

Call for papers

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Understanding Social Dynamics: 20 Years of the Swiss Household Panel

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In 2019, the Swiss Household Panel celebrates its 20th Birthday. On this occasion, we invite for contributions to an anniversary issue of the Swiss Journal of Sociology. The contributions should focus on social dynamics and make use of the longitudinal character of the panel data.

Panel studies have unique analytical advantages. They are essential to understand processes of mobility and inertia. In particular they make it possible to: (a) measure and analyse social change; (b) distinguish between permanent and transitory characteristics of a given phenomenon; and (c) study both intergenerational and intragenerational patterns of phenomena such as poverty, income dynamics, health conditions and practices or political positioning. In addition, they allow researchers to establish (robust) causal relationships between social phenomena. Household panels also allow for intra-household studies, such as the study of mutual influence of household members' attitudes and behaviours over time. Panel data are therefore important for both academic research and for monitoring and evaluating policies.

For the special issue "Understanding Social Dynamics" of the Swiss Journal of Sociology, we welcome substantive contributions from different conceptual and theoretical horizons, addressing topics such as education, employment, material reward, health, social networks, integration, political behaviour, or attitudes and values. Comparative analyses based on the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) are particularly welcome.

Please submit your proposal for a contribution to Robin Tillmann (robin.tillmann@fors.unil.ch) by **20 December 2018**.

Your submission for the special issue should include the following:

- name, email address, and affiliations of all the authors
- title of the paper,
- abstract of around 500 words, structured (topic, aim, methods, results, discussion, conclusion).

The guest editors will decide on the acceptance or rejection of the abstract until **7 January 2019**.

Selected authors will be invited to submit their manuscript (max. 8,000 words, 50,000 characters including tables, figures and references) by **1 July 2019**. The manuscripts will go through the usual peer-review process of the Swiss Journal of Sociology. Accepted languages are English, German or French. More information about the Swiss Journal of Sociology and the submission process are available on <https://szs.sqs-sss.ch/en/>

Publication is planned for **November 2020**.

Please note that the next “International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland” will take place **on 5-7 June 2019**. It will be the 10th conference and the opportunity to also celebrate 20 years of the Swiss Household Panel (SHP). Interested scholars are kindly invited to submit papers for both the special issue and the conference. If you are also interested by the conference, please inform us when submitting your abstract.

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