

MOSAiCH 2027 SURVEY: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the second part of the MOSAiCH 2027 survey with a thematic focus on Social Networks and Social Resources. Questions from successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2027. The deadline for submissions is Monday 20 April 2026.

MOSAiCH is an annual cross-sectional survey program that examines the attitudes, values, and behaviours of the Swiss population towards a broad range of social issues (see <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich/>). The first part of the survey includes the current module of the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP), along with socio-demographic questions. The content of the second part of MOSAiCH is defined through a call for question contributions. Through these calls, FORS offers researchers a unique opportunity to collect representative data in Switzerland on relevant societal issues at no cost.

The MOSAiCH survey is self-administered (web/paper) and based on a random sample of adults residing in Switzerland drawn from the register of the National Statistical Office. The second part of the survey, sent to the respondents of the first part, seeks to achieve a final sample of at least 1,000 interviews.

TOPICS AND CONCEPTS MEASURED IN MOSAiCH 2027:

- The first part of the MOSAiCH 2027 survey includes the ISSP questionnaire "Social Networks and Social Resources" (for details, please refer to the topics and concepts in Appendix II) and a comprehensive set of socio-demographic variables.
- The second part of the survey will be composed of topics, concepts, and questions defined through the accepted proposals to this call.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

FORS invites researchers from the social science community to propose questions for the second part of the MOSAiCH survey 2027. The questions shall complement the dimensions of the ISSP 2027 Social Networks and Social Resources module and enhance the analytic potential of the MOSAiCH 2027 survey in Switzerland. Preference will be given to topics and concepts with relevance for a larger scientific public, and to instruments that harmonize with the concepts of the planned ISSP module.

The proposal should include 1) an explanation of the relevance as well as the theoretical foundation of the proposal, 2) an outline of the proposed concepts and questions, and 3) a plan for publication and dissemination of research findings.

In principle, each contributor will be given a space of up to 10-15 questions, but proposals with single questions or entire modules will also be considered.

Proposals have to be submitted in English, while the proposed questions can be in English, German, French, or Italian. The expected proposal length is between 3 and 8 pages, without counting the proposed questions and references. Detailed requirements are available in Appendix I.

TIMELINE:

Proposals have to be submitted until **Monday 20 April 2026**. The MOSAiCH Scientific Commission will evaluate them in June 2026. The questions of the accepted proposals will be developed in collaboration with survey experts of FORS during summer and fall 2026. The data will be collected during spring and summer 2027 and will be ready for analysis in early 2028. The MOSAiCH 2027 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 or Marlene.Sapin@fors.unil.ch. Do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the MOSAiCH team members if you have further questions regarding this call.

EVALUATION:

All proposals will be evaluated by the members of the MOSAiCH Scientific Commission following its mandate and evaluation criteria. External reviews by experts in specific disciplines or empirical approaches may be added if deemed 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 upon by all Commission members.

Proposals for concepts/questions directly related to the fielded ISSP topics on Social Networks and Social Resources will be considered first, non-related topics will be considered if space allows. Accepted questions will be incorporated in the second part of the MOSAiCH survey in Switzerland.

For more information about the MOSAiCH survey design, the Scientific Commission composition and mandate, and the evaluation criteria, visit the FORS website: <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich>, under the section “MOSAiCH call”. Additionally, you can also consult the survey documentation of the previous MOSAiCH editions on [SWISSUbase](#).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix I: Proposal content and format requirements
- Appendix II: Topics and concepts measured in the MOSAiCH 2027 survey, part 1

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APPENDIX I: Proposal content and format requirements

The expected length of the proposal is 3-8 pages (without proposed questions and references). It should not exceed 10 pages (character size not smaller than 10).

Content:

- Title,
- Author(s) affiliation and contact information
- Brief biographical note
- Summary (max. 300 words)
- 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).
- Publication and dissemination plan of research findings
- List of proposed questions, including:
 - Dimensions and concepts
 - Question wording in the reference language, either English, German, French or Italian
 - Translation(s) if available
 - Source of the question
 - Specific implementation requirements if relevant
- References

If you plan an experimental design:

- explain in detail the experimental design and include a discussion of sample size requirements.

If the proposal is part of a larger funded project (FNS funding or other):

- specify in which way the proposal is articulated within the larger funded project, also financially.

If the author is a PhD student:

- please join a support letter from the supervisor.

You might also want to refer to the evaluation criteria, published at <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich>, under the section “MOSAiCH call”.

Important note

If you propose questions developed and used in other projects, or if you adapted them, 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.

APPENDIX II

MOSAiCH 2027: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH-ISSP 2027

The first part of the 2027 edition of MOSAiCH will primarily consist of the *ISSP 2027 Social Networks and Social Resources II* questionnaire and a socio-demographic section that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

The **Social Networks and Social Resources** module is one of the ISSP's more recent modules and will be repeated for the first time in 2027. It provides a unique comparative dataset that enables the analysis of social networks and individual social resources across a wide range of contexts. Although the module was first surveyed in 2017, selected comparisons can be made with the 2001 and 1986 ISSP modules (see <https://www.gesis.org/en/issp/data-and-documentation/social-networks/2017> for details). Data from Switzerland is available for the 2001 and 2017 ISSP modules.

Please note that the questionnaire for 2027 is still in preparation by the ISSP drafting group, and that the final questionnaire will not be available until September 2026. However, since successive surveys are always partial replications of earlier surveys, the 2027 questionnaire will repeat at least two-thirds of the questions measured in 2017. On the following pages we therefore provide as guidance the topics and detailed items surveyed in 2017, as well as the new topics foreseen for 2027.

