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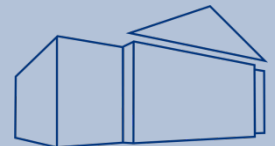
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## Foreword

The ZDA can report on a number of exceptionally positive events for the year 2019. First and foremost, we would like to mention the decision taken by the Executive Board of the University of Zurich to guarantee their comprehensive commitment to the location Aarau, above and beyond its contractually defined terms. The University of Zurich, thus, wishes to continue with the system which has proven successful since 2017 of two assistant professorships including two members of staff from the fields of political sciences and jurisprudence until at least 2029. With this, the University of Zurich recognises the ZDA as a beacon in the Swiss research landscape in Aarau. The Directorate would here like to thank the Executive Board of the University for the trust and essential support it has shown the ZDA and, in particular, also President ad interim and Vice President Prof. Dr Gabriele Siegert, who also represents the University of Zurich in the partners' meeting.

The 11th Aarau Democracy Days on the topic '150 Jahre direkte Demokratie im Kanton Aargau' (trans. 150 years of direct democracy in the Canton of Aargau) were remarkably successful. An above average number of visitors attended both the scholarly segment and the preceding evening's opening event for the general public, which included a talk given by the Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis. A special thank you for his extensive support goes out to Dr Thomas Pauli, head of the culture department in the Department of Education, Culture and Sport in the name of the Canton of Aargau as well as to Prof Dr Thomas Pfisterer for both the practical and theoretical assistance provided in the preparations for this event.

A further highlight and as part of the traditional Late Summer Event of our sponsor association Friends of the ZDA was the book launch party for 'Brennpunkt Demokratie', published on the occasion of the 10-year anniversary of the ZDA. The publication is the result of a collaboration of all the departments of the ZDA. I would here like to thank the Friends of the ZDA and their president Councillor Dr Urs Hofmann for the generous financial support for the book and its distribution. The bonds between the ZDA and its Friends have become even stronger in the past year. We are very pleased that, once again, new members could be won for the steering committee following on a number of departures due to the limitations of term of office.

With regard to personnel, the year 2019 proved very eventful. Following on the departure of Prof. Dr Nadja Braun Binder to the University of Basle, as had been announced the previous year, a successor was selected in December 2019. The University council appointed Prof. Dr Lorenz Langer as assistant professor to succeed her as of 1 February 2020. The directorate is very pleased to note that the assistant professorship will, herewith, remain in the best of hands. The vacancy due to the departure of Marion Banholzer as managing director, after only one year at the ZDA, was filled with the hiring of Corin Limacher as Administrative Assistant and Hanna Wolf as Social-Media Manager. We would like to once again thank Marion Banholzer for her prudent planning towards finding a successor and her strong commitment to both develop the presence of the ZDA and enhance its visibility. A large thank you is also owed to Patrik Zamora, who after the completion of his dissertation on political planning games has left the centre, as well as to Claudia Schneider, who, after years of gathering experience in research work on political education, returned to work in the education sector. Finally, PD Dr Corsin Bisaz, who has been a support both professionally and personally for many years, has after eight years left the ZDA for the Federal Court. After he successfully completed the process towards becoming a professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich in 2019, he sought new challenges in the forensic practice. We thank him for his steadfast commitment to the ZDA.

Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser  
Aarau, March 2020

# I. Research

## Research focus 1: Direct Democracy

A high point of the year 2019 was the 11th Aarau Democracy Days on 28th and 29th March 2019, titled ‘150 Jahre direkte Demokratie im Kanton Aargau’ (trans. 150 years direct democracy in Canton Aargau). The event, which was organised in cooperation with the Department for Culture of the Canton Aargau, had as its main focus the development of direct democracy in Aargau ca. 150 years ago in the course of the democratic movement. In this, also the influence of other cantons and the societal framework were addressed and for Aarau, in particular, the important role played by Heinrich Zschokke. In addition, a link was made to the contemporary world in that the realisation of the canton’s constitution in 1980 was given due recognition, and both the current legal design and the actual implementation of the people’s law were examined. On the evening before the main event, Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis spoke on the current challenges to direct democracy in view of European policies, in particular in connection with the currently discussed institutional agreement.

A further event that attracted a great deal of interest was the conference ‘Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen – ein mühsames Unterfangen’ (trans. the successful implementation of people’s initiatives – a difficult undertaking) organised by Andreas Glaser and Andreas Kley in the Villa Blumenhalde, with participants such as Thomas Minder, initiator of the *Abzockerinitiative* (trans. The rip-off initiative) and Vera Weber, initiator of the *Zweitwohnungsinitiative* (trans. Second homes initiative). The discussions with the public showed that the implementation of people’s initiatives on a federal, cantonal and municipal level faces numerous obstacles, specifically the tendency within parliaments and governments to dilute the initiative’s demands both with regard to their timeline and content. On the flip side, in this the significance of the – at the time shortly to take place – parliamentary elections were emphasised.

A major consultancy project addressed the basic legal conditions for interventions by municipalities and municipal associations in cantonal voting campaigns. It was commissioned by the Verband Basellandschaftlicher Gemeinden (trans. Association of Basel Landschaft Municipalities). Due to the increasingly unclear divisions of responsibilities, it is a growing phenomenon that municipalities and associations of municipalities respond to cantonal and federal plebiscites. This can clearly be seen in, for example, taxation policies and in land-use issues. In this, the legitimate interests of the municipal concerns, on the one hand, are to be harmonized with the guaranteed fundamental rights of eligible voters to vote freely. The ZDA study demonstrates legally practicable possibilities, which could also be useful for municipalities in other cantons.

### Ongoing projects

*Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa* (ADF/c2d): sponsored by the University of Zurich (**Tarik Abou-Chadi/Nadja Braun Binder**). Duration: 09/2017–10/2023.

### Completed projects

*Towards a theory of deliberative receptiveness in constituent process. The citizen's dialogues from a comparative approach* (c2d): National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development FONDECYT, Chile (**Yanina Welp**). Duration: 04/2017–03/2019.

### New approved projects

None

## Research focus 2: Institutions of Democracy in Comparison

With the ‘Democracy Barometer’ the ZDA continues to operate an internationally recognized project to measure and analyse the quality of democracy, compared chronologically and between countries. Analyses of the data from the Democracy Barometer published in the year 2019 for the first time show a clear decline in the quality of democracy in certain European countries (Kübler & Engler 2019, Bochsler & Juon 2019). In Eastern Europe, in particular, the erosion of the quality of democracy (so called ‘democratic backsliding’) can be attributed to the activities of populist actors and parties in parliament and government.

Applied research and consultancy projects in the reporting year consisted of, amongst others, analyses for the attention of the municipalities in what is known as the future space Aarau. The ZDA conducted assessments and computer simulations towards a redesigning of constituencies and urban district representation in the region of Aarau. These analyses formed the basis for specific recommendations, which the steering committee passed on for consultation in the summer of 2019 – and were met with approval by the public.

Comparative law was the focus of the conference on the constitutional foundation of voting rights organised in May by Andreas Glaser and Lorenz Langer with colleagues from Austria and Switzerland. Discussion topics were in equal measure the configuration of the individual electorates and the shortcomings of postal voting. Also, judicial protection in matters of elections and issue voting, and the European and international influences, were further topics discussed. There was a lively exchange about similarities and differences between the two legal systems operating beneath the shared roof of European law.

### Ongoing projects

*Demokratiebarometer* (ADF): a NCCR Democracy research project (**Sarah Engler**, Lucas Leemann, Heiko Giebler and **Tarik Abou-Chadi**). Duration: 01/2018–. [self-financed by the ZDA].

*HIV/STI Präventionsarbeit im Kanton Zürich: Analyse der vorhandenen Evidenz bezüglich der Kosteneffektivität von verschiedenen Präventionsmassnahmen im HIV/STI Bereich* (ADF): Research project commissioned by the Department of Health of Canton Zurich. (**Daniel Kübler** and Kathrin Frey [KEK Consultants]). Duration: 01/2019–03/2020.

*The democratic foundations of the Just City* (ADF): SNSF project sponsoring (div. I) (**Oliver Dlabac**, **Daniel Kübler**, and Peter Lee [University of Birmingham]). Duration: 03/2017–04/2020.

*The genesis of consociational oligarchies. Why consociational regimes have spread to the nondemocratic world* (ADF): SNSF project sponsoring (div. I) (**Daniel Bochsler**). Duration: 05/2016–08/2020.

*Unterstützung für die Weiterentwicklung und Datenbearbeitung der Wahl- und Abstimmungsstatistik* (ADF): Research project mandated by the Federal Statistical Office. (**Daniel Kübler**, **Daniel Bochsler** and **Thomas Milic**). Duration: 11/2016–03/2020.

*Wahlen und Abstimmungen Schweiz* (ADF): Mandated by the Federal Statistical Office to support the further development and the processing of the voting and election statistics data (continuation of the 2012–2015 mandate) (**Daniel Kübler**, **Daniel Bochsler**, **Thomas Milic**, **Philippe Rochat** and **Alessandro Feller**). Duration: 11/2016–03/2020.

## Completed projects

*10 Jahre BetmG: Politikfeldanalyse* (ADF): Research project commissioned by the Federal Office of Public Health. (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 10/2018–05/2019.

*Bericht über Stimm- und Wahlrecht für Ausländerinnen und Ausländer zuhanden der Stadt Aarau* (ADF): Study commissioned by the city of Aarau. (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 06/2019–12/2019.

