

ZDA ANNUAL REPORT 2010

I. Foreword

The ZDA is on its way

In 2010 the ZDA was still in the *building and consolidation phase*. While the departments PBGD and c2d have developed their research activities more or less within the same framework as in 2009, the slightly younger department ADF has significantly increased both its staff and research activities, so that the end of 2010 something like a balance of all the departments could be achieved.

The three departments have *grown together more closely*. Without abandoning their administrative, financial and scientific autonomy, they have developed stronger contacts on the personal and the project level that can be further expanded. The growing sense of community was certainly stimulated by the competent and balance-building administrative coordination activities of Eliane Widmer.

As required by contract, scientific research is still and will probably be also in future at the very center of the Center for Democracy Aarau. Scientific research does not fall from heaven, but will be conquered, mainly through the submission of research projects to various institutions at home and abroad, where competition has intensified considerably. Especially for the Directorate and the Senior Research Fellows of the three departments the preparation of new research projects takes almost as much time and energy as the implementation and completion of the ongoing projects. This is why the stable and generous basic funding of the ZDA by its four partners is a decisive advantage.

By far the largest portion of the external funding for basic research comes from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Without SNF funds, the ZDA would stand, despite the aforementioned basic funding by the partners, on shaky grounds. It should be noted here that the SNF according to our experience complies efficiently and properly with its role of promoting scientific research in Switzerland. It has nothing to fear from comparisons with international and supranational institutions of a similar nature, on the contrary. However, the recently developed line of giving preference to financing PhD students and only scant consideration to post-doctoral positions has the effect neglecting to promote and Foster scientific creativity, which ultimately is decisive for all projects, but for dissertations.

The scientific hallmark of the ZDA is probably its not only proclaimed but daily practised pluridisciplinarity. The encounter and mutual contact of methods and knowledge relating to political science, law and educational science in the field of democracy create a potential which is far from being exhausted and which will be in the future addressed more consciously.

The second main feature of the ZDA is its specific relationship with the region of Aarau/Aargau. No other academic research institute in the world can probably boast to have such a close connection with local and regional state bodies, a connection that stems from its democratically legitimized funding by these bodies. This raises specific expectations among the public and the authorities which the ZDA must take into account, within the limits of academic freedom and pre-eminence of scientific research that are not negotiable. Tensions on both sides – here a sometimes adversely perceived presence at local events, there a fear of inadequate availability for regional concerns – cannot be avoided, but should be reduced by mutual understanding. The Friends of the ZDA have come to play an indispensable role in dealing with the tension between global and local, science and politics, trust and distrust.

Strengthened by these two assets the ZDA has managed in short time to be recognized nationally and internationally as a scientific reference point in democracy issues that is increasingly difficult to bypass. This is witnessed namely by the increasing number of visiting researchers at the Blumenhalde, the strong attention which give the media to our activities, the frequent involvement of collaborators in expert committees, the growing number of requests for legal opinions, evaluations and surveys, the multiplication of official visitors of the ZDA. One can say that through the ZDA, the terms "Aarau" and "democracy" become more and more associated.

The ZDA has much achieved and more in mind. It has not yet reached its destination, but it is on its way.

Aarau, 10 February 2011

Andreas Auer

II. ZDA intern

1. Organs

a. Partners

Nothing has changed with regard to the promoting partners of the ZDA, the City of Aarau, the Canton of Argovia, the University of Zurich and the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland.

b. General Assembly

The General Assembly consisting of two representatives by partner has convened twice in 2010, as required by statute.

At the meeting of 22 March 2010 the annual report and financial reporting 2009 were approved.

At the meeting on 1 November 2010, the partners approved the 2011 budget and decided to submit the ZDA to a scientific evaluation by an independent external body, possibly through the existing structures of the University of Zurich, and discussed possible solutions to the existing space problems in the Blumenhalde. City Ammann Dr. Marcel Guignard was confirmed as Chairman of the General Assembly for a further term of office and Prof. Dr. Andreas Auer was elected for another two years as Chairman of the Directorate.

c. Directorate

Meetings of the ZDA directorate have taken place regularly, in principle once a month. Its members, including the representatives of the collaborators, form more and more of a team, which is certainly not obvious, but very positive.

