

## MOSAiCH 2017: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

**SUMMARY.** Scholars are invited to propose questions for the paper questionnaire administered after the main MOSAiCH 2017, a social survey conducted in Switzerland and mainly centered on the ISSP topics of ‘Role of Government’ and ‘Social Networks and Social Resources’. Proposals will be selected according to their thematic relevance and their survey applicability. Successful proposals will be fielded free of charge in spring 2017. The timeline for submissions is May 6th 2016.

MOSAiCH is a cross-sectional general social survey conducted in Switzerland under this name since 2005. It integrates the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP, see [www.issp.org](http://www.issp.org)) – 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 in Switzerland aged 18 years and older, 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. The data will be made available to the general public.

### TOPICS AND CONCEPTS MEASURED IN MOSAiCH 2017:

- “Role of Government” (ISSP module 2016, repeated topic, fielded last time in Switzerland in 2006);
  - “Social Network and Social Resources” (ISSP module 2017, new) ;
  - 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 capturing in more detail dimensions such as household composition, occupational situation, and social origin.
- ⇒ The topic(s) of the paper drop-off will be defined through the accepted proposals, but will be related to the topics of the fielded survey (see also detailed topics and concepts in attachment).

### 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 2017 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 6th 2016**. 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 2017 and should be ready for analysis by spring 2018. 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 2017

The 2017 edition of MOSAiCH will mainly consist of the two latest ISSP questionnaires “2016 Role of Government” and “2017 Social Networks and Resources”. Furthermore, it will contain the 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 2016 “**Role of Government**” module is probably the most widely used of all the ISSP modules. It contains several long time series that cover highly relevant topics. These core batteries are kept intact also in the 2016 questionnaire, composed of 47 repeated items and 16 new ones. The covered topics range from government responsibility and performance, over government spending, taxation and corruption, to state intervention in the economy. Several new questions focus on the very current topic of national security vis-à-vis citizens’ privacy and right to information. The topics and detailed items of ISSP 2016 are listed below (pages 3-4). The English source questionnaire can be found [here](#).

The ISSP 2017 questionnaire “**Social Networks and Social Resources**” is still under preparation and will be finalized in May 2016. This ISSP module is a new module. The questions focus on personal relationships and networks, individual resources in case of need and the respondent’s use of formal or informal help structures. Issues such as social strain, norms of obligations and reciprocity, or perceived integration will also be covered. Additional questions measure the perception and justification of social inequalities, social participation, health, wellbeing, and the importance of internet for personal relationships. The topics and items of the ISSP 2017 questionnaire are listed on pages 5 to 7.

The **Eurobarometer in Switzerland** part includes questions about political attitudes, national pride, attachment and trust in specific institutions, identity values, use of media and the economic situation. Several questions focus on the relationship between Switzerland and the EU. This question battery has indeed been expanded in 2015 with a couple of supplementary questions in order to keep up with the current political developments. These new questions will mainly be kept in 2017. As some of the questions of this module are repeated in each round of MOSAiCH, this part offers a series of measurements over time, starting with the first Eurobarometer in Switzerland (1999). All items are listed on pages 8 to 9.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the modules 2016 and 2017. Additionally, it further expands 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 allow the construction of national standards. The final version will be finished during autumn 2016. It will however remain close to MOSAiCH 2015 which is available on the Nesstar website: <http://fors-nesstar.unil.ch/webview/index.jsp>

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

<b>ISSP 2016 Role of Government V</b>			
(1985, 1990, 1996, 2006, the last two editions with Swiss participation)			
<i>Numbers of new items start with "N" in ISSP 2016 questionnaire;            replicated items of 2006 are displayed without any marks.</i>			
<b>Topic and abbreviated version of question</b>	<b>Items in ISSP 2016</b>	<b>Items in ISSP 2006</b>	<b>Items in ISSP 1996</b>
<b>Civil liberties</b>			
Obey laws without exception	1	1	1
Public protest meetings, protest demonstrations	2a, 2b	2a, 2b	2a,2b
Revolutionaries: hold public meetings, publish books	3a, 3b	3a, 3b	5a, 5b
Worse type of justice error	4	4	6
<b>State intervention in the economy</b>			
Gov. and economy: Cuts in gov. spending	5a	5a	9c
Gov. and economy: Financing projects for new jobs	5b	5b	9d
Gov. and economy: Less gov. reg. of business	5c	5c	9e
Gov. and economy: Support industry to develop new products	5d	5d	9f
Gov. and economy: Support declining industries to protect jobs	5e	5e	9g
Gov. and economy: Red. working week for more jobs	5f	5f	9h
<b>Government spending</b>			
Government should spend money: Environment, Health, Law enforcement, Education	6a-d	6a-d	10a-d
Government should spend money: Defence, Retirement, Unemployment benefits, Culture and arts	6e-h	6e-h	10e-h
<b>Government responsibilities</b>			
Provide job for everyone	7a	7a	12a
Control prices	7b	7b	12b
Provide health care for sick	7c	7c	12c
Provide living standard for the old	7d	7d	12d
Help industry grow	7e	7e	12e
Provide living standard for unemployed	7f	7f	12f
Reduce income differences between rich/ poor	7g	7g	12g
Financial help to students	7h	7h	12h
Provide decent housing	7i	7i	12i
Laws to protect environment	7j	7j	12j
Promote equality between men and women	N7k	-	-
<b>Provide services in country</b>			
Health care for sick, care for older people, school education for children	N8a-c	-	-
<b>Influence on government actions</b>			
People and organisations with most influence on government actions	N9	-	-