*Durchmischung an städtischen Schulen – eine politische Aufgabe? (pilot study: Zurich)* (ADF): Supported by the Stiftung Mercator and the Integration Office of the city of Zurich (**Oliver Dlabac** and **Adina Amrhein**). Duration: 10/2018–09/2019.

*Fusionsanalysen: Wahlkreise und Stadtteilvertretungen im Zukunftsraum Aarau* (ADF): Research project commissioned by the city of Aarau and the municipalities Densbüren, Oberentfelden, Suhr, and Unterentfelden. (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 09/2018–06/2019.

*Interventionen von Gemeinden und Gemeindeverbänden in kantonalen Abstimmungskampagnen* (c2d): Legal opinion for the attention of the association of the Basel-Landschaft municipalities (**Norina Frehner, Andreas Glaser, Till Haechler, Lorenz Langer**). Duration: 01/2019–11/2019.

*Situationsanalyse. HIV/STI Prävention im Kanton Zürich: Analyse der aktuellen Finanzierungssituation* (ADF): Research project commissioned by the Department of Health of Canton Zurich. (Kathrin Frey [KEK Consultants] and **Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 01/2019–12/2019.

*Smart cities and the power of data: struggling to regulate Uber and Airbnb in Switzerland.* (**Daniel Kübler, Marine Trichet** and **Lyne Schuppisser**). Duration: 05/2019–09/2019.

## New approved projects

None

## Non-approved projects

*Externe Evaluation des Projekts 'Quartieridee' in Zürich Wipkingen* (ADF): Urban development Zurich. (**Daniel Kübler**).

*Public land-value capture and the promotion of urban design quality in Switzerland* (ADF): SNSF-COST proposal. (**Daniel Kübler** and Philippe Koch [ZHAW]).

*Spatial inequality and attitudes towards the European Union* (ADF): Pre-proposal submitted to NCCR Inequality (S. Walter [IPZ-UZH] and **Daniel Kübler**).

*The digital transformation in direct democracy: campaigning, opinion formation and regulatory implications* (ADF & c2d): NFP 77 pre-proposal. (**Daniel Kübler** and **Andreas Glaser**).

## Research focus 3: Democracy and its Citizens

In 2019, the voting analyses, which are carried out on a regular basis, yet again attracted a great deal of interest. The post-analyses of the federal voting, (VOTO-Analyses), which the ZDA compiles in collaboration with the research centre FORS at the University of Lausanne and the survey institute Link on behalf of the Federal Chancellery, provide political actors with important information about what voters want with regard to further developments in federal policies. The analyses of cantonal voting ('Fokus Aargau') receive a great deal of attention from the cantonal authorities and political parties. The findings about the reasons that lead to the acceptance or rejection of issues voted on are, however, also of interest to the wider public. The results of the study, thus, also receive a considerable amount of attention from the media.

The digitalisation of the relationship of the state authorities to the citizens has once again been a key topic in ZDA consulting work. In line with political developments, the focus shifted somewhat from e-voting to e-government. Thus, Katja Gfeller, as scientific project collaborator, as well as Nadja Braun Binder and Andreas Glaser, as sounding board, collaborated on the project digilex, initiated by state chancellery of Canton Zurich, with which electronic legal relations are to be introduced throughout the administration of Canton Zurich. The consultancy work was carried out in collaboration with the Centre for Information Technology, Society, and Law (ITSL) at the University of Zurich.

Scholarly questions around e-government were explored in an exchange with researchers from Germany within the context of a workshop organised in the winter by Nadja Braun Binder and Andreas Glaser at the University of Zurich and titled 'Digitalisierung & Öffentliche Verwaltung' (trans. Digitalisation & public administration). This included, among other issues, the digitalisation of the administrative process and the implementation of fully automated administrative decisions. This was followed in the early summer by a discussion event organised by Nadja Braun Binder on the topic 'Soll der Staat Künstliche Intelligenz einsetzen?' (trans. Should the state implement artificial intelligence?), whereby in this particular instance it mainly concerned the actual feasibility and the legal restrictions in the use of algorithms.

The preparations for a project approved by the Stiftung für Schweizerische Rechtspflege in Solothurn were initiated in the previous year. The aim here is to determine the factors for good legislation on the federal level on the basis of three policy areas (financial market, migration, land-use planning). With the aid of an approach based on constitutional law and administration theory, the project, which is a collaboration between the Centre for Legislative Studies at the University of Zurich and the KPM Centre for Public Management at the University of Bern, is to provide results that are applicable for a rational legislation.

### Ongoing projects

*Die Justizfunktion der Zürcher Bezirksräte* (c2d): **Katja Gfeller**. Duration: 02/2018–04/2020.

*Die Transparenz der öffentlichen Verwaltung im digitalen Zeitalter* (c2d): **Regina Weder**. Duration: 07/2019–06/2022.

*Digilex: Gesetzliche Grundlagen für elektronischen Geschäftsverkehr* (c2d): Consultancy project commissioned by the State Chancellery of Canton Zurich (**Nadja Braun Binder, Katja Gfeller and Andreas Glaser**). Duration: 02/2019–01/2020.



*Fokus Aargau: Nachbefragung anlässlich von Wahlen und Abstimmungen im Kanton Aargau (c2d/ADF):* Research project commissioned by Canton Aargau to the account of Swisslos-Fonds (**Uwe Serdült** and **Thomas Milic**). Duration: 01/2018–12/2021.

*Nachbefragung und Analysen zu eidgenössischen Abstimmungen (VOTO) (ADF):* Research project commissioned by the Federal Chancellery (Georg Lutz [Stiftung für die Forschung in Sozialwissenschaften (UniL)], **Daniel Kübler**, Urs Aellig [Link institute]). Duration: 06/2016–12/2020.

*What is political about consumerism? Political Consumerism in Switzerland (ADF):* SNSF project funding (dep. I), (**Daniel Kübler** and **Birte Gundelach**). Duration: 02/2017–05/2020.

### Completed projects

None

### New approved projects

*Faktoren guter Rechtsetzung. (c2d):* Stiftung für Schweizerische Rechtspflege (**Andreas Glaser**). Duration: 04/2020 – 03/2023.

*Social Status and the Transformation of Electoral Behavior in Western Europe. (ADF):* SNSF project funding (**Tarik Abou-Chadi**). Duration: 08/2019–07/2023.

### Non-approved projects

*Regaining informational autonomy and Quality Journalism - Evaluating a citizen-driven Media Infrastructure for Swiss Democracy. (c2d):* SNSF NFP 77 proposal (**Andreas Glaser**).

## Research focus 4: Democracy and Historical-Political Education

Climate strikes and the climate debate have defined the past year and have, finally, also had an effect on the Swiss parliamentary elections. The commitment of young people in addressing climate issues would have been inconceivable without social media. The potential of the Internet to give more potency to the representation of interests and mobilisation shows this clearly. Early analyses on ‘online-deliberation’ however show that *political participation* on the Internet is not self-propelling and the danger of the polarisation of opinions persists. Beyond this, recent findings on media consumption and processes of opinion formation have been sobering. According to the Yearbook Media 2019 of the fög (Research Institute for the Public Sphere and Society) of the University of Zurich, 56 % of 16- to 29-year olds are classified as news deprived. Entertainment and maintaining social contacts dominate in their media consumption. The lack of hard news has a negative effect on knowledge about politics and the willingness to participate, and it correlates with the low level of trust in political institutions. Both the positive as well as the negative developments show how very important civic education is. Amongst other issues, the young people must be enabled to use social media responsibly and in a self-empowered way as a medium of political communication and participation. The ‘how’ and ‘what’ questions were taken up by the head of the centre in May within the context of the talk given in the Stapferhaus Lenzburg about the exhibition ‘Fake’, as well as on the occasion of the Aargau teachers’ conference on the topic ‘Democracy and School’ in November. The theoretical debate and the developments of educational approaches and materials will continue to be a topic that the department will be addressing.

The team of the Department Civic and History Education have continued work on three research projects supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation. In the project ‘Politische Bildung im fächerübergreifenden Unterricht mit Geschichte auf der Sekundarstufe I’ (trans. Political education in cross-disciplinary lessons with history on secondary level I) a first research team looks at the potential and the challenges of political education in the Teaching Plan 21. The lesson analyses focus on the implementation of the new topics ‘human rights’ and ‘Switzerland–Europe’ in lessons. At the same time, a second team addressed the question whether reading and writing programs could improve the subject-specific writing skills of students in grammar school history lessons. The results of the trial study point clearly to possibilities of promoting skills by means of writing tasks based on specific materials and introductions into reading and writing about history, whereby working independently with documentary materials also challenges the learners. A third team focused on school as a core location in the project ‘Doing/Undoing Difference im Unterricht der Politischen Bildung’ (trans. Doing/undoing difference in lessons on civic education’, in which questions around national-ethnic-cultural (non-)affiliation are negotiated and (re)produced. The findings resulting from all three projects received a great deal of attention in teacher training courses and were also written about in various publications.

Important in 2019 was also the setting up of the praxis-based project ‘SpielPolitik!’ (trans. Play politics!). The planning game resulted in cooperation with the Verein Schulen nach Bern (trans. Association Schools to Bern). It introduces classes at secondary level I to the processes of national politics both in the classroom and on location in Bern. Through the preparatory assignments in the classroom and two project days in Bern the students learn about the route that a people’s initiative – in this case one they themselves have produced – takes through the national institutions. The high point are the parliamentary committee and party sessions in Bern which finish with the final session in the national council.