A special concern of the Directors was the fund raising for eventually creating a new department e-democracy at the ZDA. Contacts with Counsellor of State Markus Notter (ZH) have brought nothing so far.

d. Scientific Advisory Board

Prof. Dr. Giovanni Biaggini, Lehrstuhl für Staats-, Verwaltungs- und Europarecht, Universität Zürich; Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange, Professur für die Didaktik der Politischen Bildung, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, Leibnitz Universität Hannover; Prof. Dr. Yannis Papadopoulos, Professeur de politique suisse et de politiques publiques, Institut d'études politiques et internationales, Université de Lausanne; Prof. Peter Seixas, Direktor des Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Education, Department of Curriculum Studies, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Prof. Dr. Dietlind Stolle, Political Science, McGill University, Montréal, Québec; Prof. Dr. Bernhard Waldmann, Direktor des nationalen Zentrums, Institut für Föderalismus, Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Freiburg.

The Scientific Advisory Board was constituted in early 2010. At their first meeting of 24 August 2010 its members discussed the Annual Report 2009 and the Development Plan 2010/13. Based on the input and votes a statement was formulated for the attention of the General Assembly and the numerous suggestions of the Advisory Board are carefully considered and implemented selectively by the Directorate. The organization, the scientific

research and the local roots of the ZDA have been positively evaluated by the Advisory Board.

e. Staff Assembly

The staff members of the ZDA have convened on 26 August 2010 and discussed strategic and organizational topics. No specific request has been formulated.

2. Team

The ZDA team consisted of 48 collaborators (2009: 48) accounting for 1987 percentage positions (2009: 2410).

Department ADF:

Daniel Kübler, Marc Bühlmann, Patricia Buser, Kathrin Frey, Regula Hänggeli, Miriam Hänni, Karin Hasler, Philippe Koch, Lisa Müller, Andreas Rohner, Lisa Schädel, Urs Scheuss, Max Schubiger, Nenad Stojanovic, Kathrin Utz, Nico van der Heiden, David Zumbach.

Department c2d:

Andreas Auer, Alexandre Baudin, Martina Fleischli, Nils Ganz, Maja Harris, Regula Heckmann, Beat Kuoni, Nina Massüger, Fernando Mendez, Beat Müller, Felix Pons, Gabriela Rohner, Uwe Serdült, Evren Somer, Ana Tornic, Vasiliki Trigka, Yanina Welp, Jonathan Wheatley, Noémi Ziegler.

Department PBGD:

Béatrice Ziegler, Dominik Allenspach, Manuel Gautschi, Jan Hodel, Alexander Lötscher, Sara Meszaros, Daniela Prina, Bernhard Schär, Claudia Schneider, Vera Sperisen, Nicole Wälti, Monika Waldis, Corinne Wyss.

ZDA Pool:

Alexander Schrott, Eliane Widmer.

Table of positions and functions by department

Funktion **	Abteilung				Total Stellenprozent
	ADF	c2d	PBGD	Pool	
Praktikanten	25	41.67	33.33		100
Assistenten ohne Abschluss	33.33				33.33
Assistenten/Wiss. Mitarbeiter mit Bachelor	55		10		65
Assistenten/Wiss. Mitarbeiter mit Master/Lizentiat	33.34	129.58	267.5		430.42
Doktorierende	95.84	91.67	147.5		335.01
Wiss. Mitarbeiter/Assistenten mit Doktorat	286.7	450	121.7		858.35
administrativ/technisches Personal		15	50	100	165
Total Stellenprozent *	529.2	727.92	630	100	1987.11
Anzahl Mitarbeitende *	17	16	14	1	48

* *excl. Direktoren/Abteilungsleitung*

** *gemäss Terminologie UZH*

In addition a growing number of visiting scholars join the team during a few weeks or months. In 2010 the following persons joined the ZDA-team:

Bob Chen (China, whole year); Samantha Dunning (Uni NE, from August); Alejandra C. Marzuca Perera (Uruguay, from September); Maja Harris (New Zealand, January to March); Nils Ganz (CH, January to July); Laszlo Komaromi (Hungary, March to September); Galina Selivanova (Russia, March to July); Manuel Gautschi (CH, August to September); Martina Fleischli (CH, June to August); Ilker Ghokan Sen (Turkey, August).

