

MOSAiCH 2021: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the follow-up survey administered after the ISSP 2021 survey focusing on 'Health and Health Care'. Successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2021. The deadline for submissions is Monday April 27th 2020.

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) with a larger sample size. All respondents are invited to participate in a follow-up survey, targeting a sample of 1,000 interviews. 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 2021:

- “Health and Health Care II” (ISSP module 2021, repeated topic, previously fielded in Switzerland in 2011); 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 2021 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 a rationale on the theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and their relevance, an outline of the proposed concepts and questions and a plan on publication and dissemination of research findings. For details, see the list of required content and the evaluation criteria on next page.

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 27th 2020**. 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 2021 and will be ready for analysis early 2022. 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
- Innovation, originality
- Appropriateness of the proposed measures
- Quality of the state of the art

2) Pertinence in MOSAiCH

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

3) Methodological quality

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

4) Other features (bonus)

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

Proposals for concepts/questions directly related to the fielded ISSP topics on Environment 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.

Required content for the proposal:

- Title
- Author(s) and their function, institution and contact information (e-mail, telephone)
- Brief biographical note
- Summary
- Rationale on the theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and their relevance in the targeted MOSAiCH edition, for the author(s) and the larger scientific community
- Outline of the proposed dimensions and concepts and their interrelations with other concepts of the survey (ISSP module and own proposal).
- Indicate for each proposed question:
 - Measured dimension and concept, including detailed source and references
 - Question wording in the reference language, either English, German, French or Italian
 - Translation(s) if available
 - Specific implementation requirements if relevant
- Publication and dissemination plan of research findings
 - case of experimental design: explain in detail and include a discussion of sample size requirements
 - If the proposal is part of a greater funded project (FNS funding or other), specify in which way the proposal is articulated within it, also financially.
 - If the author is a PhD student, please join a support letter from the supervisor.

More information about the MOSAiCH 2.0 design and about the Scientific Commission mandate can be found on the FORS website: <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich>, section "MOSAiCH call"

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Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH-ISSP 2021

The first wave of the 2021 edition of MOSAiCH will mainly be composed of the ISSP 2021 Health and Health Care II questionnaire and a socio-demographic part that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

The ISSP module on **Health and Health Care** is one of the more recent ISSP modules. It will be carried out in 2021 for the second time after 2011, with Swiss data available for the first round. Please note that the 2021 questionnaire is still in preparation by the ISSP drafting group. The topics and items listed on the next pages are provisional and subject to change. The final ISSP 2021 questionnaire will be available in September 2020.

The repeated dimensions from 2011 will focus on social inequalities in health, health status, health beliefs and health related behaviours. The right to health care, trust and confidence in the system and the providers as well as overall satisfaction with the health care system will also be covered. The new topics included in the 2021 questionnaire will focus on e-health, social stress and social support and vaccinations. These new items are still being pretested and only a selected number of the listed items on pages 6 to 7 will be included in the final questionnaire.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2021 Health module. Standard variables on household composition, education, occupational situation, income, as well as social origin will be measured (see the ISSP background variables: <https://www.gesis.org/issp/home/issp-background-variables/> or the data documentation of the previous editions of MOSAiCH available in FORSbase: <https://forsbase.unil.ch/>).

For the exact wording (German/French/Italian) of all the items that were asked in the past, please refer to the documentation on [FORS webpage](#) dedicated to the MOSAiCH questionnaires (see: <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich/>).

Lausanne, January 2020

ISSP 2021 Health II (provisional)
 (2011, with Swiss data available)

REPEATED TOPICS AND ITEMS FROM 2011

*Replicated items are displayed without any marks (“H”);
 New items in discussion for 2021 start with “NQ”.*

Topics and abbreviated version of question (provisional)	ISSP 2011 variable in MOSAiCH 2011 and new items for 2021
Health Status	
General state of health	H26
Long standing illness/disability	H27
How often last 4 weeks: difficulties because of health problems	H17a
How often last 4 weeks: bodily aches/ pain	H17b
How often last 4 weeks: unhappy/ depressed	H17c
How often last 4 weeks: lost confidence	H17d
How often last 4 weeks: could not overcome problems	H17e
Health Behaviour	
Smoking: How many cigarettes a day	H24
How often: drink alcohol	H25a
How often: do sports	H25b
Beliefs about Health	
People suffer from health problems: because of health damaging behaviour	H11a
People suffer from health problems: because of work/living environment	H11b
People suffer from health problems: because of genes	H11c
People suffer from health problems: because of poverty	H11d
Health Insurance, Access and Utilization	
Type of health insurance	H29
Past 12 months: how often visited a doctor	H18a
Past 12 months: how often visited an alternative health care practitioner	H18b
Past 12 months: been in hospital	H19
Past 12 months: no medical treatment because too expensive	H20a
Past 12 months: no medical treatment because treatment not available	H20c