The conference ‘Die Jugoslawienkriege vermitteln’ (trans. Teaching the Yugoslav wars) in January 2019, part of the conference series *Erinnerung – Verantwortung – Zukunft* (trans. Memory – Responsibility – Future), offered the opportunity for an in-depth examination of subject-based and methodology-based teaching offers. The conference was very well received by all participants. The anthology *Forschungswerkstatt Geschichtsdidaktik 17* (trans. Research workshop history teaching 17), which was published in October 2019, compiles various contributions from the sixth edition of the conference ‘Geschichtsdidaktik empirisch’ (trans. History teaching empirically).

In addition to the research and praxis-based projects, the Department of Civic and History Education has been involved in scholarly and education policy discussions around the position and designing of civic education. For example, in the context of the panel discussion ‘Politische Bildung heute und in Zukunft’ (trans. Civic education today and in the future) moderated by Hans Fahrländer (Heinrich Zschokke Gesellschaft). Aslo, Monika Waldis was a member of an expert group that developed a thesis paper on civic education on secondary level II, commissioned by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), and in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (GS EDK). The consolidation of civic education on all levels of the Swiss education system has, as we are pleased to note, gained speed. And now it is important to make use of this impetus.

## On-going projects

*Doing/Undoing Difference im Unterricht in Politischer Bildung* (PBGD): SNSF project funding (div. I) (**Simon Affolter, Vera Sperisen, Monika Waldis**). Duration: 02/2017–04/2020.

*Labor 21* (PBGD and the Federal Commission on Migration): Financed by the State Secretariat for Migration (**Stefan Walter, Manuel Hubacher**). Duration: 05/2017–03/2020.

*Politische Bildung im fächerübergreifenden Unterricht mit Geschichte auf der Sekundarstufe I* (PBGD): SNSF project funding (div. I) (**Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Claudia Schneider, Julia Thyroff**). Duration: 09/2016–02/2020.

*Projektleitung «SpielPolitik!»* (PBGD): Private donors and financial sponsoring (**Stefan Walter**). Duration: 01/2019–12/2022.

## Completed projects

*Schülerinnen und Schüler schreiben Geschichte – eine Interventionsstudie* (PBGD): SNSF project funding (div. I) (**Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Kristine Gollin, Philipp Marti, Martin Nitsche, Julia Thyroff**). Duration: 11/2015–04/2019.

## New approved projects

*Evaluation Planspiel «SpielPolitik!»* (PBGD): Ernst Göhner Stiftung, Swisslos (**Manuel Hubacher, Monika Waldis, Stefan Walter**). Duration: 12/2019–12/2021.

*Grundkenntnistest Kanton Zürich* (PBGD): Canton Zurich (**Stefan Walter, N.N.**). Duration: 11/2019–12/2020.

*Jugend ohne Politik? Mit einem digitalen Tagebuch über Macht im Netz reflektieren* (PBGD): Paul Schiller Stiftung (**Manuel Hubacher, Monika Waldis**). Duration: 03/2020–12/2020.

*Studie zur Wirksamkeit des Impulstags «Prisma» der Schweizerischen Flüchtlingshilfe* (PBGD): Swiss Refugee Council (**Simon Affolter, Vera Sperisen**). Duration: 03/2020–10/2020.

*"Werkstatt: Teilhabe neu denken" – ein Entwicklungsprojekt (Teilprojekt I zu Zugehörigkeit reconsidered)*: Federal Commission on Migration (**Vera Sperisen, Simon Affolter**). Duration: 1.8.2020 – 31.12.2021

*«Rassismuserfahrungen und antirassistische Bildung» - Kooperationsprojekt (Teilprojekt II zu Zugehörigkeit reconsidered)*: Service for Combating Racism (**Simon Affolter, Vera Sperisen**). Duration: 1.8.2020 – 31.12.2021

## Non-approved projects

*Fostering and assessing competences for digital citizenship*: SNF NFP 77 "Digital Transformation". 25.2.2019. (**Monika Waldis, Christoph Kühberger**).

*„Zugehörigkeit Reconsidered – Schule in der Migrationsgesellschaft" – ein fachdidaktisches Entwicklungsprojekt (Teilprojekt III)*: Stiftung Mercator Schweiz (**Vera Sperisen, Simon Affolter**)

## Cross-departmental collaborations

The topic of digital transformation and its consequences for democracy led to a productive exchange between the three concerned disciplines at the ZDA (political sciences, jurisprudence, political education). The application to the Sinergia Program of the Swiss National Science Foundation for an interdisciplinary research project submitted last year was, after its non-approval, reworked and resubmitted to the SNSF by Daniel Kübler and Andreas Glaser (NFP77). Unfortunately, this too was unsuccessful. Prof. Kübler has now reworked it to a discipline-based submission and resubmitted it to division I of the SNSF. In addition, Daniel Kübler and Andreas Glaser are working on an interdisciplinary and cross-departmental application for a university-based research focus

‘Digital Democracy’. With this it will be possible to secure the continuation of the very promising interdisciplinary and cross-departmental collaboration on this topical subject.

Yet another project that has involved staff members from all three departments in the reporting year was the drafting of the anniversary publication on the occasion of the ZDA’s ten-year anniversary, which it celebrated in 2019. In this anthology, published by the Badener Verlag «hier + jetzt», research papers from all three departments of the ZDA are presented to a wider public in ten chapters. It was published in the summer of 2019, and it was presented to the public at the late summer event of The Friends of the ZDA.

Also, teams of teachers and experts from cantonal education departments were presented with information on the topic of populism in further education sessions by the two assistant professors at the ZDA. Such a further education format, which combines expert knowledge with teaching expertise has the distinction of being one of a kind in all of Switzerland. One can only hope that this opportunity will continue to be used extensively in the future.

## II. Publications

### Monographs 2019

**Bucher, Nevin Martina** (2019). *Jugend und Politik: das Jugendvorstossrecht in den Gemeinden*. Zurich/St. Gallen: Dike.

**Fuhrer, Corina** (2019). *Die Umsetzung kantonaler Volksinitiativen*. Zurich: Dike.

**Musliu, Nagihan** (2019). *Die Umsetzung eidgenössischer Volksinitiativen*. Zurich/St. Gallen: Dike.

**Nitsche, Martin** (2019). *Beliefs von Geschichtslehrpersonen: Eine Triangulationsstudie*. Bern: hep.

### Anthologies 2019

Krimmer, Robert, Volkamer, Melanie, Beckert, Bernhard, **Driza Maurer, Ardita, Serdült, Uwe**, et al. (eds.) (2019). *Fourth International Joint Conference on Electronic Voting, E-Vote-ID: 1-4 October 2019, Lochau/Bregenz, Austria: Proceedings*. Tallinn: TalTech Press.

Krimmer, Robert; Volkamer, Melanie; Cortier, Veronique, **Driza Maurer, Ardita, Serdült, Uwe**, et al. (eds.) (2019). *Electronic voting: 4th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2019: Bregenz, Austria, October 1–4, 2019: Proceedings*. Cham: Springer VS.

**Kübler, Daniel, Glaser, Andreas & Waldis, Monika** (eds.) (2019). *Brennpunkt Demokratie. 10 Jahre Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau*. Baden: hier + jetzt.

**Waldis, Monika & Ziegler, Béatrice** (eds.) (2019). *Forschungswerkstatt Geschichtsdidaktik 17. Beiträge zur Tagung «geschichtsdidaktik empirisch 17»*. Bern: hep.

## Journal articles 2019

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

**Abou-Chadi, Tarik**, Green-Pedersen, Christoffer & Mortensen, Peter B. (2019). Parties' policy adjustments in response to changes in issue saliency. *West European Politics*: Forthcoming.

**Abou-Chadi, Tarik** & Wagner, Markus (2019). Electoral Fortunes of Social Democratic Parties: Do Second Dimension Positions matter? *Journal of European Public Policy*: Forthcoming.

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**Glaser, Andreas**: Doktorierendenkolloquium *Demokratie*, RWF, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Glaser, Andreas**: Seminar *Aktuelle Fragen des Staatsrechts*, RWF, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Glaser, Andreas**: Vorlesung *Allgemeines Verwaltungsrecht*, RWF, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Glaser, Andreas**: Vorlesung *Staatsrecht I*, RWF, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Glaser, Andreas** & Kley, Andreas: Doktorierendenkolloquium *Power Meeting Democracy*, RWF, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Glaser, Andreas** & Kley, Andreas: Doktorierendenkolloquium *Power Meeting Democracy*, RWF, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Kübler, Daniel**: BA Vorlesung *Einführung in die Schweizer Politik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS und HS 2019.

**Kübler, Daniel**: BA Vorlesung *Politik und Demokratie in der Stadt*, Institute for Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Kübler, Daniel:** Weiterbildungskurs *Das Demokratieprofil der Schweiz: internationaler Vergleich und Überlegungen zur Zukunft*, MAS Applied History, University of Zurich, 11.1.2019.

**Kübler, Daniel:** Weiterbildungskurs *Das NIMBY Syndrom, oder: Urban Governance und 'lokale Egoismen'*, CAS Urban Management, Centre for Urban and Real Estate Management, University of Zurich, 17.05.2019.

**Kübler, Daniel:** Weiterbildungskurs *Principles of Fiscal Policy*, Zurich-Guangdong continuing education, Institut for Banking and Finance, University of Zurich, 13.8.2019.