3. Team seminars

To encourage interdisciplinary cooperation specific research projects of the three departments are presented and discussed twice a year at a house team seminar.

At the team seminar of 14 January 2010 Uwe Serdült presented the current state of the c2d database on referendums around the world, Monika Waldis reported on the expansion of professional competences of history teachers at the secondary level using a video-based intervention project, and Daniel Kübler presented the interim results of an international research project on metropolization of politics.

On the second team seminar of 26 August 2010, Prof. Dr. Dong Lisheng (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), held a keynote address on "Two Decades of Local Democratic Experiments in China". Béatrice Ziegler presented the project "*Naturalization test, Canton of Argovia*" and Nenad Stojanovic introduced the issue "*Centripetal impact of direct democracy in a multilingual society*".

4. Facilities

All available offices and workplaces were utilized during the year almost fully, which in view of the increasing number of staff and visiting researchers was only possible with a little improvisation. In the seminar room above the internal meetings and seminars were conducted, as well as some external events. In the Zschokke-Keller we purchased with private funds a pool table that is actively used.

In December 2010 the citizen's municipality presented a ZDA-funded feasibility study for the expansion of the Zschokke-Keller, the installation of two new side wings at the Blumenhalde and the development of the existing wash house.

5. Friends of ZDA

The association "Friends of the ZDA" completed statutory business at the General Assembly of 30 August. The request of Prof. Georg Müller to be replaced in his capacity as President was met with warm thanks for his great commitment. As the new President Pascale Bruderer was elected with much applause. The association has about 250 members.

Starting in January the members are encouraged to participate in the development and expansion of the ZDA library by sponsoring a the acquisition of books.

The late summer event of 30 August at the Blumenhalde was followed by a good hundred members. Prof. Andreas Auer and Prof. Daniel Kübler presented opposing views on the perspective of popular election of the Federal Council.

III. Research

Research Focus I: Comparing democracy

Current projects

Democracy barometer (ADF): An NCCR research project measuring the quality of democracy in established democracies.

Democratic Transitions in West-Africa: Political Elites, Civil Society and Institutions (c2d): An SNF research project on the development of democracy in seven West-African countries, in cooperation with the University of Ouagadougou.

Cleavages, governance and the media in European metropolitan areas (ADF): An NCCR research project on conflict, political institutions and public media in six European metropolitan areas.

Ethnic Quotas and Representation of Minorities in Local Politics in Bosnia (ADF): A SCOPES research project on modalities and quality of minority representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Constitutional Conventions, Direct Democracy and Institutional Change (c2d): An SNF research project on the institution of constitutional convention and its effect on democracy.

Democracy on the municipal level (ADF): Building of a series of research projects on the merger of municipalities, municipal cooperation and similar studies.

Completed projects

Quality of democracy in the Swiss cantons (ADF)

Assessing the trend towards new regionalism (ADF)

Swiss Contribution to Constitutional Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ADF)

Comparison of cantonal policy designs for integration agreements (ADF)

Power, Parties and Democracy (c2d)

Newly submitted projects

Extension: Constitutional Conventions, direct democracy and institutional change (c2d)

The people's constituent power: Referendums on sovereignty issues (c2d)

Metropower: three perspectives on power in the Swiss metropolis (ADF, with Unige + Unibe)

Declined projects

Referendums on sovereignty issues (c2d)

Research Focus 2: Direct Democracy

Current projects

Wirksamkeit von Volksinitiativen im Bund (c2d): An internal research project on the normative and political effects of popular initiatives on the federal level.

Direct Democracy in the EU (c2d): An internal research project on institutions and practise of direct democracy related to the EU integration process.

