
Annual Report ZDA 2012

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Foreword: What if the ZDA did not exist?

The main focus of the reporting for the year 2012 was the evaluation. Careful preparation, step-by-step execution, and close attention to the conclusions of the evaluation process, which was taken very seriously by all sides, were a major concern of all ZDA sections. What began as a self-examination and went on to include altogether well-intentioned advice, resulted in an overall positive evaluation. This included a number of recommendations, which will be taken up in the next development plan. Inevitably, one might ask whether it was worth the investment and whether the invested hours, effort, and Swiss Francs should not rather have been invested in democracy research.

The answer to the first question is 'yes', and 'no' is the answer to the second one. As a research centre which is financed by the canton, the city and the Universities, the ZDA wanted to conduct an assessment at the end of the first four-year period. The directorate is pleased that the ZDA has been able to deliver proof that, according to the experts and responsible specialist departments, it measures up to the very different and at times contradictory demands of science, society, the region and the Universities. The fact that the existence of the ZDA remains unquestioned, very clearly shows that we have actually found our place.

But it is characteristic for an academic research institute not to be content with what it has so arduously achieved. Assessments are necessary and profitable, while coming to a standstill would mean regression and failure. New themes must be taken up and old questions need to be more precisely formulated and finally answered: Are assemblies at municipal level in which 3% of the citizens participate democratic? Is there a Chinese, an Arab, a European democracy? What challenges does Swiss democracy have to set itself? Can one measure and compare the quality of democracy, can one improve democracy, mess it up? And what about transparency? Is the data on voting and balloting behaviour reliable? What do our students, our senior citizens, and the democracy critics know about the democratic processes?

The core question was posed by a member of the general partner meeting on the occasion of the discussion of the evaluation results, when he provocatively dropped the 'opinion poll' question into the circle: What would we actually lose by not having the ZDA?

It would certainly not have a hugely detrimental effect on worldwide or Swiss democracy. We are not so presumptuous to think that we could have such a direct influence. The modesty of this attitude is actually the consequence of an immodest conviction, as it is founded on relatively well-trying knowledge of the fundamental elements of a democratic organisation of governments and the possibilities of its development. It is precisely because we know quite a lot about democracy that we must exercise much caution when we are asked if and how, for example, democracy in Egypt, Mongolia or also in Switzerland can be further developed. As an interdisciplinary research centre, we are in a position to answer specific scientific questions *dans les règles de l'art*. Not more, but also not less.

Without us the Canton of Aargau and the city of Aarau would not be worse off, but also not better off. ZDA is not irreplaceable. But it is also not without its uses and significance. What we have achieved in the region is for one that we and - together with us - a large segment of the population have acquired a sense of belonging. We are not one of forty-seven research centres of the University of Zurich (UZH), we are not one of twenty-three institutes of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW). We are the only interdisciplinary academic research center dealing with democracy in Switzerland, we conduct research on all continents and, of course, also in Switzerland, we are part of UZH and FHNW and we are in Aarau. One knows that here, and soon it will be known everywhere.

Without the ZDA, Blumenhalde - built by Heinrich Zschokke - would not once more have become a meeting place for research and development in democracy after almost 200 years. Without the ZDA, the research agenda of NCCR Democracy would have little chance of a future beyond the planned end in 2017. Without the ZDA, the three departments, their heads and staff, would, more or less, simply disappear within their chairing faculties. Without the ZDA, Aarau would not have annual democracy days. Without the ZDA, the Swiss National Science Foundation would have spent more money elsewhere. Without the ZDA, the numerous requests from contractors in Switzerland and abroad would have to look elsewhere for researchers.

Without the ZDA I would also not have been able to write this foreword. After four years as the director of this unique academic construct, committed equally to chance and volition, I would like to thank all who have made the ZDA possible, who carry it forward and lead it to new horizons.

Aarau, January 2013

Andreas Auer

I. ZDA-Internal

1. The Organisation

a. Partners

The status with regard to ZDA partnerships with the city of Aarau, Canton Aargau, the University of Zurich (UZH) and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) remained unchanged in the reporting year.

b. General Assembly

The general meeting is made up of two delegates each per partner. The UZH has delegated Prof. Dr. Thomas Gächter; Professor for Constitutional, Administrative, and Social Security Law at the RWF as successor to Prof. Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi, who is now at the EUI Florence. An extraordinary general meeting was convened on 24/08/2012, in addition to the two statutory meetings as foreseen in the contract, held in the spring and fall.