**Kübler, Daniel:** Weiterbildungskurs *Städte, Megacities und Demokratie: wie das weltweite Wachstum der Städte die Demokratie fördert*, MAS Applied History, University of Zurich, 1.3.2019.

**Kübler, Daniel & Brunner, Palmo:** Capstone Course *Democratisation, Decentralisation and Local Governance*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Kübler, Daniel & Brunner, Palmo:** Capstone Course *Politikfeldanalyse Strompolitik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Kübler, Daniel & Schimmelfennig, Frank:** MA-CIS Core Seminar *Democracy*, D-GESS, ETHZ und Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Marti, Philipp:** Grundlagenmodule *Geschichtsdidaktik 1 und 2*, PH Zurich, FS/HS 2019.

**Marti, Philipp:** Seminar *Berufswerkstatt (Geschichtskultur): Geschichtsdebatten nach 1945: Die Beispiele Deutschland und die Schweiz*, University of Augsburg, WS 2019/20.

**Marti, Philipp:** Seminar *Geschichtsbewusstsein und Fiktionalität*, University of Basel/FNHW School of Education, FS 2019.

**Marti, Philipp:** Seminar *Themensetzung im Geschichtsunterricht im Kontext von Heterogenität, Migration und Globalisierung*, University of Augsburg, SS 2019.

**Marti, Philipp:** Seminar *Themensetzung im Geschichtsunterricht im Kontext von Heterogenität, Migration und Globalisierung*, University of Basel/FNHW School of Education, HS 2019.

**Marti, Philipp:** Seminar *«Versucht euch vorzustellen, damals...»: Historische Imagination als Chance und Herausforderung für das Fach Geschichte*, University of Augsburg, WS 2018/19.

**Milic, Thomas:** Pflichtmodul *Einführung in die Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Seminar *Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Seminar *Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Spezialmodul *Einführung in die Statistik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Vorbereitung zum Forschungsseminar *Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Vorlesung *Angewandte Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Vorlesung *Einführung in die Forschungslogik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Vorlesung *Einführung in die Statistik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Milic, Thomas:** Vorlesung *Fortgeschrittene Statistik*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, HS 2019.

**Nitsche, Martin & Thyroff, Julia:** Seminar *Historisches und geschichtsdidaktisches Denken in Zeiten der «Krise»*, Institut für Bildungswissenschaften, University of Basel, HS 2019.

**Scheller, Jan:** *FD 1.4 RZG-Medien*, Fachdidaktik Gesellschaftswissenschaften, PH FHNW, HS 2019.

**Strebel, Michael A.:** MA Seminar *Grösse und Demokratie. Territoriale Reformen und Demokratische Legitimität*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019.

**Thyroff, Julia:** Seminar *RZG 1.6 Politische Bildung*, Institut Sekundarstufe I und II, PH FHNW, HS 2019.

**Waldis, Monika:** Ringseminar, *«Wissen» in Geschichte und Politischer Bildung - Epistemologie, Konzepte und Bildungsziele*, Master of Educational Sciences, Vertiefung Geschichtsdidaktik, University of Basel, FS 2019.

**Waldis, Monika & Lange Dirk:** Doctoral Program of Democracy Studies (DPDS), *«Democracy Studies/Civic Education»: Introduction into theories and concepts of civic education*, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich, FS 2019

## IV. Services

### 1. Databases

[www.c2d.ch](http://www.c2d.ch)

The online database on national and regional referendums worldwide, with entries starting with the year 1791, has continued to be updated in the reporting year. Thanks to the efforts of a number of junior assistants, both the cantonal as well as the international sections are continuously kept up to date. Technical problems (including a hacking attempt) could be overcome, so that in future a greater emphasis can be placed on the valorisation of existing data in the form of annual reports and academic publications.

### 2. Reports, expertise, evaluations

**Bisaz, Corsin, Glaser, Andreas, Kobelt, Emilienne, Kübler, Daniel, Rausch, Caroline & Strebel, Michael.** Measures to preserve and maintain the Romansh and Italian languages and cultures. Commissioned by the Federal Office of Culture. Duration: 06/2018–03/2019.

**Braun Binder, Nadja.** Member of the consortium conducting the study ‘Wenn Algorithmen für uns entscheiden: die Herausforderungen der künstlichen Intelligenz’ (trans. when algorithms decide for us: the challenges of artificial intelligence). Commissioned by TA-Swiss. Ongoing.

**Glaser, Andreas, Langer, Lorenz, Frehner, Norina & Haechler, Till (2019).** Interventions by municipalities and associations of municipalities in cantonal voting and election campaigns, legal opinions for the attention of the Association of Basel Landschaft Municipalities.

**Kübler, Daniel.** Quality monitoring ‘20 Minuten’, a Tamedia consulting assignment. Duration: 07/2019–09/2019.

**Kübler, Daniel, Strebel, Michael & Caroni, Flavia.** Legislation aims and long-term planning 2021-2024 Grisons, a consulting project commissioned by the registry office and the Great Council of the Grisons. Duration: 12/2018-04/2019.

**Kübler, Daniel & Zwicky, Roman.** Report on the issue-voting and election rights for foreign nationals on behalf of the City of Aarau. Study commissioned by the City of Aarau. Duration: 06/2019–12/2019.

**Kübler, Daniel & Zwicky, Roman.** Merger analyses: constituencies and city district representations in the ‘future space’ Aarau, consulting project commissioned by the City of Aarau and the municipalities of Densbüren, Oberentfelden, Suhr, Unterentfelden. Duration: 09/2018–06/2019.

## V. Knowledge transfer to the general public

In 2019 – in the year of the federal elections – the ZDA once more organised successful public events in the Villa Blumenhalde, in addition to the 11<sup>th</sup> Aarau Democracy Days. The foyer of the research offices increasingly became a space for the communication of expert knowledge to an interested public and the exchange of current questions around democracy. Examples for this are the events ‘Politische Bildung heute und in Zukunft’ (trans. Political education today and in the future), the thematic conference ‘Schule und Demokratie’ (trans. School and democracy) within the context of the Aargau teachers’ conference or ‘Soll der Staat künstliche Intelligenz einsetzen?’ (trans. Should the state implement artificial intelligence?). A particular highlight was the book launching event for the ZDA anniversary publication ‘Brennpunkt Demokratie. 10 Jahre Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau’ (trans. Focus democracy. 10 years Centre for Democracy Aarau), following on the general meeting of the Friends of the ZDA in August 2019. The book provides an overview of a broad spectrum of ZDA research and shows what the university/academic institute has achieved during its short existence and how it has positioned itself in the (inter)national research landscape. The contribution on the citizenship test of the Canton Aargau, which the ZDA has developed, or one on ‘Die Gemeinde als Schule der Demokratie’ (trans. The municipality as a school for democracy) show how praxis-oriented and attentive to local issues its research is. We are also pleased by the demand for further education for teachers on the topic of civic education, which were offered by team members of the PBGD centre as part of the further education program of the PH FHNW. Thus, the fundamentals of civic education were conceptualised as well as the opportunities and challenges on numerous Saturdays in the ZDA rooms.

A glance into the press review of 2019 shows that the ZDA researchers regularly received requests from Swiss and regional daily newspapers as well as from radio and television to provide assessments on political questions. In addition to the Aarau Democracy Days on ‘Direkte Demokratie und Europa’ (trans. Direct democracy and Europe), the follow-up survey on the federal elections and the state councillor elections in Canton Aargau (‘Fokus Aargau’) as well as the thematic field ‘Schule und Demokratie’ (trans. School and democracy) have been met with a great deal of interest. Further projects in connection with public relations and communications were a stronger consolidation of CI/CD and ‘client management’ as well as the extension of the ZDA website with permalinks, key words and search functions. For the New Year’s event on 1 January 2020 video materials of the last five Aarau Democracy Days as well as of the open-door day on the inauguration of the newly reconstructed building in 2014 were assembled. This can now have numerous uses in communications and for advertising purposes.

In view of a growing significance of digital channels, the social media activities were intensified in 2019. In particular Twitter has proven exceptionally important for the ZDA, since numerous scientists and experts, politicians and members of the media are now present on this platform and instantly comment daily political events. In order to be seen as an institution with expert knowledge on democracy questions by these target groups, regular social media community management is indispensable. The ZDA has in the meantime acquired over 1,000 followers



(1,034) and has received 880 likes on Facebook. As of 2019, LinkedIn is also being managed and updated on a regular basis. 2,295 persons are currently on the ZDA mailing list. In 2019 twelve media statements, four newsletters and twenty mailings were sent out (among these were also invitations to events).

## 1. Events

**Conference ‘Die Jugoslawienkriege vermitteln’** (trans. Teaching the Yugoslav wars), 19 January 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. Organised by the Centre for Civic Education and History Teaching at the ZDA. Conference series ‘Erinnerung – Verantwortung – Zukunft’ (trans. Memory – Responsibility – Future). Director: Prof. Dr Monika Waldis. Keynote by Jonathan Even-Zohar. Lectures by Daniela Zunzer, Prof. Dr Gabriele Danninger, Susanne Grubenmann, Dr Elke Schlote, Dr Kathrin Pavic, Prof. Dr Oliver Plessow and Dr Dominik Sauerländer.

**Panel discussion ‘Politische Bildung heute und in Zukunft’** (trans. Political education today and in the future), 30 January 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. Organised by the Centre for Civic Education and History Teaching at the ZDA in collaboration with the Heinrich-Zschokke Society. With Nadine Masshardt, Dr Titus Meier, Prof. Dr Roland Reichenbach, Prof. Dr Isabelle Mili and Klára Sokol. Moderated by Hans Fahrländer.