Direkte Demokratie in den Deutschen Bundesländern (c2d): An internal research project on the development of direct democracy in the German Länder, viewed from Switzerland.

Democracy in the post-soviet era (c2d): An internal research project on the development of democracy in the former CIS States.

Democracy on the county level in China (c2d): An internal research project on the development of democracy on the County level in China.

Direkte Demokratie in der Informationsgesellschaft. Herausforderungen für den Kanton Aargau (ADF/c2d/IPMZ): An applied research project on direct democracy in the information society, and its consequences for the government of Argovia.

Abgeschlossene Projekte

The European Referendum Revisited (c2d)

Decentralization and participatory democracy in Montevideo, Uruguay (c2d)

The Swiss Decision-Making System in the 21st Century: Institutions, Power, Conflict 2007 – 2010 (in cooperation with Uni GE)

Abgelehnte Projektvorschläge

Wirksamkeit von Volksinitiativen in den Kantonen (c2d)

Research Focus 3: Democratic Innovation

Current projects

baloti (c2d): An Internet platform for migrants in Switzerland, in eleven languages, in collaboration with University of Applied Sciences Bern, co-sponsored by the Federal Government.

Preference Matcher (c2d): An internal research project on building a software programme (Voting Advice Application; VAA) for migrant workers in Switzerland. The application was tested at the Parliamentary Elections in Great Britain (Mai 2010), the Presidential and Senatorial Elections in Brazil (October 2010) and the regional elections in Greece (November 2010).

Completed projects

Democratic Innovation: What Europe can learn from Latin America (c2d, Avina)

ZUMO – Decentralization and participatory Democracy in Montevideo, Uruguay (c2d, Avina)

Who votes on-line and why? (c2d)

Newly submitted projects

School Governance und Laienpartizipation in der Schweiz (ADF + PH)

Research Focus 4: Civic Education

Current projects

Deutschschweizer Lehrplan BNE+(PBGD): The contract for the integration of Education for Sustainable Development in Swiss-German curriculum should ensure that the interdisciplinary issues of health, global learning, civic and environmental education are taken into account in specific subjects at school entrance. The center is responsible for the concept of civic education in the curriculum.

Die Staatsbürgerschaftsprüfung im Kanton Aargau (PBGD): The canton of Aargau is amending the Citizenship Act, especially regarding ordinary naturalization. Under the direction of the Chair of teaching social sciences, the center deals with the new concept of "citizenship test".

Initial Training (PBGD): The center collects data at the European-scale project on Swiss teacher training in the subjects 'civic education, "social studies" and "history" and deals with deeper content of interdisciplinarity in teacher education (State Secretariat for Education and Research).

Geschichte lernen im Zeitalter von Social Software (PBGD): Does the use of media affect the learning of history in the age of social software (eg Wikipedia)? Can students with cooperative forms of historical writing through social software, understand new aspects of history? In addition, qualitative data collected from the students of upper secondary education are evaluated.

Audiovisuelle Medien im Unterricht (PBGD): Based on a quantitative survey of history teachers as well as quality interviews with experts access to audiovisual documents for educational use and useful teaching aids for the use of sound and image in the classroom are developed (Memoriav - Association for the preservation of the audiovisual heritage of Switzerland).

Klassenrat empirisch (PBGD): The project investigates the everyday practice in school class council hours. The goal is to create a typology of ways to explorative class councils. In parallel, an effectiveness study of class councils is carried out, based on theoretical findings and empirical findings of the study (SNF, KKS).

Verständnisse der Lehrpersonen von politischer Bildung (PBGD): The understanding of political education of teachers affects the processes of their own learning as it appears on the school curriculum, and it influences the development and promotion of the skills of learners. The project combines the understanding of secondary I-teachers on political Education (SNF).

Civic Education II (PBGD): The NCCR-transfer project "Civic Education" is part of the NCCR Democracy. The intention is to apply knowledge and results of the NCCR-Democracy to political education by developing teaching materials are developed for secondary school (SNF).

