will be made available to the general public.

TOPICS AND CONCEPTS MEASURED IN MOSAiCH 2015 :

- “Citizenship” (ISSP module 2014, repeated topic, fielded last time in Switzerland in 2004);
- “Work orientation” (ISSP module 2015, repeated topic, fielded last time in Switzerland in 2005);
- Eurobarometer in Switzerland questions, notably related to attitudes toward political and social institutions and issues related to the European Union;
- Socio-demographic part, designed to meet the ISSP requirements, but further elaborated on dimensions such as household composition, occupational situation, and social origin;
- Paper drop-off open for suggestions that have to be related to the topics of the fielded survey.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

This call invites the social science community to **propose questionnaire concepts and related question drafts for the paper drop-off that may enhance the analytic potential of the MOSAiCH 2015 data. The suggestions have to be related to at least one of the fielded topics.** For details on these topics, see the attached documentation. Proposed items and scales have to meet written self-administered questionnaire standards. In the assessment of proposals, preference shall be given to topics and concepts with well explained relevance for the MOSAiCH project, as well as to short, scientifically established instruments which harmonize with the current survey. The length of the whole self-administered paper questionnaire will not exceed 15 minutes.

Proposals are welcome in English, German, French, or Italian. If you intend to propose instruments developed by third party sources, please be sure to precisely cite the source. If there are already validated translations in any of the survey languages available (German, French and Italian), please deliver them accordingly. If necessary, the MOSAiCH project management shall conduct translations into any of the three survey languages. All items will be subject to further detailed assessment and possible amendment before being adopted.

TIMELINE

Suggestions for additional survey instrument elements are welcome until **May 5th 2014**. Proposals shall be peer reviewed, and the final decision will be made by the scientific team of the FORS International Surveys unit.

Approved instruments will be fielded starting spring 2015 and should be ready for analysis by spring 2016. In accordance with the open access policy of MOSAiCH, the data related to the additional instruments will be made publicly available. See <http://fors-nesstar.unil.ch> for the published data of the previous MOSAiCH editions.

CONTACT

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Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH 2015

MOSAICH 2015 will embrace both questionnaires ISSP 2014 on “Citizenship” and ISSP 2015 on “Work Orientation”, questions of the Eurobarometer in Switzerland related to attitudes toward institutions, and a socio-demographic part focusing on usual survey dimensions such as household composition, occupational situation, and social origin.

The ISSP questionnaire 2014 “**Citizenship II**” is composed of 50 repeated items from previous rounds and 14 new items. The covered topics are rights and obligations of citizens, political participation, trust in politicians and institutions and overall satisfaction with democracy. Several questions focus on group membership and different forms of political and social action. Other items assess basic principles of democracy, interest in politics and general understanding of political issues. Performance of political parties and the public service, fairness of elections and incidence of corruption are also probed dimensions. The topics and detailed items of ISSP 2014 can be found below (pages 2-3).

The questionnaire of ISSP 2015 “**Work Orientation IV**” is still under preparation and will be finalized in May 2014. It will include 40 repeated items from previous rounds, 20 new items and about 8 optional items. The main topics will be work values, work-life balance, worker flexibility and job search. Issues such as satisfaction at work, occupational commitment, relations at workplace, (temporary) unemployment, discrimination at work and personal economic situation will also be covered. The topics and detailed items of the Pilot questionnaire of ISSP 2015 are listed on pages 4 to 6. It currently encompasses 72 items for respondents working for pay and 45 items for persons who are not working for pay. The total number of items will be reduced in the next few months; however, all the dimensions will be assessed.

The **Eurobarometer in Switzerland** part involves questions about political attitude, national pride, attachment and trust in specific institutions, identity values, relations with the EU, economic situation and the use of media. As some questions are repeated in each round of MOSAiCH, this part offers a series of measurements over time starting with the first Eurobarometer in Switzerland (1999). Given that a significant proportion of the module overlaps the ISSP 2014 “Citizenship”, some redundant items may be removed in this edition. Until the final version of the ISSP 2014 will be fixed, the items covered in the Eurobarometer in Switzerland are still subject to change. All items are listed on pages 7 to 8.

The socio-demographic part will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the modules 2014 and 2015. Additionally, it further elaborates dimensions such as household composition, occupational situation, and social origin. As in previous editions, it will also collect detailed information on education, citizenship and other socio-demographic concepts, which permit to construct some national standards. The final version will be finished during autumn 2014. It will however remain close to MOSAiCH 2013 which is available from the Nesstar website: <http://fors-nesstar.unil.ch/webview/index.jsp>

For the exact German and French wording of all the items that have been asked in the past, please refer to the Nesstar website.