**11th Aarau Democracy Days ‘150 Jahre direkte Demokratie im Kanton Aargau’** (trans. 150 years of direct democracy in the Canton Aargau), 28 and 29 March 2019, Kultur- & Kongresshaus Aarau:

- **Panel discussion ‘Direkte Demokratie und Europapolitik’** (trans. Direct democracy and European politics), 28 March 2019. Welcoming speech by Dr Hanspeter Hilfiker. Talk by Bundesrat Ignazio Cassis. Panel discussion with Dr Urs Hofmann, Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter and Barbara Steinemann. Moderated by Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser.
- **Conference ‘150 Jahre direkte Demokratie im Kanton Aargau’** (trans. 150 years of direct democracy in Canton Aarau), 29 March 2019. Talks by Dr René Roca, Prof. Dr Rolf Graber, Dr Werner Ort, Prof. Dr Béatrice Ziegler, Prof. Dr Monika Waldis, Prof. Dr Daniel Kübler, Prof. emeritus Dr Thomas Pfisterer and Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser. Moderated by amongst others by Prof. Dr Nadia Braun Binder.

**Panel discussion ‘Soll der Staat künstliche Intelligenz einsetzen?’** (trans. Should the state implement artificial intelligence?), 6 June 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. With Corina Gredig, Dr Andrea Höhener, Arié Malz, Guido Marbet and Hanspeter Thür. Organised and moderated by Prof. Dr Nadja Braun Binder and Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser.

**The late summer event of the Association Friends of the ZDA and book launch event for the anniversary publication ‘Brennpunkt Demokratie’** (trans. Focus democracy), 28 August 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. Talks by Dr Hanspeter Kriesi, Dr Daniel Kübler, Dr Nagihan Musliu, Dr Sarah Engler and Dr Julia Thyroff.

**Panel discussion ‘Erlebte Schweiz – Zündstoff Energie’** (trans. Switzerland experienced – explosive energy), 26 September 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. Organised by Memoriav. With Prof. Patrick Kupper and Mari- anne Zünd. Moderated by Claudio Miozzari.

**Conference ‘Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen – ein mühsames Unterfangen’** (trans. The implementation of successful people’s initiatives – a challenging task), 3 October 2019, Centre for Democracy Aarau. Talks by Dr Corina Fuhrer, Luka Markic, Marianna Schlatter, Dr Nagihan Musliu, Thomas Minder and Vera Weber. Organised and moderated by Prof. Dr Andreas Kley and Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser.



**Panel discussion ‘Durchmischung in städtischen Schulen’** (trans. The social mix in urban schools), 18 November 2019, University of Zurich. With Katrin Wüthrich, Michael Anders, Claudia Neugebauer and Markus Truniger. Organised and moderated by Dr Oliver Dlabac.

**Thematic conference ‘Schule und Demokratie’** (trans. School and democracy), 20 November 2019, Kultur- & Kongresshaus Aarau. Organised by the Aargau cantonal teachers’ conference in collaboration with the ZDA. ‘Input’ talks by Prof. Dr Daniel Kübler and Prof. Dr Monika Waldis. Workshops with Karin Frey, Sarah Jane Conrad, Jan Scheller, Dr Stefan Walter, Thomas Kirchschräger and Prof. Dr Tarik Abou-Chadi.

**5. Democracy conference ‘Zukunftsfähigkeit der Demokratie’** (trans. The sustainability of democracy), 28 and 29 November 2019, Stuttgart. Organised by the state of Baden-Württemberg and Canton Aargau in collaboration with the Commission of the Upper Rhein and the ZDA. This included a talk by Prof. Dr Nadja Braun Binder as well as contributions to the youth workshop by Prof. Dr Tarik Abou-Chadi, Gabriel Steffen and Till Haechler.

## 2. Contributions in the media

ZDA staff are regularly present in the local, national and international media with their expertise. There are links on Facebook and Twitter ([www.facebook.com/zdaarau](https://www.facebook.com/zdaarau); [www.twitter.com/zdaarau](https://www.twitter.com/zdaarau)) to most of the media articles. The ‘news’ section of our website contains a selection of our press review.

### Media reports

The following is a selection of articles from the year 2019. Some of the highlights were **articles and expert opinions by ZDA staff** on the following topics:

#### Voting and elections

‘Komplizierte Rechtsprechung: Wann dürfen sich Kantone in Abstimmungskämpfe einmischen?’, Lorenz Lager, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 31 January 2019.

‘Lassen Sie sich beim Abstimmen ruhig helfen’, Thomas Milic, in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 9 February 2019.

‘Es geht um den Schutz der Bürger vor dem Staat’, Lorenz Langer, in: *Swissinfo*, 6 March 2019.

Abstimmungs-Analysen – ‘In den Gemeinden ist man am Puls der Demokratie’, interview with Irina Lehner, in: *SRF Regionaljournal Aargau/Solothurn*, 24 April 2019.

‘Bündner Regierung mitten im Abstimmungskampf’, Andreas Glaser, in: *SRF Regionaljournal Graubünden*, 30 April 2019.

‘Positive Erfahrungen mit Volksabstimmungen “Mehr Demokratie” fordert Bürgerrat auf Bundesebene’, Andreas Glaser, in: *Tagesspiegel*, 25 November 2019.

‘10 Jahre Minarett-Verbot: Was hat sich seither getan?’, Thomas Milic, in: *SRF Kultur*, 26 November 2019.

#### Democracy

‘Es ist nicht denkbar, dass das Volk einen Staat führt’, Lorenz Langer, in: *Swissinfo*, 1 March 2019.

‘Demokratie leben ist eine Kompetenz, die gelernt sein will’, Monika Waldis, in: *Swissinfo*, 1 April 2019.

‘Hier haben Ausländer etwas zu sagen’, Corsin Bisaz, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 13 May 2019.

‘Wie gut repräsentiert das Parlament die Wählerinnen und Wähler’, interview with Daniel Kübler, in: *SRF Schweiz Aktuell*, 12 September 2019.

‘Erleben wir eine Krise in der Demokratie?’, guest commentary by Daniel Kübler and Sarah Engler, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 28 September 2019.

‘Algorithmus soll “Ghetto-Klassen” verhindern’, Oliver Dlabac, in: *20 Minuten*, 3 November 2019.

‘Welche Demokratie wollen wir?’, discussion with Tarik Abou-Chadi, on: *SRF 2 Kultur*, 5 November 2019.

#### E-voting

‘Zwei von drei Aargauern stehen E-Voting positiv gegenüber’, Uwe Serdült and Salim Brüggemann, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 9 January 2019.

‘Initiativen lancieren per Mausclick’, Uwe Serdült, in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 18 January 2019.

‘Ich kriege eine Quittung für die Stimmabgabe’, podcast with Uwe Serdült, in: *Avenir Suisse*, 2 October 2019.

‘Neue Akteure mit Einfluss auf die direkte Demokratie’, Uwe Serdült, in: *SRF Rendezvous*, 4 October 2019.

‘Ab und zu gibt es halt einen Hick im System’, interview with Uwe Serdült, in: *TagesAnzeiger*, 13 November 2019.

#### Municipalities

‘Die Gemeindeversammlung ist nicht totzukriegen’, Philippe Rochat, in: *NZZ*, 29 January 2019.

‘Abgehobener Einwohnerrat, urdemokratische “Gmeind”?’’, Philippe Rochat, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 12 February 2019.

‘Gemeindeversammlungen sind besser als ihr Ruf’, interview with Philippe E. Rochat, in: *SRF Regionaljournal Aargau Solothurn*, 5 March 2019.

‘Gemeindeversammlung: Besser als ihr Ruf’, interview with Philippe E. Rochat, in: *Radio 32*, 6 March 2019.

‘Grenzerfahrung Gemeindeversammlung’, Philippe E. Rochat, in: *SRF 4 News*, 29 March 2019.

‘Problemdruck oder politischer Einfluss? – Gemeindefusionen in Volksabstimmungen’, Michael Strebel, in: *De-Facto*, 13 May 2013.

‘190 Millionen für 40 Fusionen’, article with an interview with Michael Strebel, in: *Südostschweiz*, 16 July 2019.

‘Schweizer Parlamente werden eher kleiner’, contribution with Roman Zwicky, in: *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 3 October 2019.

#### International

‘Die Schweiz, der Brexit und die EU’, Andreas Glaser, in: *Deutsche Welle*, 15 January 2019.

‘Warum wird auf Youtube über EU-Deal gestritten?’, interview with Daniel Kübler, in: *20 Minuten*, 15 January 2019.

‘Links wie rechts: Wo Populisten in Europa auftrumpfen’, Sarah Engler, in: *Spiegel online*, 29 April 2019.

‘Die 6 wichtigsten Fragen zur Europa-Wahl’, Tarik Abou-Chadi, in: *20 Minuten*, 27 May 2019.

‘No, America. Angela Merkel is not a progressive champion’, Tarik Abou-Chadi, in: *The Washington Post*, 6 June 2019.

‘Why Germany – and Europe – can’t afford to accommodate the radical right’, Tarik Abou-Chadi, in: *The Washington Post*, 4 September 2019.

‘Hongkong: Wahlsieg der Demokratiebewegung dürfte wenig ändern’, Lorenz Langer, in: *Nau*, 25 November 2019.

### Multilingualism

‘Der Bundesrat will in der Verwaltung “das Potential der Vielfalt nutzen” - das Kader ist skeptisch’, Daniel Kübler und Roman Zwicky, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 7 February 2019.