Completed projects

ConTAKT-Storia (PBGD)

Datenarchiv Geschichtsunterricht (PBGD)

Erweiterung professioneller Handlungskompetenzen von Geschichtslehrpersonen durch Weiterbildung mit Unterrichtsvideos (PBGD)

Lebensraum Schweiz (PBGD)

Lernaufgaben im Lernbereich Geschichte und fachspezifische Kompetenzförderung

Politische Bildung im Geschichtsunterricht (PBGD)

Regards Croisés sur la Première Guerre mondiale (PBGD)

Teacher Empowerment to Educate Students for Becoming Active European Citizens (TEESAEC) (PBGD)

Wirkung von Geschichtslehrmitteln (PBGD)

Newly submitted projects

Narrative und Konzepte, SNF (PBGD)

Grundlagen zur Gestaltung eines lernwirksamen Unterrichts erkennen: Geschichtslehrpersonen analysieren Unterricht und erweitern ihre Unterrichtskompetenz, DORE SNF (PBGD)

Research Focus 5: History and theory of democracy

Current projects

Wege zur Demokratie in den schweizerischen Kantonen (c2d): An internal research project studying the history of direct democracy in the Swiss cantons during the 19th century, as a follow-up of an earlier c2d publication and in view of the scientific conference of 9/10 September 2010. Chaired By Dr. René Roca.

Theorie der direkten Demokratie (c2d): An internal research project studying basic requirements, operation and effect of direct democratic instruments.

Reader Politische Bildung (PBGD): On the basis of annotated source texts, the development of civic education in Switzerland from 18th century to present day is explained to teachers of civic education. The reader is a supplement to transfer project "Civic Education I" of the NCCR Democracy and funded by the SNF.

Completed projects

Zivilgesellschaft und Demokratie

IV. Lehre

In the year 2010 the ZDA has not as such organized teaching experiences. Several of its members however have been teaching at Universities in Switzerland and abroad.

Andreas Auer has taught at the Faculty of law UZH the Bachelor courses in *Öffentliches Prozessrecht I* (spring), *Staatsrecht I* (fall), a Master course *Kantonales Staatsrecht* (spring), a seminar *Direct Democracy: A comparative view* (fall, with Fernando Mendez) as well as *Lecture d'arrêts du Tribunal fédéral et de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme* (fall).

Marc Bühlmann has been teaching at the Institute of Political Science UZH on *Empirische Demokratieforschung* (spring) and a seminar on *Demokratiequalität* (fall); at UniBE in *Demokratiethorien – eine Einführung* (fall) and at IDHEAP Lausanne on *Mesurer la démocratie* (January).

Nico Van der Heiden taught at the Institute of Political Science UZH *Politik und Raum* (spring, with Céline Widmer), at the Hochschule Luzern *Politologie* (spring/fall), *Urban and metropolitan governance* (fall) as well as a Master course *Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft* (spring).

Daniel Kübler has taught at the Institute of Political Science UZH *Urban and metropolitan governance* (spring), *Politik und Demokratie in der Stadt* (spring), a Core Seminar *Democracy* (fall, UZH/ETH), *Urban Governance* (spring/fall) and a research colloquium (spring/fall).

Fernando Mendez has given Master courses at UZH/ETH on *Politics of the Internet: Governance, Policy-making and Democracy* (spring; with Uwe Serdült) and *Institutional analysis in the social sciences: theory and applications* (fall, with Vasiliki Triga).

Uwe Serdült has taught at the Institute of Political Science UZH *Kantonale und lokale direkte Demokratie in der Schweiz* (fall), a Master course UZH/ETH *Politics of the Internet: Governance, Policy-making and Democracy* (spring; with Fernando Mendez) and at UniGE *Politique suisse I* (spring).

Nenad Stojanovic has taught at the Institute of Political Science UZH *Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften* (spring).

Vasiliki Triga taught a Master course UZH/ETHZ *Institutional analysis in the social sciences: theory and applications* (fall, with Fernando Mendez) and at Aristoteles University Saloniki (February 2010).