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2016	Items in ISSP 2006	Items in ISSP 1996
<b>Institutional trust in the state and market</b>			
Importance of events in world economy vs. who is in government	N10	-	-
Major private companies: comply with laws and regulations	N19a	-	-
Major private companies: try avoid paying taxes	N19b	-	-
<b>National security vis-à-vis citizens' privacy and rights to information</b>			
Gov. video surveillance, monitoring e-mails and internet exchanges	N11a-b	-	-
Open access to government information vs. public security	N12	-	-
Gov. collect information about people living in country	N13a	-	-
Gov. collect information about people living abroad	N13b	-	-
Gov. detain people	14a	9a	-
Gov. tap telephone	14b	9b	-
Gov. stop/search people randomly	14c	9c	-
<b>Political interest, trust and efficacy</b>			
How much interested in politics	15	10	13
People like me have no say about what gov. does	16a	11a	14a
Good understanding political issues	16b	11c	14d
MPs try to keep promises	16c	11e	14g
Trust in civil servants	16d	11f	14h
<b>Taxation</b>			
Taxes for high incomes, taxes for middle incomes, taxes for low incomes	17a-c	12a-c	17a-c
Tax authorities: make people pay taxes	N18a	-	-
Tax authorities: equal treatment of everyone	N18b	-	-
<b>Corruption</b>			
Politicians involved in corruption	20	17	-
Public officials involved in corruption	21	18	-
Public officials wanted bribe	22	19	-
<b>Government performance/capability/trust (optional items)</b>			
Gov. successful: Provide health care for sick	23a	8a	-
Gov. successful: Provide living standard for old	23b	8b	-
Gov. successful: Dealing with threats to security	23c	8c	-

<b>ISSP 2017 Social Networks and Social Resources</b>			
<b>Topic and abbreviated version of question</b>	<b>Items in ISSP 2017 Pretest</b>	<b>Items in ISSP 2001</b>	<b>Items in other ISSP modules</b>
<b>Diversity and hierarchy of personal network</b>			
Jobs of persons you know (position generator)	1 a-r		
<b>Perception and justification of social inequalities</b>			
Differences in income in country are too large	3a		2009, 6a
Society to be fair, differences in people's standard of living should be small	3b		
Gov. should spend less on benefits for the poor	3c		2009, 6d
Social benefits and services make people lazy	3h		
<b>Social participation and efficacy</b>			
Past 12 month: taken part in groups for leisure, sport	9a		
Past 12 month: taken part in activities of social or political groups	9b		
Past 12 month: involved in work for voluntary or charitable organisations	10		
People like me no say what government does	13	38 opt.	
<b>Social resources and support</b>			
Ask for help: household and garden	B24a		1986, 10 (adapted)
Ask for help: when ill	B24b	22 (adapted)	1986, 2
Borrow a large sum of money	B24c	24	1986, 3
Ask for help: finding a job	B24d		
Ask for help: computer problems	B24e		
Ask for help: finding new place to live	B24f		
Ask for help: feel down or depressed	B24i	26	1986, 5
Ask for advice : family problems	B24j		1986, 13 (adapted)
Turn to: someone who appreciates you	B24k		
Look after you: when seriously ill	B24m		