‘Rätoromanisch stark unter Druck – Bündner Sprachenförderung ist laut Studie mangelhaft’, interview with Corsin Bisaz, in: *SRF Regionaljournal Graubünden*, 31 May 2019.

### Political education

‘Demokratie leben ist eine Kompetenz, die gelernt sein will’, interview with Monika Waldis, in: SWI Swissinfo, 1 April 2019.

‘Die Lehrer sind gefordert bei der politischen Bildung’, interview with Monika Waldis, in: SRF Regionaljournal Aargau Solothurn, 29.3.2019.

‘Neue jugendliche Lust an der Politik?’, interview with Monika Waldis, in: SRF Kontext, 15.3.2019.

‘Politische Bildung im Aargau - Mündige Bürger und stärkere Demokratie dank neuem Schulfach’, interview with Monika Waldis and Jan Scheller, in: SRF Regionaljournal Aargau Solothurn, 21.11.2019.

### Elections

‘Ein fast vergessenes politisches Instrument’, Uwe Serdült, in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 1 January 2019

‘Verfrühter Wahlkampfstart von BDP und GLP’, Daniel Kübler, in: *Tele MI*, 8 January 2019.

‘SVP und FDP gehen über die Bücher’, Daniel Kübler, in: *SRF Schweiz Aktuell*, 25 March 2019.

‘Genfer Fall ist nur die Spitze des Eisbergs’, Andreas Glaser, in: *Swissinfo*, 13 May 2019.

Politologe zu Roth-Nachfolge: ‘Die Chance ist gross, dass die Aargauer SVP den zweiten Sitz verteidigt’, interview with Daniel Kübler, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 21 June 2019.

Die Aargauer Nationalratswahlen 2019 – ‘Man will für jeden Geschmack etwas bieten’, interview with Thomas Milic, in: *SRF Regionaljournal Aargau/Solothurn*, 6 August 2019.

‘Der Doppelproporz als Frischzellenkur fürs Parlament’, Salim Brüggemann, in: *DeFacto*, 10 October 2019.

‘Führen die Klima-Demos zur Rekordwahl?’, Thomas Milic, in: *SRF Tagesschau*, 11 October 2019.

### ZDA in general

‘Ein Jahrzehnt Schweizer Demokratie-Forschung in der Blumenhalde’, contribution about the ZDA, in: *Swissinfo*, 23 September 2019.

‘Einst Heimat eines Demokratiepioniers – heute Brennpunkt der Demokratieforschung’, contribution about the ZDA, in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 2 October 2019.

### Media notices and mentions

Ergebnisse der VOTO-Studie zur eidgenössischen Volksabstimmung, 10 February 2019.

Ergebnisse der Studie zur Gemeindeversammlung im Kanton Aargau: Beschlüsse sind mehr als die Summe partikularer Interessen, 5 March 2019.

Jugendvorstossrechte mobilisieren für eine politische Teilnahme, 11 April 2019.

Das Schlussresultat einer Volksabstimmung bildet nicht immer den ‘wahren Volkswillen’ ab, 16 May 2019.

Guerilla-Gärtnern und vegane Happenings: Unkonventionelle Formen der politischen Beteiligung nehmen zu, 25 June 2019.

Wie getreu eine erfolgreiche Volksinitiative umgesetzt wird, hängt vom Parlament ab, 27 June 2019.

Ergebnisse der VOTO-Studie zur eidgenössischen Volksabstimmung vom 19 May 2019, 4 July 2019.

Einladung zur Buchvernissage ‘Brennpunkt Demokratie: 10 Jahre Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau’, 28 August 2019.

Europäische Sozialdemokratie in der Krise: Rechtsruck ist kein Erfolgsrezept, 3 October 2019.

Neuer Algorithmus ermöglicht eine stärkere Durchmischung bei der Schulzuteilung, 18 November 2019.

Ergebnisse der FOKUS-Aargau-Studie zur Aargauer Ständeratswahl vom 20 October 2019, 19 November 2019.

Lorenz Langer wird Assistenzprofessor am Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau, 17 December 2019.

## VI. Organisation / Resources

### 1. Organs / Partners

#### a. Partners

The ZDA is a joint research institute of the City of Aarau, the Canton of Aargau, the University of Zurich (UZH) and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW).

#### b. Board of Partners

The Board of Partners is composed of two delegates each per partner:

- Prof. Dr Thomas Bernauer (City of Aarau delegate)
- Stadtpräsident Dr Hanspeter Hilfiker (Chairman of the ZDA General Meeting; City of Aarau delegate)
- Dr Katja Gentinetta (Canton Aargau delegate)
- Regierungsrat Alex Hürzeler (Head of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports BKS of the Canton of Aargau)
- Dr Alexander Hofmann, (Vice Director of the College of Education, FHNW delegate)
- Prof. Dr Sabina Larcher (Director of the College of Education, FHNW delegate)
- Prof. Dr Thomas Gächter (RWI, UZH delegate)
- Prof. Dr Gabriele Siegert (Vice President Education and Student Affairs, President ad interim, University Executive Board UZH)

The partners’ meeting is the strategic steering committee of the ZDA. Its responsibility is to supervise and control the activities of the centre and manage the organisation’s funds in accordance with its purpose. In the reporting year 2019 it approved the annual report and the financial reporting for 2018. The 2020 budget was also approved.

### c. Directorate

The directorate is the operative management committee of the ZDA and is composed of the heads of the three departments who are at the same time professors at the UZH, respectively, at the FHNW. The chair is held by a member elected by the partners at the partner meeting and for a pre-determined term of two to four years.

As of 1 January 2017, the general meeting elected Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser on a rotation basis as the new Chairman of the ZDA Directorate for the 2017–2020 term of office.

- Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser, Chairman Directorate ZDA 2017–2020, Department Head c2d, Professor for Public Law at the UZH;
- Prof. Dr Daniel Kübler, Department Head ADF, Professor for Democracy Research and Public Governance at the UZH, Director of NCCR Democracy;
- Prof. Dr Monika Waldis Head of Department PBGD, Professor at the FHNW and Head of the Centre for Citizenship and History Education.

In 2019, the directorate convened at eleven formal meetings; informal meetings took place on a regular basis.

### d. Expert Advisory Board

Since 2017 the board meets in the following composition:

- Prof. Dr Giovanni Biaggini, Chair in Constitutional, Administrative and European Law, University of Zurich;
- Prof. Dr Carla van Boxel, Professor of Teaching Methodology with a focus on history education, Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam;
- Prof. Dr. Silja Häusermann, Full Professor of Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy, Institute for Political Sciences, University Zurich;
- Prof. Dr Dirk Lange, Professor for Didactics of Civic Education, Institute for Political Science, Leibnitz University, Hannover;
- Prof. Dr Yannis Papadopoulos, Professor of Swiss Politics and Public Policy, Institute for Political and International Studies, University of Lausanne;
- Prof. Dr Bernhard Waldmann, Chair in Constitutional and Administrative Law, Institute for Federalism, Faculty of Law, University of Fribourg.

The scientific advisory board has, in accordance with the ZDA statutes, provided its expert opinion on the annual report. In addition to the regular bilateral meetings with the members of the directorate who are also department heads, a joint meeting takes place once a year. On 12 September 2019 the Advisory Board met at the FHNW in Brugg-Windisch with the ZDA Directorate (Professor Andreas Glaser, Professor Daniel Kübler and Professor Monika Waldis). Connected via videoconferencing were Professor Yannis Papadopoulos (University of Lausanne), Professor Dirk Lange (University of Hannover) and Professor Bernhard Waldmann (University of Fribourg). Professor Silja Häusermann (IPZ-UZH) and Professor Giovanni Biaggini (University of Zurich) were unable to attend but submitted their input in writing. Professor Carla van Boxtel (University of Amsterdam) was also unable to attend. The meeting lasted 90 minutes and Professor Andreas Glaser, Chairman of the ZDA Directorate, presided over the meeting. The advisory opinions and discussions were summarised in a report to the partners' meeting. This year the members of the advisory board once again issued the ZDA and its directorate a very good testimonial. Several members rated as very positive the high quality and quantity of scholarly research, the very strong links to the praxis and the ability to select relevant topics ('hot topical issues', 'always at the cutting edge of current research'). Also accorded special mention was the, yet again, exceptionally high share of acquired third-party funds.

## 2. Staff

On the reporting date 31.12.2019, a total of 42 staff were employed at the ZDA; the cost-relevant average of full-time equivalents in the reporting year was 2480.85 (ca. 25 full-time equivalents).

The staff statistics, according to function and departments, for the year 2019 gives the following picture:

### **Employment statistics ZDA 2019\*** (cumulative FTEs categorised)

<i>Function **</i>	<i>Department</i>				<b>Total percentage</b>
	<b>ADF</b>	<b>c2d</b>	<b>PBGD</b>	<b>Pool</b>	
Assistants without degrees	75.83	40.00		0.00	<b>115.83</b>
Assistants with BA	51.68	148.33		0.00	<b>200.01</b>
Assistants with MA/Licentiate degree	11.67	123.33	0.00	0.00	<b>135.00</b>
PhD students	240.00	80.00	60.00	0.00	<b>380.00</b>
Postdocs / senior research assistants	313.33	160.00	0.00	0.00	<b>473.33</b>
Research associates	168.34	122.50	590.00	0.00	<b>880.84</b>
Assistant professors	100.00	58.33	0.00	0.00	<b>158.33</b>
administrative/technical staff	0.00	0.00	20.00	142.50	<b>162.50</b>
<b>Total full-time equivalents</b>	<b>960.85</b>	<b>732.50</b>	<b>670.00</b>	<b>142.50</b>	<b>2505.85</b>
<b>Number of staff on 31.12.2019</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>

\* *excl. Directorate*

\*\* *according to UZH terminology*

In the last year it was once again possible to maintain a balance between the number of PhD students and research assistants on the one hand, and postdocs on the other, in harmony with the personnel strategy of the ZDA and in the interest of promoting young academics. The focus on the PhD students and research associates has thus proven expedient in that two assistant professorships helped create two new positions for postdocs.

