

MOSAiCH 2023: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the follow-up survey administered after the ISSP 2023 survey focusing on 'National Identity and Citizenship'. Successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2023. The deadline for submissions is Monday April 25th 2022.

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 2023:

- “National Identity and Citizenship” [ISSP module 2023, merging of two existing studies (National Identity and Citizenship), previously fielded in Switzerland in 2003 and 2013 (National Identity) and 2004 and 2014 (Citizenship)]; 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 2023 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 the 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 25th 2022**. They will be evaluated by the MOSAiCH 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 2022 and will be ready for analysis early 2023. All data will be made directly publicly available through the FORS archive.

CONTACT

Please send your proposal in electronic format to Michele.ErnstStaehli@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 National Identity and Citizenship 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
- In 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 survey 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 2023

The first wave of the 2023 edition of MOSAiCH will mainly be composed of the *ISSP 2023 National Identity and Citizenship* questionnaire and a socio-demographic part that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

The ISSP module **National Identity and Citizenship** is an unprecedented merging of two existing ISSP studies into a single study. It combines the two studies **National Identity** (conducted in 1995, 2003, and 2013) and **Citizenship** (fielded in 2004 and 2014). Swiss data are available for all editions except the first National Identity survey in 1995.

Please note that the 2023 questionnaire is still in preparation by the ISSP drafting group and that the final questionnaire will not be available until September 2022. However, successive ISSP studies are always partial replications of previous surveys. In this special case, the 2023 questionnaire will repeat around 30 items from National Identity III and around 20 items from Citizenship II, leaving room for approximately 10 new items. On the following pages we provide as guidance the topics and items covered in National Identity III and Citizenship II that are currently foreseen for repetition, as well as the new themes and items proposed for 2023.

The 2023 questionnaire will though cover the repeat topics such as National Pride, Immigration and Immigrants, Globalization, Rights and Obligations of Citizenship, Satisfaction with Democracy as well as Trust and Evaluation of Institutions. The new main theme included in the 2023 questionnaire will be Different Forms of Populism. These new items are currently being pretested and only a selected number of the items listed on page 8 will be included in the final questionnaire.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2023 National Identity and Citizenship module. Standard variables on origin, religion, political participation and orientation, education, occupational situation, income, as well as household composition will be measured (see the ISSP background variables on: <https://www.gesis.org> or the data documentation of the previous editions of MOSAiCH available in SWISSUbase: <https://www.swissubase.ch>)

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

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ISSP National Identity

(1995, 2003*, 2013*, *with Swiss data available)

TOPICS AND ITEMS FORSEEN FOR REPETITION IN 2023

(Please note that the listed items are still provisional and subject to change until September 2022)

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION	ISSP 2013 Variable in MOSAiCH 2013
National Pride	
Agree/Disagree: Prefer to be a citizen of (COUNTRY)	NI3a
Agree/Disagree: Feel ashamed of things about (COUNTRY)	NI3b
Agree/Disagree: World better place if others like (NATIONALITY)	NI3c
Agree/Disagree: (COUNTRY) better country than other countries	NI3d
How proud is R of: way democracy works	NI4a
How proud is R of: political influence in world	NI4b
How proud is R of: achievements in arts and literature	NI4g
How proud is R of: armed forces	NI4h
How proud is R of: its history	NI4i
How proud is R of being (NATIONALITY)	NI12
Globalization	
Agree/Disagree: (COUNTRY) should limit the import of foreign products	NI5a
Agree/Disagree: (COUNTRY) should follow own interests even if it leads to conflicts	NI5c
Agree/Disagree: Foreigners should not be allowed to buy land	NI5d
Agree/Disagree: Large international companies damage local businesses	NI6a
Agree/Disagree: International organizations take away too much power from (COUNTRY) government	NI6d
Agree/Disagree: R feels more like citizen of the world than of any country	NI6e
Immigration and Immigrants	
Agree/Disagree: People who do not share traditions cannot be fully (NATIONALITY)	NI7a
Minorities should maintain traditions vs. adapt to larger society	NI8
Agree/Disagree: Immigrants increase crime rates	NI9a

