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Data discovery and sharing: Discover FORS and SWISSUbase

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ABOUT FORS



FORS IS THE SWISS CENTRE
OF EXPERTISE IN THE
SOCIAL SCIENCES.

We produce survey data for national
and international surveys.

We provide tools for the information
infrastructure in Switzerland and
abroad.

We offer consulting services for
social science researchers.

We do thematic and methodological
research in empirical social
sciences.



FIND &
DEPOSIT DATA



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OPEN
POSITIONS

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FORS – Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences

- Research infrastructure of national scope intended for any institution or person active in the social sciences
- Mostly funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and hosted by the University of Lausanne
- Founded in 2008
- Largest social science data archive in Switzerland
- Data management consulting and training

Research at FORS



FORS COVID-19 SURVEYS



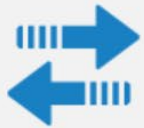
METHODOLOGICAL
RESEARCH



POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
AND PUBLIC OPINION



VALUES AND ATTITUDES



SOCIAL CHANGE



LIFE COURSE



WELLBEING



Why share educational data?

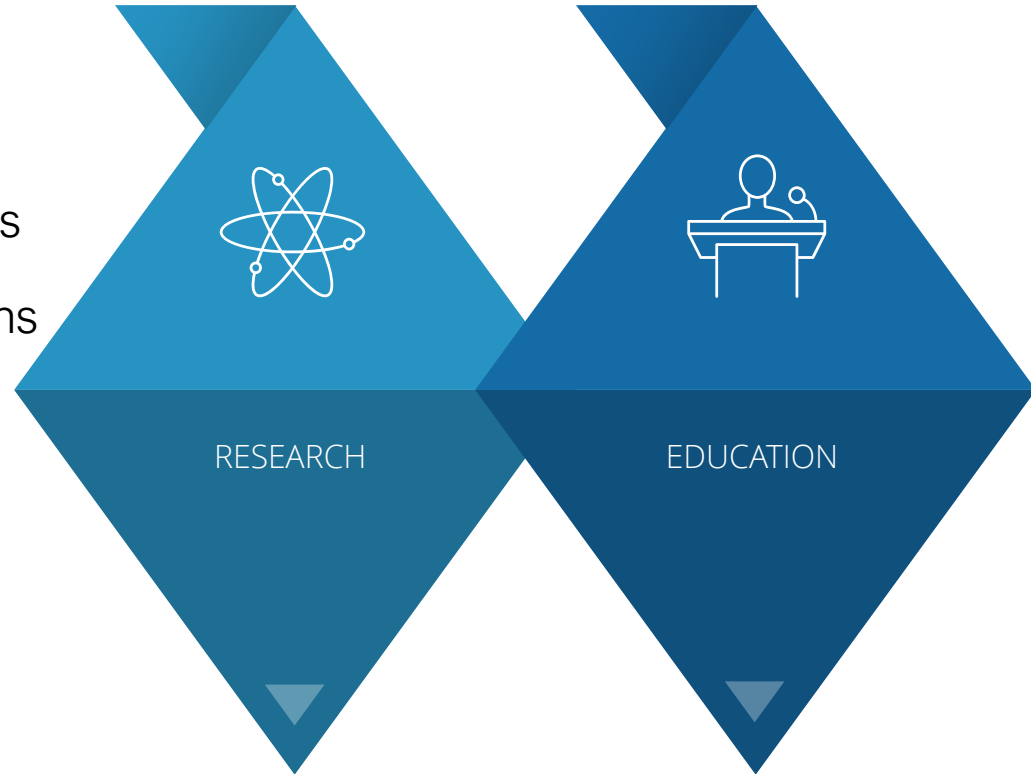
- Push towards open research and open data
- Requests for more transparency in educational research (van der Zee & Reich, 2018)
- Demands for long-term preservation of data
- Researchers are asked to make their data and other research materials available, by funders, journals, and peers
- Growing amount of data available for secondary analysis, both quantitative and qualitative

Motivations for data sharing

- Efficient use of data
- Transparency and reproducibility
- Long-term preservation
- Increased quality of data and research
- Visibility of data production (data citation)
- Augmented number of citations of scientific articles
- New collaborations and avenues for research
- ...

Motivations for data re-use

- Answer new research questions
- Extend existing work
- Work on non-reproducible materials
- Access to hard-to-reach populations
- Draw comparisons
- Data linkage
- ...



FORS Data Management and Archive Services (DMAS)

- Support throughout the research (data) life cycle
- Data management service
 - Consultancy
 - Trainings
 - Guides
- Data archiving, access, and dissemination



Find data and projects within Switzerland

Search the catalogue ...