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2017 Pretest	Items in ISSP 2001	Items in other ISSP modules
<b>Perceived integration</b>			
Past 4 weeks: lack companionship	27d		
Past 4 weeks: isolated	27f		
Past 4 weeks: left out	27h		
<b>Trust in others</b>			
Only a few people you can trust completely	28a	35a	
Other people take advantage of you	28c	35c	
<b>Trust in institutions</b>			
Trust in country's government, trust in large companies	29a, 29b		
<b>Norms of obligation and reciprocity</b>			
Adult children should care for old parents	30a	31a	
Take care of family, before helping others	30b	31b	
People better off should help friends	30c	31c	
Friendship should be of use to yourself (optional)	30d	31d	
When done favour, person feels committed to repay (optional)	30f		
<b>Social strain</b>			
Too many demands from family, friends	31	34	
Pressure from family in the way you live	32		
Important persons in life angry or upset	33a		
<b>Access and mobilization of social relations</b>			
How often: go out to eat with friends	34a		
How often: make new friends	34b		
How often: one person dominates conversation (optional)	34c		
How often: seating arrangements (optional)	34d		

Topic and abbreviated version of question	Items in ISSP 2017 Pretest	Items in ISSP 2001	Items in other ISSP modules
<b>Contact frequency with family and friends</b>			
How many people you have contact with typical day	35		
How often: see or visit parents	40		
How often: see or visit brothers and sisters	41		
How often: see or visit children 18+	42		
How often: see or visit other family members 18+	43		
How often: see or visit close friends	44		
<b>Social interaction in the social media era</b>			
How many contacts done through internet	35b, 46n		
<b>Health and well-being</b>			
Self-rated health	47		2007, 17 2011, 26
Past 4 weeks: felt unhappy and depressed	48c		2011, 25b
Past 4 weeks: felt difficulties too big to overcome	48e		
How easy to accomplish my goals	49b		
Life satisfaction	50		2012, 24
<b>Economic and cultural resources</b>			
In how many languages able to hold conversation	52b		
Internet use	54		
Total household income: how easy to make ends meet	55		

<b>Eurobarometer in Switzerland</b>		
<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. An asterisk means that the item will likely be covered by ISSP 2016 or ISSP 2017 and might be removed from the Eurobarometer set.</i>		
<b>Topic and items</b>	<b>Last appearance name</b>	<b>MOSAiCH editions</b>
<b>Media use regarding news</b>		
Frequency of media use regarding news: TV, newspaper, radio, Internet	CH12a,b,c,d; CH12new	All
<b>Trust in institutions</b>		
Trust in institutions : Federal Council* (ISSP 2017)	CH1f	All
Trust in institutions: Press	CH1a	All, except 2015
Trust in institutions: Justice System	CH1b	All, except 2015
Trust in institutions : European Union	CH11	EB99 (adapted)
Trust in institutions : United Nations	CH1m	EB99 (adapted)
Trust in institutions : Big enterprises* (ISSP 2017)	CH1e	All
<b>Political attitude</b>		
Satisfaction with democracy in Switzerland	CH2	All
Political interest* (ISSP 2016)	POL1	2007, 2009, 2013
Frequency of political discussions with friends	POL2	All
Try to change the opinion of others	POL3	All
<b>National pride and identity</b>		
Proud to be Swiss	CH3	All
International criticism against CH justified yes/no	CH20	
<b>Attitude toward political institutions</b>		
Willingness to change neutrality	CH9aav2	All
Willingness to change federalism	CH9abv2	All
Willingness to change direct democracy	CH9acv2	All
<b>Political values</b>		
Defence of tradition	CH6a	All
Open to external influence	CH6b	All
Equal opportunities for foreigners	CH6d	All
Independence or international cooperation	CH6e	All
In favour or against income differences	CH6hv2	All
In favour or against free movement of persons	CH6k	



Topic and items	Last appearance name	MOSAiCH rounds
<b>Economic situation</b>		
Current Swiss economic situation	CH10	All
Current personal economic situation	CH11	All
<b>Relation with EU</b>		
How informed about relation EU-CH	CH19	
Switzerland's membership to the EU	CH14	All, except 2013
Free movement of persons: positive or negative for country	CH21	New version of CH16new, 2013
Free movement of persons: positive or negative for you personally	CH22	
Free movement of persons: causes problems (transport, housing, environment)	CH23	
Preference: bilateral agreements or EU membership	CH18	2011
Free movement of persons: downgrades working conditions in CH	CH24	
Bilateral agreements: positive or negative for country	CH25	
Bilateral agreements: positive or negative for you personally	CH26	
Preference: maintain bilateral relations or limit immigration	CH27	
European policy: trust in Federal Council	CH30a	
Interests of people like me poorly represented by Federal Council	CH28	
<b>Immigration</b>		
If scarcity of work: send immigrants back home	CH44h	EB 99
<i>Item to be chosen according to the political agenda</i>		
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<b>Globalisation</b>		
Open borders: chance for Switzerland	CH29a	
Open borders: put in danger Swiss cultural characteristics	CH29b	