

MOSAiCH 2019: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the follow-up survey administered after the ISSP 2019 survey focusing on ‘Social Inequality’. Successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2019. The deadline for submissions is **Monday April 30th 2018**.

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 is self-administered (web/paper). All respondents are 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 2019:

- “Social Inequality V” (ISSP module 2019, repeated topic, previously fielded in Switzerland in 1987, 1999, and 2008); see provisional detailed concepts in attachment
- Socio-demographic variables designed to meet the ISSP requirements.

The topic(s), concepts and questions 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 2019 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 (see also the evaluation criteria on next page):

- A rationale on the theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and their relevance
- 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. Please consider that the interview mode is a self-administered online and paper questionnaire.

TIMELINE

Proposals have to be submitted until **Monday April 30th 2018**. They will be evaluated by the MOSAiCH 2.0 Scientific Commission following the attached evaluation criteria, 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 2019 and will be ready for analysis by the end of the year. All data will be made directly publicly available through the FORS archive.

CONTACT

Please send your proposal in electronic format to Michele.ErnstStaepli@fors.unil.ch. Do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the following MOSAiCH team members if you have further questions regarding this call.

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Evaluation criteria of the proposals:

1) Scientific interest

- Scientific interest of the scope and expected results
- Development of the idea and conceptual coherence
- Quality of the state of the art
- Innovation, originality
- Appropriateness of the proposed measures

2) Pertinence in MOSAiCH

- Synergy with the ISSP module data (complementarity with ISSP module and/or other proposals, no unnecessary overlaps)
- Coherence for the respondents
- Shortness of the questionnaire
- Feasibility in a web and paper survey
- Relevance of fielding in MOSAiCH rather than in another data collection

3) Methodological quality

- Quality of the proposed measures
- Methodological innovations
- Pertinence for general population survey
- Feasibility
- Comparability with other data

4) Other features (bonus)

- Of relevance also for other researchers
- High chance of being widely used
- High chance of good publications
- Benefits for the MOSAiCH project overall

Proposals for concepts/questions directly related to the fielded ISSP topics on Social inequality will be considered first, non-related topics will be considered if enough place is left.

Evaluation procedure:

All proposals will be evaluated by the members of the MOSAiCH Scientific Commission following its mandate and the evaluation criteria above. External reviews by experts in specific disciplines or empirical approaches can be added if judged necessary by the Commission. The proposals will be discussed during the annual meeting in June and the results will be communicated to the authors as soon as the decisional minutes are agreed on by all Commission members.

More information about the MOSAiCH 2.0 design and about the Scientific Commission mandate can be found on the FORS website:

<http://forscenter.ch/en/our-surveys/international-surveys/mosaich-issp-2/call-question-contributions/>

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Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH-ISSP 2019

The first wave of the 2019 edition of MOSAiCH will be mainly composed of the ISSP 2019 Social Inequality V questionnaire and a socio-demographic part that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

The **ISSP Social Inequality module** has already been conducted in 1987, 1992, 1999 and 2009, containing thus several long time series that cover highly relevant topics, with Swiss data available for the editions of 1987, 1999* and 2009. Please note that the 2019 questionnaire is still in preparation by the ISSP drafting group. The topics and items listed on pages 3 to 5 are provisional and subject to change. The final ISSP 2019 questionnaire will be available in September 2018.

The main dimensions will though focus on occupational earnings, pay criteria and important factors in getting ahead. Issues such as perception and concerns about inequality, fairness of income inequality, social policy and redistribution will also be covered. Additional questions measure the subjective social class mobility, perceived social conflict or economic insecurity.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2019 Social Inequality module. Standard variables on household composition, education, occupational situation, income, perceived social status, 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.

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* The Swiss data of ISSP 1999 were not integrated in the international cumulative data file but are available in FORSbase.