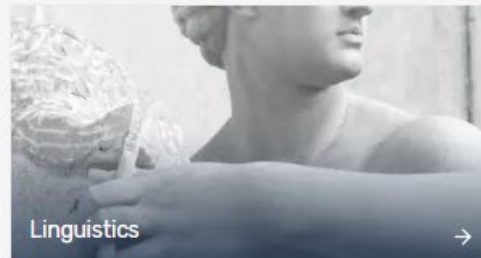
1026 Datasets, 12256 studies

Explore the catalogue of studies and data by topic area



Social Sciences →

Social science research project catalogue: Search among 12,000+ Swiss social science research projects – completed or ongoing – to find who works on what.



Linguistics →

Search data from Swiss linguistics research projects.



Other Disciplines →

Search data from a range of other disciplines.

Data archive services: Our data service experts



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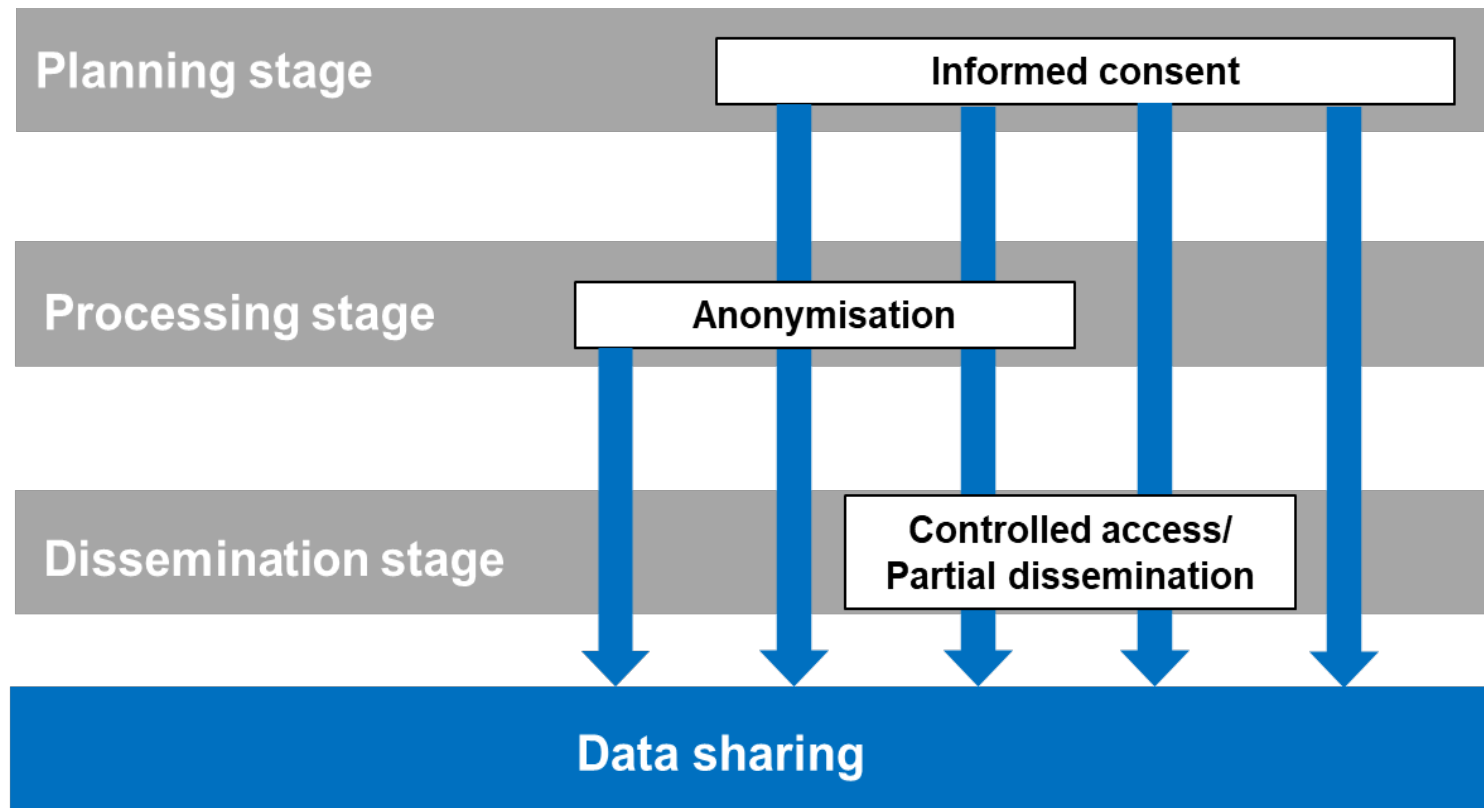


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SWISSUbase for universities of teacher education

- Much attention for sensitive data and data protection
 - Individual consultations
 - Cooperative data curation process
 - All services are free of costs
 - Data remain in Switzerland
 - Controlled access to your data
 - Hands-on workshops for data deposit (and re-use)
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- Your needs?
 - Contact us early when you start a new project

Sharing sensitive data



International visibility

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6 studies found in English from a total of 37274

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
[SHP_IV Pilot Waves 1-2](#)

Tillmann, Robin

In preparation of the next refreshment sample of the Swiss Household Panel (the SHP_IV, to start in 2020), the SHP ran a two-wave pilot study in 2018 and 2019 to test alternative modes of interviewing. Advances in information and communication technologies and the increasing use thereof, suggest that web-based data collection offers a particularly promising alternative to telephone in the Swiss context. However, differences between CATI and web are large in terms of interviewer presence,...