The Social Networks and Social Resources II module will cover a wide range of issues such as personal networks, individual resources and formal and informal support, social strain, perceived integration and loneliness, perceptions and justifications of social inequalities, social participation, health and wellbeing, and social interaction in the era of social media. In addition, it will explore new dimensions such as social belonging, social negativity, network heterogeneity and political participation, and interpersonal and societal interactions with AI.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2027 Social Networks and Social Resources module. Standard variables on education and occupational situation, income, origin, religion, political participation and orientation, as well as household composition will be measured (see the ISSP background variables on: www.gesis.org or the data documentation of the previous editions of MOSAiCH available in SWISSUbase: www.swissubase.ch)

ISSP Social Networks and Social Resources II
(first fielded in 2017, with Swiss data available)

TOPICS AND ITEMS MEASURED IN 2017

About two thirds of the listed items will be repeated in 2027

Topic and abbreviated version of question	ISSP 2017 Variable in MOSAiCH 2017
Diversity and hierarchy of personal network (position generator)	
Jobs of persons you know: bus/lorry driver	SN1a
Jobs of persons you know: senior executive of a large company	SN1b
Jobs of persons you know: home or office cleaner	SN1c
Jobs of persons you know: hairdresser/barber	SN1d
Jobs of persons you know: human resource manager/personnel manager	SN1e
Jobs of persons you know: lawyer	SN1f
Jobs of persons you know: car mechanic	SN1g
Jobs of persons you know: nurse	SN1h
Jobs of persons you know: police officer	SN1i
Jobs of persons you know: school teacher	SN1j
Perception and justification of social inequalities	
Differences in income in country are too large	SN2a
Society to be fair, differences in people's standard of living should be small	SN2b
Government responsible for reducing income differences	SN2c
Social benefits and services make people lazy	SN2d
State and market	
Who should provide health care for the sick	SN3
Who should provide care for the elder	SN4
Social participation and political efficacy	
Past 12 month: taken part in groups for leisure, sport	SN5a
Past 12 month: taken part in activities of social or political groups	SN5b
Past 12 month: involved in work for voluntary or charitable organisations	SN5c
People like me no say what government does	SN6

Topic and abbreviated version of question	ISSP 2017 Variable in MOSAiCH 2017
Social resources and support	
Ask for help: household and garden	SN7a
Ask for help: when ill	SN7b
Ask for help: feel down or depressed	SN7c
Ask for advice: family problems	SN7d
Enjoying a pleasant social occasion with	SN7e
Ask for help: borrow large sum of money	SN8a
Ask for help: finding a job	SN8b
Ask for help: administrative problems	SN8c
Ask for help: find a place to live	SN8d
Look after you: when seriously ill	SN8e
Perceived integration	
Past 4 weeks: lack companionship	SN9a
Past 4 weeks: felt isolated	SN9b
Past 4 weeks: felt left out	SN9c
Trust (in others and in institutions)	
How often: other people take advantage of you or be fair	SN10
Trust in others	SN11
Trust in institutions: courts	SN12a
Trust in institutions: big enterprises	SN12b
Norms of obligation and reciprocity	
Adult children should care for old parents	SN13a
Take care of family, before helping others	SN13b
People better off should help friends	SN13c
Social strain	
Pressure from family in the way you live	SN14
Too many demands from family, friends	SN15
How often past 4 weeks: family members act angry or upset	SN16
Access and mobilization of social relations	
How often: go out with friends or acquaintances	SN17
How often: make new friends when going out	SN18

Topic and abbreviated version of question	ISSP 2017 Variable in MOSAiCH 2017
Contact frequency with family and friends	
How often: contact with parent most frequently in contact with	SN21
How often: contact with sibling most frequently in contact with	SN22
How often: contact with adult child most frequently in contact with	SN23
How often: contact with other family member most frequently in contact with	SN24
How often: contact with close friend most frequently in contact with	SN25
Social interaction in the social media era	
How many people you have contact with typical day	SN19
How many contacts face-to-face	SN20
How many contacts with family and friends through Internet	SN26
Health and well-being	
Self-rated health	SN27
Past 4 weeks: felt unhappy and depressed	SN28a
Past 4 weeks: felt difficulties too big to overcome	SN28b
How easy to accomplish my goals	SN29
Life satisfaction	SN30
Economic and cultural capital	
Total household income: how easy to make ends meet	SN31
In how many languages able to hold conversation	SN32
Access and mobilization of social relations (optional questions)	
How often: one person dominates conversation	SNO34a
How often: seating arrangements	SNO34b
How often: contact with person from hometown	SNO35
How often: contact with person from same religious community	SNO36
Norms of reciprocity (optional questions)	
Agree/disagree: friendship should be of use to yourself	SNO33a
Agree/disagree: favours should be repaid	SNO33b

** Reminder: The final questionnaire will be available in September 2026 and include 60 items (without optional items).*

POTENTIAL NEW TOPICS FOR 2027

A broad set of items covering the topics listed below is currently being pretested.
Between 15 and 20 new items in total will be included in the final questionnaire.

NEW TOPICS (Between 15-20 new items)

Social belonging

Contacts, network heterogeneity (in opinions and level of education) and participation

Social negativity and its societal impact (incl. exposure to social negativity)

Interpersonal and societal interaction with AI

Expansion of the topic of social inequalities