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION	ISSP 2013 Variable in MOSAiCH 2013
Agree/Disagree: Immigrants generally good for economy	NI9b
Agree/Disagree: Immigrants take jobs away from people born in country	NI9c
Agree/Disagree: Immigrants improve society by bringing in new ideas and cultures	NI9d
Agree/Disagree: Legal immigrants should have equal access to public education	NI9h
Number of immigrants to (COUNTRY) should increase	NI10
Being truly a Country's National	
What is important to be a true (NATIONALITY)...	
... born in (COUNTRY)	NI2a
... have citizenship of (COUNTRY)	NI2b
... spend most life in (COUNTRY)	NI2c
... able to speak (COUNTRY LANGUAGE)	NI2d
... being a (RELIGION)	NI2e
... respect (COUNTRY) institutions & laws	NI2f
... feel (NATIONALITY)	NI2g
... have (NATIONALITY) ancestry	NI2h

ISSP Citizenship

(2004, 2014, both with Swiss data available)

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TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION	ISSP 2014 Variable in MOSAiCH 2015
Duties/Obligations of Citizenship	
Vote in elections	CZ1
Always obey laws	CZ3
Try understand reasoning of other people	CZ6
Help poor people in (COUNTRY)	CZ8
Help poor people elsewhere	CZ9
Citizens' Rights in a Democracy	
How Important is...	
... adequate standard of living for all citizens	CZ28
... government respects minority rights	CZ29
... politicians respect democratic rights whatever the circumstances	CZ32
... health care for everyone	CZ36
Satisfaction with Democracy	
Quality of democracy today	CZ58
Quality of democracy 10 years ago	CZ59
Quality of democracy 10 years from now	CZ60
Trust	
Trust in government to do the right thing	CZ45
Politicians in politics for personal advantage	CZ46
Evaluation of Institutions	
Parties offer no real policy choices	CZ52
Referendum good means for important political issues	CZ53

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION	ISSP 2014 Variable in MOSAiCH 2015
Political Participation	
Sign petition	CZ13
Boycott products	CZ14
Participate in demonstrations	CZ15
Expressed political views on the internet	CZ20
Efficacy	
People have no say about what government does	CZ37
Government does not care about people's ideas	CZ38
Left-right orientation	CZ44

PROPOSED NEW TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR 2023

These items are still being pretested and only approximately 10 of the new items listed below will be included in the final questionnaire.

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION	
Populism (new possible items):	
Agree/Disagree:	Politicians should follow will of people
Agree/Disagree:	People not politicians should make policy decisions
Agree/Disagree:	Politicians talk too much and take too little action
Agree/Disagree:	People can compromise in politics without selling out principles
Agree/Disagree:	Politicians care about what ordinary people think
Agree/Disagree:	Conflict between ordinary people and those in power
Agree/Disagree:	Business leaders make money at expense of ordinary people
Agree/Disagree:	Better to rely on experts than ordinary people
Agree/Disagree:	Government responsible to reduce income differences between rich and poor
Nationalism (new possible items):	
Agree/Disagree:	People born in [COUNTRY] preference over immigrants (jobs, housing, health care)
Become a true [NATIONALITY]:	Make an effort vs. have to be born
Agree/Disagree:	People born in country more entitled to hold power than immigrants
Agree/Disagree:	Main nationality group more entitled to hold power than ethnic minorities
Agree/Disagree:	Every nationality should have own country
Agree/Disagree:	All nations should live in own countries so there are no ethnic minorities
Media use for Politics (new possible items):	
Agree/Disagree:	Media coverage about [COUNTRY] politics is biased
Agree/Disagree:	Overall media coverage is one-sided
Agree/Disagree:	The media skews reporting to influence what people think
How often:	use television, newspapers, radio to get political news
How often:	use social media to get political news

Reminder: topics and items of ISSP 2023 are provisional and subject to change until September 2022