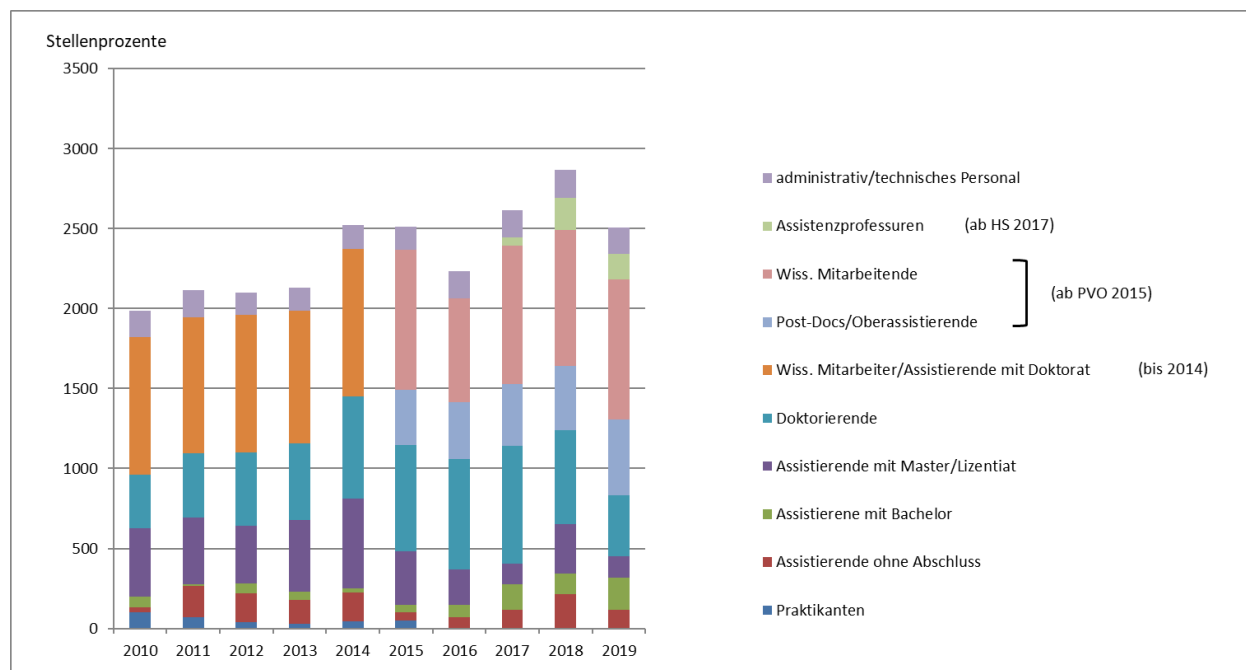


Figure: Developments of FTEs at the ZDA 2010–2019 according to function

## Department of General Democracy Research (ADF):

Prof. Dr Tarik Abou-Chadi, Prof. Dr Daniel Bochsler, Prof. Dr Daniel Kübler,  
 Dr Oliver Dlabac, Dr Sarah Engler, Dr Birte Gundelach, Dr Tomislav Milic, Dr Philippe E. Rochat, Dr Michael  
 Strebel,  
 Adina Amrhein, Tanja Burri, Flavia Caroni, Alessandro Feller, Andreas Juon, Deborah Kalte, Hauke Licht, Ko-  
 rinna Lindemann, Lyne Schuppisser, Florian Skelton, Laura-Vanessa Soldner, Marine Trichet, Su Yun Woo, Ro-  
 man Zwicky.

### Completed qualifying papers:

**A. El-Wakil**, *Government with the People: The Value of the Facultative Referendum in Democratic Systems*,  
 Diss., Phil. Fak. UZH.

### Ongoing qualifying papers:

**Z. Burkadze**, *Hybrid regimes and political transition*, Diss., Phil. Fak. UZH.

**D. Kalte**, *Political consumerism in Switzerland: Are vegans the new political actors?*, Diss., Phil. Fak. UZH.

**H. Licht**, *Contesting the mainstream: What explains variation in the salience of anti-elite appeals in the electoral  
 strategies of populist and non-populist parties?*, Diss. Phil., Fak. UZH.

**L. Rohrbach**, *Conflict in Multi-Ethnic States: The Role of Territorial Self-Governance*, Diss., University of Co-  
 penhagen.

**M. Trichet**, *Governing the Smart City: how big data reshapes the governance of urban mobility at the age of  
 Mobility as a Service*, Diss., Phil. Fak. UZH.

**R. Zwicky**, *Democratic Foundations of the Just City*, Diss., Phil. Fak. UZH.

## Department Centre for Research on Direct Democracy (c2d):

Prof. Dr Nadja Braun Binder, Prof. Dr Andreas Glaser,  
Dr Julian Beriger, PD Dr Corsin Bisaz, Dr Lorenz Langer, Dr Uwe Serdült, Dr Yanina Welp,  
Manuel Blatter, Salim Brüggemann, Ardita Driza Maurer, Norina Frehner, Louis Gebistorf, Katja Gfeller, Till  
Haechler, Valérie Humm, Irina Lehner, Romane Loviat, Marzia Piampiano, Barbara Schaub, Gabriel Steffen,  
Anna Vegh, Regina Weder.

### Completed qualifying papers:

**PD Dr C. Bisaz**, Abschluss des Habilitationsverfahrens, Erlangung der *venia legendi* für Staats-, Verwaltungs- und Völkerrecht der Rechtswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Zürich, RWF UZH.

**J. Mäder**, *Kantonswechsel einer Gemeinde*, Diss., RWF UZH.

**E. Somer**, *Gegenstände der Volksinitiative in den Kantonen*, Diss., RWF UZH.

### Ongoing qualifying papers:

**J.-I. Beriger**, *Das VwVG im Spiegel der Kodifikationsidee – Aktuelle Fragen des Verwaltungsprozessrechts im Spannungsfeld zwischen Harmonisierung und Dekodifikation*, Habil., RWF UZH.

**K. Gfeller**, *Die Justizfunktion der Zürcher Bezirksräte*, Diss., RWF UZH.

**L. Langer**, *Die Richterwahl als republikanische Institution*, Habil., RWF UZH.

**R. Weder**, *Die Transparenz der öffentlichen Verwaltung im digitalen Zeitalter*, Diss., RWF UZH.

## Department of Civic and History Education (PBGD):

Prof. Dr Monika Waldis,  
Dr Philipp Marti, Dr Martin Nitsche, Dr des. Julia Thyroff, Dr des. Simon Affolter  
Kristine Gollin, Franziska Hedinger, Manuel Hubacher, Ruth Probst, Vera Sperisen, Stefan Walter.

### Ongoing qualifying papers:

**F. Hedinger**, *Vermittlung der Politischen Bildung im Geschichtsunterricht auf Sekundarstufe I – Eine Untersuchung bezüglich dem Lehrplan 21 – Themenbereich «Menschenrechte»*, Diss., Swissuniversities Doktoratsprogramm UZH IPZ/PH FHNW Democracy Studies/Civic Education.

**K. Gollin**, Performanzen historischer Orientierung(en) von Schülerinnen und Schülern beim Schreiben in Geschichte, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Unibas

**K. Oehler**, *Learning with images – visual literacy and historical reasoning*, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Unibas.



**J. Scheller**, Empirische Analyse der historischen Denkoperation Medienanalyse, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Universität Salzburg

**J. Sobernheim**, *Argumentieren in der Politischen Bildung*, Diss., Phil.-Hist. Unibas

**V. Sperisen**, Natio-ethno-kulturelle Zugehörigkeitsordnungen im Unterricht der Politischen Bildung, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Unibas

### ZDA Pool:

Marion Banholzer, Head of Administration and Finance (leaving date 31.08.2019)

Nathalie Baumann, Head Public Relations

Corin Limacher, Administrative Assistant (starting date 21.05.2019)

Hanna Wolf, Social Media Manager (starting date 16.09.2019)

## 3. Financial reporting 2019 / Finance plan

The financial reporting for the attention of the partners/funding institutions encompasses the detailed annual statement per cost centre/department with budget adjustments as well as various analysis reports. The total sum of all expenses is reported on since 2013, independent of the method of financing. In the gross costs of personnel, the share of different funding sources (own resources, resp., third party funds) is, in addition, reported separately. The third-party funds are itemised as funds raised competitively and in part as contracted research.

In addition to the contractually defined funding by the partners and internally produced assets of the parent universities for projects (2019 total CHF 2,860,381), it was possible in the reporting year to raise subsidies to the amount of CHF 1,189,519. This amounts to a **third-party quota** (percentage share of costs financed by third-party funds) of an average of **30.5%**. In the benchmark with the social sciences and jurisprudence, the ZDA is, thus, consistently at an above average high level of ca. 30%. The share of **competitively acquired third-party funds** at **23.5%** clearly outweighs the total expenditure; 6.8% were generated by means of contracted research, mandates and services.