ISSP 2019 Social Inequality V (1987*, 1992, 1999*, 2009*, * with Swiss data available)		
<i>Numbers of new items start with “N” in the ISSP 2019 column; replicated items are displayed without any marks (“Q”);</i>		
Topic and abbreviated version of question (provisional)	Item in ISSP 2019 (provisional)	ISSP 2009 variable in MOSAiCH 2009
Getting ahead		
Importance of coming from wealthy family	Q1	SI1_01
Importance of having well-educated parents	Q2	SI1_02
Importance of having good-education	Q3	SI1_03
Importance of hard work	Q4	SI1_05
Importance of knowing the right persons	Q5	SI1_06
Importance of having political connections	Q6	SI1_07
Importance of giving bribes	Q7	SI1_08
Importance of person’s race	Q8	SI1_09
Importance of person’s religion	Q9	SI1_10
Importance of gender	Q10	SI1_11
Just pay		
Adequacy of own salary	Q11	SI3
Actual/Should occupational earnings		
Actually earns: doctor in general practice	Q12	SI4_01
Actually earns: chairman of a large national corporation	Q13	SI4_02
Actually earns: shop assistant	Q14	SI4_03
Actually earns: unskilled worker in a factory	Q15	SI4_04
Actually earns: cabinet minister in the national government	Q16	SI4_05
Actually earns: a school teacher	NQ17	-
Should earn: doctor in general practice	Q18	SI5_01
Should earn: chairman of a large national corporation	Q19	SI5_02
Should earn: shop assistant	Q20	SI5_03
Should earn: unskilled worker in a factory	Q21	SI5_04
Should earn: cabinet minister in the national government	Q22	SI4_05
Should earn: a school teacher	NQ23	-

Topic and abbreviated version of question (provisional)	Item in ISSP 2019 (provisional)	ISSP 2009 variable in MOSAiCH 2009
Concerns about inequality		
Differences in income in <COUNTRY> are too large	Q24	SI6_01
Social policy and redistribution		
Gov. responsibilities: reduce income differences between rich/ poor	Q25	SI6_02
Gov. responsibilities: Provide living standard for unemployed	Q26	SI6_03
Reducing inequality by market actors		
Private companies' responsibilities: reduce differences in pay	NQ27	-
Private companies should pay more profit to employees	NQ28	-
Groups responsible for reducing income differences	NQ36	-
Government inefficacy/emotional response to feelings of injustice		
R's feelings about differences in income	NQ29	-
Gov. successful: reduce income differences between high/low salary	NQ30	-
Politicians do not care about reducing incomes	Q31	-
Taxation		
Agree/disagree: people with high income should pay more taxes	Q32	SI7a
Taxes of people with high income	Q33	SI7b
Market inequality and social services		
Just/unjust: people with high income have better health care	Q34	SI8a
Just/unjust: people with high income offer better education to their children	Q35	SI8b
Perception of global inequality		
Agree/disagree: economic differences between countries too large	Q37	(ISSP 1999)
Agree/disagree: people in wealthy countries should pay for people in poor countries	Q38	(ISSP 1999)
Agree/disagree: <COUNTRY> should trade more/less	NQ39	-
Agree/disagree: trade is good/bad for <COUNTRY>	NQ40	-
Social conflict		
Social conflict: between poor and rich people	Q41	SI9_01
Social conflict: between working and middle class	Q42	SI9_02
Social conflict: between management and workers	Q43	SI9_03

Topic and abbreviated version of question (provisional)	Item in ISSP 2019 (provisional)	ISSP 2009 variable in MOSAiCH 2009
Social conflict: between young and old	NQ44	-
Social conflict: between people born in <COUNTRY> and immigrants	NQ45	-
Subjective social class mobility		
R's social position (self-assessed)	Q46	SI10a
Social position of family R grew up	Q47	SI10b
R's social position in 10 years (self-assessed)	NQ48	-
Lived experience of inequality		
How often: contact with people that are a lot richer	NQ49	-
How often: contact with people that are a lot poorer	NQ50	-
Pay criteria		
Pay criteria: responsibility that goes with the job	Q51	SI12_01
Pay criteria: numbers of years spent in education	Q52	SI12_02
Pay criteria: children to support	Q53	SI12_04
Pay criteria: how well job is done	Q54	SI12_05
Switzerland: type of society today	Q55	SI14a
Switzerland: type of society it should be	Q56	SI14b
Fairness of income inequality		
Fairness of income distribution in <COUNTRY>	NQ57	-
Economic insecurity		
Total household income: how easy to make ends meet	NQ58	-
Next 12 month: likeliness of not having enough money to make ends meet	NQ59	-
Next 12 month: likeliness of being unemployed	NQ60	-
Next 12 month: likeliness of not getting health care one needs	NQ61	-
Social trust		
General trust	NQ62	-

Reminder: topics and items of ISSP 2019 are provisional and subject to change until September 2018.