At the meeting on 26/03/2012, the 2011 annual report and annual financial statement were approved. The directorate reported on the status of the evaluation process and the cooperation of the partners within the framework of the "Site Visit" of the expert group was organised. The members of the general meeting took note of the resolutions of the directorate with regard to the development of Blumenhalde as well as the status of the cooperation negotiations of the projects *World Democracy Days Aarau* and *e-dc*.

At the extraordinary general meeting on 24/08/2012, unanswered questions with regard to the cooperation of the ZDA general meeting in the UZH proceedings for the appointment of a successor to the professorial position of A. Auer at the Institute of Law at the UZH were clarified, and the further procedures for the successor arrangements of Prof. Dr. Andreas Auer as head of the department c2d at the ZDA were decided.

At the regular meeting on 05/11/2012, the 2013 ZDA budget 2013 was approved. The partners re-elected Dr. Marcel Guignard, Mayor of Aarau, as the chair of the general meeting for another term (2013–2014). According to the partner contract regulations, a new chair of the directorate must be chosen every two years from the members of the directorate. Prof. Dr. Andreas Auer was the chair during the development phase 2009–2012. His exceptional engagement receives due mention and is commended. Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler is unanimously confirmed as new directorate chair for the period 2013–2014.

The evaluation of the ZDA evaluation report and the resolutions on the follow-up were deferred to an addition extraordinary meeting to take place on 07/01/2013.

c. Directorate

In 2012, the directorate met at seven formal meetings; informal discussions took place regularly. In addition to the day-to-day business (the management and the coordination of the three departments) and the organisation of the Aarau Democracy Days, the main issues in the reporting year were the external evaluation of the ZDA by the evaluation department of the University of Zurich and the space problems, that is, the Blumenhalde extension.

To support the public relations work of the ZDA, the directorate created the position of Public Relations Representative. This position was filled by Adrian Ritter. His assignment is primarily to make the results of the ZDA research projects available and known to the broader public.

As of 31/12/2012, Prof. Dr. Andreas Auer relinquishes the directorate chair to Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, who as of 01/08/2012 is also Director of NCCR Democracy at the UZH. The existing cooperation between NCCR Democracy and the ZDA is to be strengthened in future.

d. Advisory Council

The council membership has not changed in the reporting year. The members are:

- 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 advisory council of the ZDA met for a third meeting at the UZH in Zurich-Irchel on 20 November 2012. Physically present were the Professors Bernhard Waldmann and Giovanni Biaggini as well as the members of the ZDA directorate, accompanied by Adrian Ritter, the ZDA public relations representative. The Professors Dietlind Stolle (Montreal), Peter Seixas (Vancouver) and Yannis Papadopoulos (Lausanne) participated via video conference. Unfortunately Professor Dirk Lange (Hannover) was unable to participate, but he sent a written statement in advance of the council meeting. The agenda list covered two main points, which were the annual report 2011 and the evaluation report of October 2012. The advisory council members issued the ZDA and its directorate a good report for the year 2011/2012. The general balance result was 'excellent'. The positions and discussion were summarized in a report for the general meeting of the partners.

2. The Team

In the reporting year, ZDA had 61 employees (2011: 57, 2010: 48), accounting for 2,100 percentage positions, or 21 FTE (2011: 21.15 FTE, 2010: 19.87 FTE).

ADF:

Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, Prof. Dr. Daniel Bochsler
 Dr. Marc Bühlmann, Dr. Anna Christmann, Dr. Régis Dandoy, Dr. Philippe Koch, Dr. des. Nenad Stojanovic, Dr. Nico van der Heiden
 Claudia Alpiger, Céline Antonini, Nina Astfalck, Nina Blaser, Bettina Boldi, Karima Bousbah, Patricia Buser, Mélanie Gerber, Anja Giudici, Christopher Goodman, Frederic Häner, Miriam Hänni, Karin Hasler, Nadja Hauser, Elisa Meister, Lisa Müller, Sarah Ott, Philippe Rochat, Andreas Rohner, Amanda Salamina, Christian Schalch, Basil Schläpfer, Mirjam Stutz, Michael Surber, David Willumsen, Su Yun Woo, Roman Zwicky

c2d:

Prof. Dr. Andreas Auer, Dr. Uwe Serdült
 Dr. Corsin Bisaz, Dr. Fernando Mendez, Dr. Yanina Welp, Dr. Jonathan Wheatley
 Nicolas Aubert, Alexandre Baudin, Ralph Doleschal, Micha Germann, Patrick Hürzeler, Beat Müller, Evren Somer, Ana Tornic, Noémi Ziegler

PBGD:

Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler
 Dr. Dominik Allenspach, Dr. Monika Waldis, Dr. des. Jan Hodel
 Manuel Gautschi, Roxane Kübler, Alexander Lötscher, Sara Meszaros, Ruth Probst, Bernhard Schär, Claudia Schneider, Vera Sperisen, Ralph Wahl, Nicole Wälti, Corinne Wyss, Patrik Zamora

ZDA Pool:

Eliane Widmer, Adrian Ritter

The staff statistics, according to function and department, for the year 2012 are as follows:

Employment statistics ZDA 2012 *					
<i>Function **</i>	<i>Department</i>				Total percentage positions
	ADF	c2d	PBGD	Pool	
Interns	0.00	40.00		0.00	40.00
Assistans without degrees	178.00	0.00		0.00	178.00
Assistants with BA	62.50	0.00		0.00	62.50
Assistants with MA/licentiate	45.00	6.87	307.09	0.00	358.96
PhD students	260.83	191.67	10.00	0.00	462.50
Post Docs	290.42	397.92	170.00	0.00	858.33
administrative/technical staff	0.00	0.00	27.50	112.50	140.00
Total percentage positions	836.75	636.46	514.59	112.50	2100.29
Number of staff	34	13	12	2	61
* <i>excl. directors and assistant professors democtatisation</i>					
** <i>according the terminology of the UZH</i>					

While the human resources numbers of the departments c2d and PBGD fell somewhat in comparison to the previous year due to various changes in the team (the distribution of functions remained relatively stable) the core team (research staff and doctoral candidates) of the ADF department was supplemented by numerous project-financed, temporary posts that require higher qualifications (assistants with degrees and doctoral candidates) as well as assistant researchers (assistants without degrees/students).

Table 1: Development of the number of employees at ZDA 2010 - 2012, by departments