The budget for the administrative overhead expenses (cost centre 'Pool') amounting to CHF 550,000 is, for an institute the size of the ZDA, very tightly calculated and can only be maintained at this consistently low level—despite the consistent growth of the scope of tasks and regulatory demands—thanks to the link with the administration of the parent university (personnel and financial administration). The largest expense item is the rental cost of ca. CHF 200,000 for the Villa Blumenhalde.

The most important financial **key data** are summarised in the table below:

<b>ZDA TOTAL IST 2019 nach Abteilungen</b>					
<b>Saldo vortrag per 01.01.2019 (inkl. zweckgebundene Rückstellungen)</b>	<b>110'000</b>	<b>205'424</b>	<b>443'614</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>759'038</b>
<b>AUSGABEN</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>c2d</b>	<b>ADF</b>	<b>PBGD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personalaufwand</b>					
<b>PERSONALAUFWAND TOTAL</b>	<b>160'313</b>	<b>762'042</b>	<b>1'355'877</b>	<b>1'054'153</b>	<b>3'332'384</b>
<i>Davon Anteil Personalaufwand über Drittmittel finanziert</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>63'216</i>	<i>273'138</i>	<i>481'586</i>	<i>817'940</i>
<i>Davon Anteil Personalaufwand über Eigenmittel finanziert (Grundfinanzierung)</i>	<i>160'313</i>	<i>698'826</i>	<i>1'082'738</i>	<i>572'566</i>	<i>2'514'444</i>
<b>Sachaufwand</b>					
<b>SACHAUFWAND TOTAL</b>	<b>391'249</b>	<b>61'460</b>	<b>91'121</b>	<b>54'009</b>	<b>597'840</b>
<b>INTERNE UMLAGE: BEITRAG ABTEILUNGEN AN VERWALTUNGSGEMEINKOSTEN (POOL)</b>	<b>-519'665</b>	<b>173'222</b>	<b>173'222</b>	<b>171'882</b>	<b>-1'340</b>
<b>TOTAL AUFWAND</b>	<b>31'897</b>	<b>996'724</b>	<b>1'620'220</b>	<b>1'280'043</b>	<b>3'928'884</b>
<b>EINNAHMEN</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>c2d</b>	<b>ADF</b>	<b>PBGD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Eigenmittel (Grundausrüstung)</b>					
Beitrag Kanton AG (inkl. Verwaltungsgemeinkosten)	0	800'000	0	0	800'000
Beiträge Stadt Aarau (inkl. Verwaltungsgemeinkosten)	0	0	784'000	0	784'000
Beitrag FHNW an die Verwaltungsgemeinkosten (Pool)	0	0	0	171'882	171'882
Eigenleistungen FHNW (Anteil PBGD)	0	0	0	626'575	626'575
<i>Eigenleistungen UZH: Assistenz Professur Kübler</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>111'063</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>111'063</i>
<i>Eigenleistungen UZH: Projektbeiträge NCCR Democracy + Graduate Campus</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Eigenleistungen UZH: Projektbeiträge "DirDemPop"</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>121'450</i>	<i>225'405</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>346'855</i>
Beitrag Direktionsentschädigung (2/3 UZH und 1/3 PH FHNW)	20'006	0	0	0	20'006
<b>TOTAL VERFÜGBARE EIGENMITTEL</b>	<b>20'006</b>	<b>921'450</b>	<b>1'120'468</b>	<b>798'457</b>	<b>2'860'381</b>
<b>Drittmittel (Fremdfinanziert)</b>					
Einnahmen SNF-Projekte	0	2'734	131'366	297'682	431'782
Einnahmen Overhead SNF	0	0	0	0	0
Einnahmen Sonstige Drittmittel-Projekte (inkl. Overhead)	0	103'468	174'465	183'904	461'837
Einnahmen Diverses (Dienstleistungen, Zuwendungen)	11'891	25'987	49'433	0	87'310
Einnahmen SNF-Projekt T. Abou-Chadi / KST 6421500	0	0	208'590	0	208'590
<b>TOTAL ERTRÄGE AUS DRITTMITTELN</b>	<b>11'891</b>	<b>132'188</b>	<b>563'854</b>	<b>481'586</b>	<b>1'189'519</b>
<i>Drittmittelquote (Erträge aus Drittmitteln <b>kompetitiv</b> : Total Aufwand)</i>		<i>0.3%</i>	<i>30.9%</i>	<i>32.1%</i>	<i>23.5%</i>
<i>Drittmittelquote (Erträge aus Drittmitteln <b>nicht kompetitiv</b> : Total Aufwand)</i>		<i>13.0%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>6.8%</i>
<i>Drittmittelquote (Total Erträge aus Drittmitteln : Total Aufwand)</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>13.3%</i>	<i>34.8%</i>	<i>37.6%</i>	<i>30.5%</i>
<b>TOTAL EINNAHMEN</b>	<b>31'897</b>	<b>1'053'638</b>	<b>1'684'322</b>	<b>1'280'043</b>	<b>4'049'900</b>
<b>SALDO PER 31.12.2019 (inkl. zweckgebundene Reserven)</b>	<b>110'000</b>	<b>262'338</b>	<b>507'716</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>880'055</b>
<b>Zweckgebundene Rückstellungen</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>c2d</b>	<b>ADF</b>	<b>PBGD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Bestand per 31.12.2019</b>	<b>80'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89'435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169'435</b>

After substantial project funding by the SNSF and the Avina-Stiftung expired, the third-party acquisitions made by the department c2d in 2019 essentially consisted in the funding of the project Focus Aarau by the lottery fund, and a number of consulting and evaluation mandates that were financed by public partners such as the federal government, cantons and municipalities. With the subsequently approved funding for the project 'Faktoren guter Gesetzgebung' (trans. Factors of good legislation) by the Stiftung für Schweizerische Rechtspflege, the quota of competitively acquired third-party funds will once again increase as of 2020.

The department ADF is carrying out several prestigious third-party funded mandates (data analyses on behalf of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, election analyses «VOTO» in cooperation with FORS/LINK and commissioned by the Federal Chancellery) and is realising three SNSF funded research projects. One of these three SNSF Projects was acquired by Assistant Professor Tarik Abou-Chadi.

Since the phase-out of NCCR Democracy in the fall of 2017, the ‘Democracy Barometer’ has become a fixture at the ZDA, with the funds placed in reserve for this having been used up in 2019. From 2020, the resources for the ‘Democracy Barometer’ are no longer part of the regular budget of the department. The remaining reserves will be used to fund individuals and projects (project cooperation ‘Citizen Participation in China’ and project set-up ‘Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa’ [trans. Direct democracy and populism in Europe]).

In the department PBGD, three research projects funded by the Schweizerischen Nationalfonds reached their concluding phases in the reporting year. The project ‘Schülerinnen und Schüler schreiben Geschichte – eine Interventionsstudie im Gymnasium’ (trans. Students write history – an intervention study at grammar school level) was completed in May 2019. Following on this, new project applications were submitted to the SNSF and to foundations. In this interim phase a third-party quota of 37.4% was achieved.

### **Financial planning**

Basic funding by the four partners (based on the articles of partnership in CHF):

City of Aarau	785,000.–	
Canton Aargau	800,000.–	
University of Zurich	300,000.–	Assistant Professorship D. Kübler IPZ/UZH as well as internally generated project assets
FHNW	450,000.–	Administrative cost contributions and internally generated project assets
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,335,000.–</b>	

Financial contributions by the parent universities by way of internally produced assets were contractually set at a minimum of CHF 200,000 (UZH), resp., 300,000 (FHNW). As a rule, however, the project funding substantially exceeds these figures. The basic contribution of the UZH to the ZDA is realised through the financing of an assistantship at the IPZ/UZH chair of the department head ADF and internally produced assets in projects, which until September 2017 were realised in connection with *NCCR Democracy* (department ADF). In October 2017, with the phasing out of *NCCR Democracy*, a transition to the new project funding ‘Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa’ (trans. Direct democracy and populism in Europe) took place: The UZH funds two assistant professorships with one doctoral post each, one of which is affiliated with the Faculty of Philosophy (IPZ) and the other with the Faculty of Law (RWI). With the approved budget of CHF 42,000/year for the duration of the project (2017–2020, with the option to extend for a further three years), the UZH provides a contribution to the ZDA that is more than double the contractually stipulated amount—showing a clear commitment to and an appreciation for the successful institutional collaboration with the other partners. In December 2019, the UZH management moreover decided to continue their contribution in the period 2023–2029 to a comparable extent. In effect this means that the UZH will support the project ‘Demokratie ohne Parteien, Parteien ohne Demokratie: welche Zukunft für die politische Willensbildung im 21. Jahrhundert?’ (trans. Democracy without parties, parties without democracy: Which future for political will-formation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?)’ to an approximate total of 460,000 CHF per year.

Additionally, in line with financial planning goals, project-based third-party funds to the amount of ca. CHF 1,200,000 are to be realised for research projects and services. CHF 908,238 has been budgeted for the year 2020. It must be noted, however, that budgeting for the expected third-party funds from public institutions (in particular the SNSF, federal authorities and cantonal administrations) as well as private organisations (foundations, NGOs, private firms and associations...) depends on planned and pending project applications and/or expected commissions. The actual resulting project commitments/commissions very much depend on external factors (economic situation, political developments ...) and are difficult to estimate.