▾ Read more

Study description available in: EN

 Access data

[Replication Data for: Integrating online data collection in a *household panel* study: effects on second-wave participation](#)

Voorpostel, Marieke (FORS (Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences)); Roberts, Caroline (University of Lausanne); Ghoorbin, Margarita (University of Lausanne)

Received wisdom in survey practice suggests that using web mode in the first wave of a panel study is not as effective



The FORS Guides offer support to researchers and students in the social sciences who intend to collect data, as well as to teachers at university level, who want to teach their students the basics of survey methods and data management. Written by experts from inside and outside of FORS, the FORS Guides are descriptive papers that summarise practical knowledge concerning survey methods and data management. They give a general overview without claiming to be exhaustive. Considering the Swiss context, the FORS Guides can be especially helpful for researchers working in Switzerland or with Swiss data. The FORS Guides are an ongoing publication series, additional guides will follow soon.

FORS GUIDES TO SURVEY METHODS

If you want to collect your own data or just better understand the decisions behind data collection processes, these guides will give you interesting insights into measurement concepts, the development of questionnaires, survey modes, field organisation and monitoring and a lot of other topics regarding the collection and processing of data.

[Mobile web surveys](#) (FORS Guide N°01), Jessica M.E. Herzing

[Measurement of income in surveys](#) (FORS Guide N°02), Ursina Kuhn

[Refusal conversion](#) (FORS Guide N°04), Marieke Voorpostel

[Surveying national minorities](#) (FORS Guide N°06), Jessica M.E. Herzing, Guy Elcheroth, Oliver Lipps, Brian Kleiner

[Incentives in surveys](#) (FORS Guide N°08), Oliver Lipps, Jessica M.E. Herzing, Nicolas Pekari, Michèle Ernst Stähli, Alexandre Pollien, Gisana Riedo, Maud Reveilhac

[Measurement of social position in surveys](#) (FORS Guide N°10), Robin Tillmann

[Measuring party affiliation](#) (FORS Guide N°12), Georg Lutz, Lukas Lauener

[Preparation of survey data](#) (FORS Guide N°13), Alexandre Pollien, Jessica M. E. Herzing, Erika Antal

[Panel surveys: advantages and disadvantages compared with repeated cross-sectional surveys](#) (FORS Guide N°14), Oliver Lipps

[Representativeness of surveys and its analysis](#) (FORS Guide N°15), Michael Ochsner

[Data Linkage](#) (FORS Guide N°18), Giannina Vaccaro, Elfe Swerts

[Measuring psychological constructs](#) (FORS Guide N°22), Valérie-Anne Ryser

FORS GUIDES TO DATA MANAGEMENT

The correct, fast and easy handling of data is a major concern of all researchers collecting and processing data. The guides provide you with useful knowledge around your data management, from the planning to its implementation, the consideration of ethical issues and data protection until the final archiving and sharing of your data.

[Ethics in the era of open research data: some points of reference](#) (FORS Guide N°03), Pablo Diaz

[The informed consent as legal and ethical basis of research data production](#) (FORS Guide N°05), Sybil Krügel

[How to draft a DMP from the perspective of the social sciences, using the SNSF template](#) (FORS Guide N°07), Pablo Diaz, Alexandra Stam

[Pre-registration and registered reports](#) (FORS Guide N°09), Marieke Heers

[Data anonymisation: legal, ethical, and strategic considerations](#) (FORS Guide N°11), Alexandra Stam, Brian Kleiner

[Replication in the social sciences](#) (FORS Guide N°16), Marieke Heers

[Data protection: legal considerations for research in Switzerland](#) (FORS Guide N°17), Pablo Diaz

[Data Citation: How and Why Citing \(Your Own\) Data](#) (FORS Guide N°19), Christina Bornatici, Nicolas Fedrigo

[Qualitative data anonymisation: theoretical and practical considerations for anonymising interview transcripts](#) (FORS Guide N°20), Alexandra Stam, Pablo Diaz

[Data Sharing in the Social Sciences](#) (FORS Guide N°21), Marieke Heers

[Quantitative data anonymisation: practical guidance for anonymising social science data](#) (FORS Guide N°23), Brian Kleiner, Marieke Heers

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