Monika Waldis has been teaching at the University of Applied Sciences of Northwestern Switzerland *Unterrichten Lernen II* and *Quantitative Forschungsmethoden* in Basel the Master courses *Lehren und Lernen von Mathematik* and *Videoanalysen des Mathematikunterrichts* (with Reinhard Hölzl).

Yanina Welp has been teaching at Catalonia Open University in Barcelona on *The Information Society*.

Jonathan Wheatley has taught Master courses at UZH *State-building, Governance and Regime Change in the post-Soviet Space* (spring) and *Nations and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space* (fall).

Béatrice Ziegler has taught at UZH seminars in *Weinende Kinder und fehlende Krippenplätze* (spring) and *Europäischer Blick auf den Ersten Weltkrieg: Der Beitrag der Schweiz* (fall), at the PH FHNW on *Europäische Einigungsbewegungen* (spring, Aarau) and *Geschichte der Schweiz im 2. Weltkrieg* (fall, Aarau) as well as on *Geschichtskulturelle Manifestationen* (fall, Basel).

V. Datenbanken

www.c2d.ch

The international online database on national and subnational votes in all countries since 1791.

www.e-dc.ch

e-voting database (under construction).

www.politischebildung.ch

Website giving comprehensive information on civic education in Switzerland, in collaboration with PHZ Luzern and naturama.

Smartmonitor

Swiss Parliament database (under construction).

www.demokratiebarometer.com

Database measuring quality of democracy in 29 countries.

VI. Events

1. **Public events in and around Aarau**

- **2. Aarauer Demokratietage "Finanzkrise und Demokratie"**, 18./19. März 2010, Kultur- und Kongresshaus Aarau:
 - *Öffentliche Veranstaltung* mit Einführungsreferat und Podiumsdiskussion zum Thema, 18. März 2010
 - *Wissenschaftliche Tagung*, 19. März 2010
 - Panel 1: Finanzkrise, Demokratie und Rechtsstaat
 - Panel 2: Der Finanzsektor und die demokratische Entscheidungsprozesse
 - Panel 3: Finanzkrise und politische Bildung: Sind Börsenkurse wichtiger als Parteiprogramme?
 - *Ausstellung* "Macht des Geldes – Kraft der Aufklärung" Stadtmuseum Aarau, 4. März–4. April 2010
- Podium "**Der Kitt der Schweiz – Zivilgesellschaft und Direkte Demokratie**", 30. März 2010, Theater Tuchlaube, Aarau: Podiumsveranstaltung organisiert vom ZDA im Rahmen der Veranstaltungsreihe *Im Paradies – eine Bühne für Bilder und Visionen zur Schweiz* des Theater Tuchlaube.
- Spätsommeranlass des Vereins *Freunde des ZDA* zum Thema "**Volkswahl des Bundesrats**", 30. August 2010, ZDA Aarau: Referate von Prof. Andreas Auer und Prof. Daniel Kübler unter der Leitung von Prof. René Rhinow.

2. Conferences

The following conferences have been organized or co-organized by the ZDA:

- Forum Debatte **Demokratie und Meinungsbildung im Zeitalter des Internet**, 28. Januar 2010, Forum Schlossplatz/ZDA, Aarau.
- Konzepttagung "**Erinnerung – Verantwortung – Zukunft**": **Gedenktag an die Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit**, 10. März 2010, ZDA Aarau (PBGD/PH FHNW).
- Workshop **National minorities and new nationalizing states in the 20th and 21st centuries. A comparative study on minorities worldwide**, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Münster, 22.-26. März 2010.
- Tagung **Politische Bildung 2010: "Die eigenen Rechte in einer globalisierten Welt kennen"**, 27. März 2010, ZDA Aarau (PBGD/PH FHNW).
- Internationale wissenschaftliche Konferenz "**Switzerland: A nation-state or a multinational state?**", 7./8. Mai 2010, ZDA Aarau, in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CIS) der ETHZ (ADF).
- Wissenschaftliche Tagung "**Politische Bildung Empirisch 2010**", 3./4. September 2010, ZDA Aarau: erste internationale Tagung zur empirischen Forschung in Politischer Bildung (PBGD/PH PHNW).
- Wissenschaftliche Konferenz "**Wege zur direkten Demokratie in den schweizerischen Kantonen**", 9./10. September 2010, Kultur und Kongresshaus Aarau, unterstützt durch das Schweizerische Nationalmuseum und des Staatsarchivs des Kantons Aargau (c2d).
- Wissenschaftliche Konferenz "**Dynamics of Social Networks**", 15.–17. September 2010, ETH Zürich, in Zusammenarbeit mit ASNA (Applications of Social Network Analysis) der ETHZ (c2d).
- Kolloquium "**La Suisse: toujours un cas paradigmatique d'intégration intéressant pour l'Europe**", 11. November 2010, ZDA Aarau (ADF).
- Vortrag und Podiumsgespräch **Direkte Demokratie im Spannungsverhältnis von Demokratie und Recht: Hat das Volk immer Recht?** Dresden, Deutsches Institut für sachunmittelbare Demokratie, 20. November 2010, in Zusammenarbeit mit der Schweizerischen Botschaft in Berlin.

3. Workshops

Members of the ZDA have given 90 speeches at scientific events and workshops in Switzerland and abroad (detailed information available at the secretary office).

4. Public relations

Members of the directorate have participated at 28 events around Aarau in order to make the ZDA known among the political and private institutions of the region, specifically at the following:

Rotary Club Frick, 2. Februar 2010, Referat Prof. A. Auer "*Schweizer Regierungssystem am Ende?*".

Arbeitgeberverband, 2. Juni 2010, Basel; Teilnahme Prof. A. Auer am Podiumsgespräch "*Grenzen der Demokratie*".

Empfang des EU-Botschafters Michael Reiterer am ZDA, 8. Juni 2010, Präsentation ZDA durch die Direktion.

Grossrätliche Kommission Bildung, Kultur und Schule, 13. August 2010, Aarau Standortbestimmung ZDA durch Prof. D. Kübler.

Jubiläumsanlass **Universität Basel** "Wissen mobil – Zu Gast in Aarau", 23. Oktober 2010 Repräsentation ZDA durch Prof. B. Ziegler.

Jahrestagung **Schweizerische Konferenz für Parlamentsfragen**, 11. September 2010, Aarau Referat Prof. D. Kübler "*Metropolitanorganisationen: eine parlamentarische Herausforderung*".

Fakultätenbesuch UZH/FHNW am ZDA, 30. September 2010, Einführung/Präsentation des ZDA durch die Direktion.

Jugendparlament Aargau (Juvenat), 23. Oktober 2010, Aarau, Referat Prof. B. Ziegler "*Jugendpolitik*".

Generalversammlung **Kaufmännischer Verband Aarau**, 27. Oktober 2010, Referat und Präsentation ZDA durch Prof. A. Auer.

FDP Rapperswil, 17. November 2010, Referat Prof. A. Auer "*Aktuelle Probleme der schweizerischen Demokratie*".

VII Publications

Schriften zur Demokratieforschung. The ZDA has started a new series of publications within the field of democracy research with Schulthess Editor Zurich.

Volume 1 **Herausforderung HarmoS:**

Bildungspolitik, Föderalismus und Demokratie auf dem Prüfstein

Andreas Auer (Hrsg), Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Februar 2010

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6045-5 (203 Seiten, broschiert)

C2D Working Paper Series, Online-publication registered with the Swiss National Library, ISSN 1662-8152. Edited by c2d, three papers published in 2010.

POLIS. Das Magazin für Politische Bildung. Edited by PBGD on actual questions relating to civic education for teachers and interested public. Number 3/2010 dealing with "*Menschenrechtsbildung – Bildung und Menschenrechte*", has been published in February 2010.

Monographies

Auer, Andreas, (Hrsg.), *Herausforderung HarmoS: Bildungspolitik, Föderalismus und Demokratie auf dem Prüfstein*, Zürich Schulthess 2010, 203 S.