Topics and abbreviated version of question (provisional)	ISSP 2011 variable in MOSAiCH 2011 and new items for 2021
The Right to Health Care	
Agree/disagree: Publicly funded health care for non-citizens	H9a
Agree/disagree: Publicly funded health care for damaging own health	H9b
Fair/unfair: better health care for rich people	H5
Willing: pay higher taxes for better health care for all	H7
Get operation first: non-smoker vs. heavy smoker	H12
Get operation first: 30 year old vs. 70 year old	H13
Get operation first: someone with young children vs. no young children	H14
Get operation first: male vs. female	NQ1
Trust and Confidence in the Health Care System	
Confidence in institutions: health care system	H2b
Agree/disagree: Doctors can be trusted	H16a
Agree/disagree: Doctors medical skills not as good	H16c
Agree/disagree: Doctors care more about earnings	H16d
Agree/disagree: Doctors give better service to male than female patients	NQ2
Health Care System – Performance and Satisfaction	
Satisfaction with health care system	H22
Agree/disagree: People use health care more than necessary	H6b
Agree/disagree: Government should provide only limited health care	H6c
Agree/disagree: Health care system is inefficient	H6d
How likely: to get best treatment	H21a
How satisfied: when last visited a doctor	H23a
How satisfied: when last visited an alternative health care practitioner	H23b

EXTENDED AND NEW TOPICS FOR 2021	
(Only a total number of twenty new items will be included in the final questionnaire)	
Topic and abbreviated version of question (<u>provisional</u>)	New possible items in ISSP 2021 (provisional)
E-health (New possible items)	
How often: use Internet	NQ3
How often: use Internet to look for health information	NQ4
How often searched Internet for: vaccinations	NQ5
How often searched Internet for: mental health	NQ6
How often searched Internet for: doctors/hospitals	NQ7
How often searched Internet for: physical activity; stop smoking; healthy eating	NQ8
Agree/disagree: Internet useful to judge symptoms	NQ9
Agree/disagree: Internet useful to check doctor's advice; to understand doctor's explanations	NQ10
Agree/disagree: Internet useful to understand doctor's explanations	NQ11
Agree/disagree: Internet useful to find people with similar health problems	NQ12
Agree/disagree: Health information on Internet is reliable	NQ13
Agree/disagree: Health information on Internet is up-to-date	NQ14
Agree/disagree: Health information on Internet is confusing	NQ15
Agree/disagree: Information on Internet positive for health behaviour	NQ16
Health and Social Inequality (New possible items)	
Agree/disagree: Doctors give better service to higher educated than to lower educated patients	NQ17
Access to health care: easier for higher educated than lower educated	NQ18
Access to health care: easier for men than women	NQ19
Access to health care: easier for rich than poor	NQ20
Agree/disagree: health insurance premiums proportional to income	NQ21
Agree/disagree: health care system free of charge	NQ22
Agree/disagree: health care system financed by taxes	NQ23
Had to leave job/school: due to mental health problem	NQ24
Had to leave job/school: due to physical health problem	NQ25
Lost contact with family/friends: due to mental health problem	NQ26
Lost contact with family/friends: due to physical health problem	NQ27

Topic and abbreviated version of question (<u>provisional</u>)	New possible items in ISSP 2021 (<u>provisional</u>)
Social Stress and Social Support (New possible items)	
Past 4 weeks: unable to control important things	NQ28
Past 4 weeks: confident in own ability to handle problems	NQ29
Past 4 weeks: difficulties too high to overcome	NQ30
Count on someone: help with daily chores	NQ31
Count on someone: provide emotional support	NQ32
Count on someone: listen to you	NQ33
Count on someone: give advice	NQ34
Count on someone: show affection to you	NQ35
How much contact with someone you feel close	NQ36
Vaccinations (New possible items)	
Agree/disagree: Children get too many vaccines	NQ37
Agree/disagree: Many illnesses prevented by vaccines are severe	NQ38
Agree/disagree: Vaccinations can lead to severe health conditions	NQ39
Agree/disagree: Getting sick better way to develop immunity	NQ40
Agree/disagree: Vaccination may not prevent disease	NQ41
Agree/disagree: I trust my doctor in terms of vaccination	NQ42
Health-related Stigma (New possible topic)	
Some items on health-related stigma may possibly be added	

Reminder: topics and items of ISSP 2021 are provisional and subject to change until September 2020.