ISSP 2014 Citizenship II		
Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2014	Items in ISSP 2004
Citizenship obligations		
Citizenship obligations: vote in elections, pay taxes, obey laws and regulations	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3
To keep watch on the actions of government	4	4
To be active in social or political associations	5	5
Openness to other opinions	6	6
Buy products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	7	7
Help people in Switzerland or in the rest of the world	8, 9	8, 9
Citizen rights		
Having an adequate standard of living, health care, the right not to vote	28, 36, 35	27
Government respecting democratic rights and the rights of minorities	29, 32	28
People having more opportunities to participate in public decision-making	30	31
Citizens engaging in acts of civil disobedience when they oppose government actions	31	32
People convicted of serious crimes should lose their citizen rights	33	-
Long-term residents of a country, who are not citizens, have the right to vote in that country's national elections	34	-
Participation		
Should special groups (extremists, nationalists, etc.) be allowed to hold public meetings	10, 11, 12	11, 12, 13
Participation in political activities such as sign petitions, demonstrate, attend political meetings, boycott products, donate money	13, 14, 15, 16, 18	14, 15, 16, 17, 19
Express your views by contacting politicians, appear in the media, express political opinion on the internet	17, 19, 20	18, 20
Frequency of contact with people in a typical week day, including people you live with	22	-
Group membership: Belong (and actively participate) to one of the following groups: political party, professional association, church or religious organization, sports group, etc.	23, 24, 25, 26, 27	-
Trust and empowerment		
People don't have any say about what the government does	37	33
Government doesn't care much what people think	38	34
Personal understanding of political issues (Switzerland)	39, 40	35, 36
Unjust law and the possibility of political action	41, 42	37, 38
Political interest	43	39
Left-right in politics	44	-
Political trust: general trust in politicians	45, 46	40, 41
Social trust: general trust in people	47, 48	42, 43
Discussion of politics with friends and family	49, 50	44, 45

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2014	Items in ISSP 2004
Evaluations of institutions		
Political parties encourage people to become active in politics	51	49
Political parties do not give voters real policy choices	52	50
Referendums are a good way to decide important political questions	53	51
Honesty and fairness of the last national election in Switzerland	54, 55	52, 53
How committed is public service in Switzerland to serve the people	56	54
How widespread is corruption in the public service in Switzerland	57	56
Satisfaction with democracy		
Satisfaction with democracy: now, 10 years ago, 10 years from now	58, 59, 60	57, 58, 59
Media and Politics		
Media (newspaper, television, radio, Internet) for political information	21, 61, 62, 63, 64	61, 62, 63, 64

ISSP 2015 Work Orientation IV		
<i>Numbers of new items start with “N” in ISSP 2015 questionnaire; replicated items of 2005 are displayed without any marks.</i>		
Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2015	Items in ISSP 2005
Work Centrality		
A job is just a way of earning money - no more	1a	2a
Would enjoy a paid job even if don't need money	1b	2b
Work Values		
How important are: job security, high income, opportunities for advancement	2a,b,c,	3a,b,c
How important is: job that is interesting, independence at work	2d,e	3d,e
How important is: meaningful job (help other people, useful to society)	2f,g	3f,g
How important are: flexible work-time, personal contact and good team-atmosphere	2h, N2i, N2k	3h
Work Life Balance		
Due to family life requirements, given up or would do so: career promotion, high responsibility job, satisfaction at work	N3, N4, N5	-
Preference over: work more-earn more; work the same-earn the same; work less-earn less	10	9
Difficult or easy to take an hour or two off during working hours for personal/family affairs		
Frequency of: job interferes with your family life or vice versa		
Balance between time spent on paid job and time spent on other areas of life		
Solidarity and Conflict		
Trade unions are important for job security of employees	6a	6a
Trade unions protect interests of the employed at the expense of those who are seeking work	N6a	-
Trade unions weaken the competitiveness of Switzerland's economy	N6b	-
Relations at workplace: between management-employees, between workmates-colleagues	22a,b	19a,b
Conflict and Social Exclusion: Senior Citizens' Work		
Elderly people's labour: important for Switzerland's economy, takes jobs away from the young	N7a,b	-
Employment Arrangements		
Preference over: full time job, part-time job, less than 10-hours job, no paid job	8	7
Currently Working for Pay		
Currently working for pay	9	8
Job Characteristics		
Characteristics of current job: secure, interesting, useful to society, can help others	11a,d,f,g	10a,d,f,g
Characteristics of current job: income is high, opportunities for advancement are high,	11b,c,	10b,c
Can work independently	11e	10e
Personal contact with other people, colleagues who co-operate	N11h, N11i	-

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2015	Items in ISSP 2005
Subjective Experience of Job		
Frequency of : hard physical work, stressful work	12a,b	11b,c
Frequency of: working from home, working on weekends	N12c,d	-
Job flexibility		
How is daily work organized/ how are working hours decided	15, 13	13, 12
Non-Standard Employment		
Work schedule: daytime, evening, night, rotating, irregular	N14	-
Additional work: Hours and salary per week	N30, N31, N32	-
Human Capital		
Past work experience: job skills useful in your present job	19	16
Present work experience: job skills helpful to find a new job	20	17
Any training last 12 months to improve job skills, at workplace or somewhere else	21	18
Outcome of Work		
Satisfaction with (main) job: Would turn down better paid job in order to keep actual job	23, 24c	20, 21c
Willing to work harder in order to help the firm or organization succeed	24a	21a
Proud to be working for her/his firm or organization	24b	21b
Employability/New Job		
How difficult to find a job at least as good as current one	25	22
How difficult for firm or organization to replace her/him	26	23
Currently looking for a job with another firm or organization	27	24
Worried about the possibility of losing job	28	25
Worker Flexibility		
Avoid unemployment: learn new skills, accept lower pay, accept temporary employment	29a,b,c	26a,b,c
Avoid unemployment: accept a job where working times frequently change at short notice	29d	-
Avoid unemployment: willing to travel to get to work, to move within or outside Switzerland	29e,f,g	26d
Conflict and Social Exclusion: Discrimination		
Been discriminated against with regard to work (applying for a job, promotion)	N33	-
Main reasons of discrimination	N34	-
Conflict and Social Exclusion: Harassment		
Been harassed by superiors or colleagues at workplace	N35	-