Heiden, Nico van der (2010). *Urban Foreign Policy and Domestic Dilemmas – Insights from Swiss and EU City-regions*. ECPR Press: Essex.

Hodel, Jan & Ziegler, Béatrice (Hrsg.) (2010): *Forschungswerkstatt Geschichtsdidaktik 09. Beiträge zur Tagung «geschichtsdidaktisch empirisch 09»*. Bern.

Reusser, Kurt; Pauli, Christine & **Waldis, Monika** (Hrsg.) (2010): *Unterrichtsgestaltung und Unterrichtsqualität – Ergebnisse einer internationalen und schweizerischen Videostudie zum Mathematikunterricht*. Münster.

Diendorfer, Gertraud; Rieber, Angelika; **Ziegler, Béatrice** (Hrsg.) (2010): *Einwanderungsgesellschaften und kulturelle Vielfalt*. Innsbruck, Wien, Bozen.

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IX. Financial Report/Financial Plan

1. Financial Report 2010

The financial report is presented as a separate document to the Board of partners. Pursuant to the decision of its last meeting (22 March 2010), the budget and reporting structure of the ZDA was revised. The accounting system is based on UZH standards; the presentation was modified to optimize readability and evaluation. By breaking down the FHNW figures it was possible to integrate the financial data of the department PBGD into the general overview of the ZDA. The annual financial statement now includes a general overview ZDA, which was added to the detailed statement and budget comparison of each department.

The key figures regarding the annual financial statement 2010 are listed below:

- The **general administrative costs** (Pool costs) amounting to a total of CHF 440'000.– were below the budgeted CHF 467'000.– despite the constant growth of the ZDA due to careful cost management. For the redesign of the web page provisions in the amount of CHF 15'000.– were cancelled; thus by internal performance this cost ceiling was not touched either.

In 2011 a further extension of the ZDA is planned with regard to space and staff. To check the possibilities of an extension of the Blumenhalde a feasibility study of CHF 25'000.– was commissioned; in addition, the lighting and ventilation of the seminar room will be improved. For the fiscal year 2011 a total of CHF 511'000.– is budgeted for general administrative costs.

- The department **c2d** was able to reduce its deficit from 2009 through external services (consulting/expertises) and rigorous cost management and even managed to create a small reserve. With a total turnover of CHF 1'818'732.– in addition to basic funding by the Canton AG (CHF 800'000.–), third-party funds (including mandates and services) amounting to approximately CHF 473'000.– could be acquired (Third-party financing ratio ~ 40.1%).

For 2011 a consolidation and a further development of the turnover generated by third-party funding are planned. The medium term spin-off of the constantly growing project activities in the field of *e-democracy* into a separate department is planned.

- The department **ADF** has completed its build-up phase; team and research activities were constantly expanded. By mid-2010 the scientific focus "Municipal Democracy" was launched, financed by a provision of the fiscal year 2009. For 2011 a further extension of the team is planned with additional qualified positions (doctoral students, assistants), financed by reserves from the build-up phase 2008–2010.

The annual turnover 2010 was CHF 1'153'641 with basic funding by the City of Aarau amounting to CHF 785'000.–. In addition, there were contributions by the UZH in the amount of CHF 323'725.– as well as CHF 100'000.– from third parties. Altogether the third-party financing ratio is approximately 30%.

- Department **PBGD**: This department is well established and makes full use of its resources; the turnover and number of staff members are on a constantly high level.

With a total turnover of CHF 1'106'095.– the third-party financing ratio was 32.3% (CHF 324'944.–). In the fiscal year 2011 this percentage is bound to be increased considerably.

2. Financial Plan

Basic contribution of the four partners (according to association contract in CHF):

City of Aarau	785'000.–
Canton AG	800'000.–
UZH	300'000.–
FHNW	450'000.–
Total	2'335'000.–

Additionally project-bound third-party funding for research projects and services is to be acquired according to the targets of the financial plan.

in CHF	2012	2013	2014	2015
Amount of expected third-party funding, total of all three (four) departments	1'450'000	1'500'000	1'500'000	1'500'000