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2015	Items in ISSP 2005
Occupational Commitment		
Willing to work hard in order to maintain the highest possible standards associated with occupation/ Proud to be working in occupation	N36a,b	-
Would turn down better paid job in order to stay in occupation.	N36c	-
Not currently working for pay		
Ever had a paid job for one year or more and when did last job end	37, 38	28, 29
Main reason that job ended	N39	30
Would like to have paid job, now or in the future and likely to find one	40, 41	31, 32
Worried about the possibility of not finding a job	N42	
Not currently working for pay: searching for a job		
Currently looking for a job	43	33
Registered at a public or private employment agency/ had training to improve job skills	44a,b, 45	34a,b, 35
Active job search: Answered advertisements/ advertised for a job/ applied to employers	44c, N44d, 44e	34c, 34e
Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help find a job	44f	34f
Not currently working for pay: worker flexibility		
To get new job: willing to learn new skills, accept low pay, accept temporary employment	N46a,b,c	-
To get new job: willing to accept job where daily working times frequently change	N46d	-
To get new job: willing to travel, willing to move within Switzerland or to other country	N46e,f,g	-
Not currently working for pay: main source economic support		
Main source of economic support	N47	36
Not currently working for pay: worry about losing main source economic support		
Worried about losing main source of economic support	N48	-
Recent Work Histories		
Past 5 years: ever worked for pay/been unemployed for more than 3 months	O1, O2a	-
Past 5 years: changed occupation, changed employer, started own business, took an additional job	O2b,c,d	-
R's Self-assessed Economic Situation: current, past and future		
Current financial situation, 5 years ago, 5 years from now	O3, O4, O5	-

Eurobarometer in Switzerland		
<i>All the current items for the Eurobarometer are presented here, with the name of the MOSAiCH variable as it last appeared and an indication of the previous round(s) covering it. One asterisk means that the item will likely be covered by ISSP 2014 and might be removed from the Eurobarometer set. Two asterisks means the item is likely to be dropped out, regardless of its redundancy with ISSP 2014.</i>		
Topic and items	Last appearance name	MOSAiCH rounds
Media use regarding news		
Frequency of media use regarding news*: TV, newspaper, radio, Internet	CH12a,b,c,d; CH12new	All
Trust in social institution		
Trust in institution : media	CH1_01	All
Trust in institution : justice	CH1_02	All
Trust in institution : churches	CH1_03	All
Trust in institution : federal council*	CH1_05	All
Political attitude		
Satisfaction with the way democracy works in Switzerland*	CH2	All
Political interest*	D42	2007, 2009, 2013
Frequency of political discussions with friends*	D3	All
Trying to change others opinion*	D4	All
National pride and identity		
Proud to be Swiss	CH3	All
Attachment to the town	CH4_01	All
Attachment to the Canton	CH4_02	All
Attachment to the language area	CH4_03	All except 2013
Attachment to Switzerland	CH4_04	All
Attachment to Europe	CH4_05	All
National identity and working in the country**	CH4a_01	2005
National identity and openness to the world**	CH4a_02	2005
Attitude toward political institutions		
Attachment to neutrality**	CH8_01	2007
Attachment to federalism**	CH8_02	2007
Attachment to direct democracy**	CH8_03	2007
Willing to change the neutrality	CH9a_01CHANGE	All
Willing to change federalism	CH9a_02CHANGE	All
Willing to change direct democracy	CH9a_03CHANGE	All

Topic and items	Last appearance name	MOSAiCH rounds
Political value		
Political goal between fight against inflation, citizen participation, free expression or law enforcement	CH5	All, except 2011
Defence of tradition	CH6_01	All
Open to the international	CH6_02	All
Participation of citizen*	CH6_03	All
Equal opportunities for foreigners	CH6_04	All
Independence against international	CH6_05	All
Federalism versus cantonalism	CH6_06	All
Government intervention in the market	CH6_07	All
In favour or against income differences	CH6_08	All
Emphasis on environment or economy	CH6_09	All
Relation with EU		
Switzerland's membership to the EU	CH14	All, except 2013
Economic situation in Switzerland if EU membership	CH16	All, except 2013
Personal economic situation if EU membership	CH17	All, except 2013
Preference between bilateral and EU membership**	CH18	2011
Positive or negative representation of the EU	CH13	All except 2013
Economic situation		
Current Swiss economic situation	CH10	All
Current personal economic situation	CH11	All