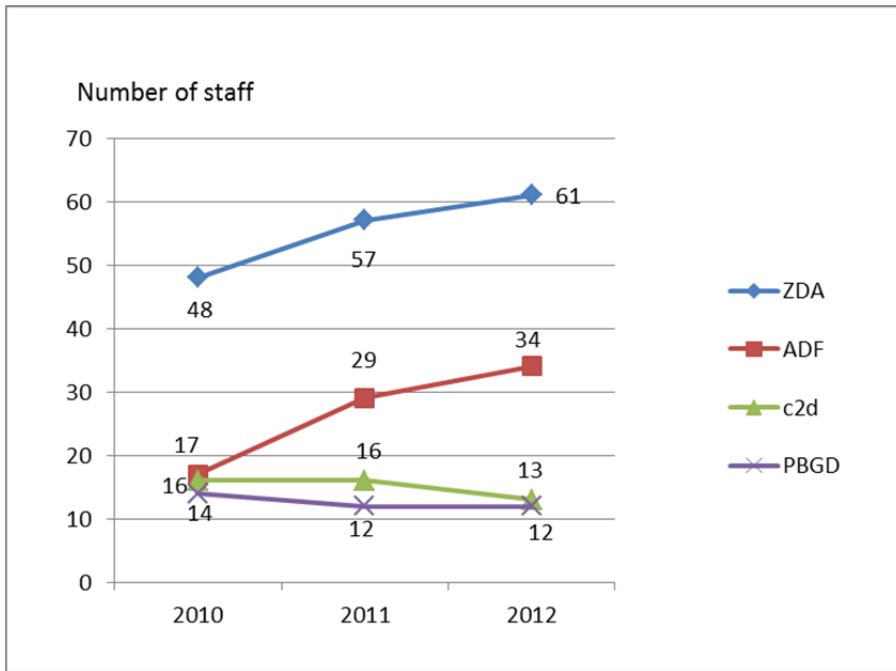
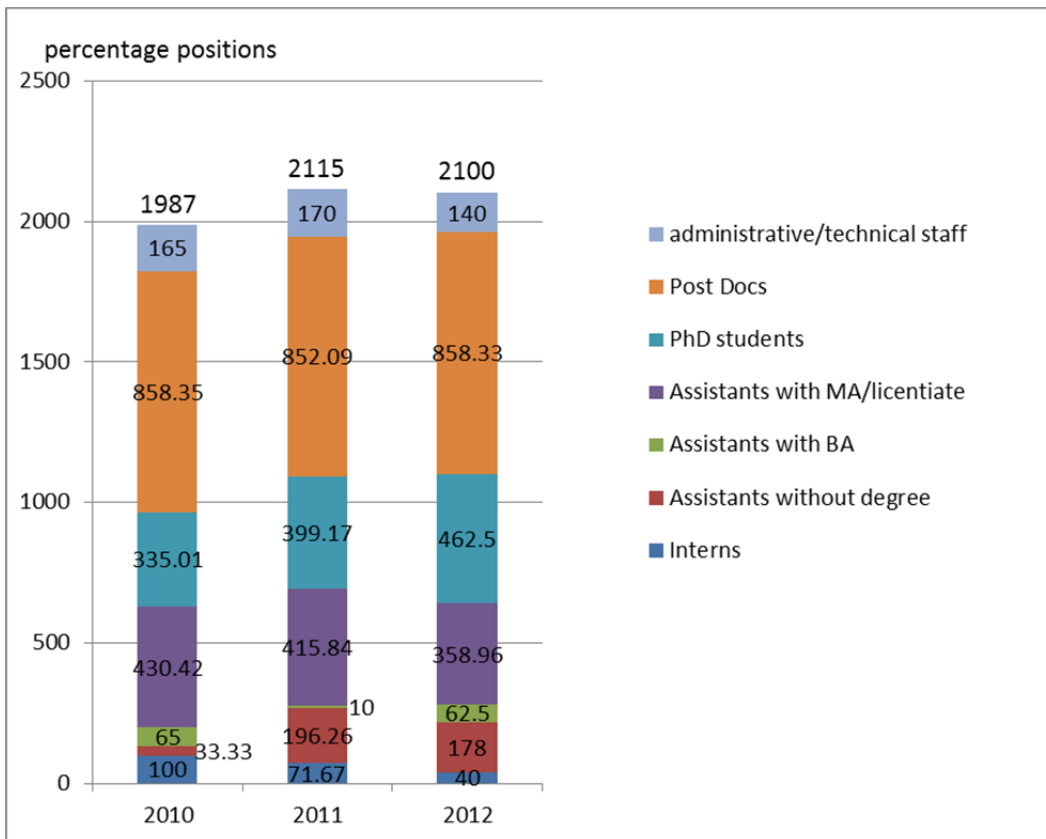


Table 2: Development percentage positions at ZDA 2010-2012, by function



Every year guest researchers join the ZDA team for several weeks or months. In the reporting year these were:

Alejandra C. Marzuca Perera (Uruguay, till June 2012), Lusine Hakobyan (Armenia, Internship Programm for Young Professionals in Federalism SDC, 27.9.-5.10.2012), Ilker Gökhan Sen (Turkey, August 2012).

3. Team Seminars

For the promotion of interdisciplinary collaboration, selected research projects of the three departments are presented and discussed twice a year.

The first team seminar took place on 13 January 2012. An all-day further development seminar in the form of a political simulation game could be organised within the framework of a project cooperation with the firm *Europäische Politik Simulation EuroSoc GmbH*: EU decision processes on ministerial level, "Verhandlungen zur Verordnung über die Europäische Bürgerinitiative" (negotiations on the regulation on the European citizen's initiative).

At the second team seminar on 29 June 2012, Prof. Peter Selb (University of Konstanz), Prof. Marco Steenberger and Dr. Dominik Hangartner (IPZ/UZH) were invited to present the research proposal "Extent and consequences of Unequal Participation in Direct Democracy" which was formulated in collaboration with the department ADF. Alexander Lötscher and Corinne Wyss presented the project "Democracy in the Class Council" (Department PBGD) and Fernando Mendez reported on "The State of Research on Voting Advice Applications and its Relevance for the Social Sciences" (Department c2d).

4. Cross-Departmental Collaborations

Bringing together the three departments within the ZDA created the opportunity for interdisciplinary collaborations also within the year under review. In 2012, above all, the cooperation between the departments ADF and PBGD was intensified. On the one hand, this affected the joint offers for the evaluation of the implementation of political simulation games for the firm EuroSoc GmbH in Constance, as well as the collaboration in projects on the dissemination and exploitation of results within the framework of NCCR Democracy. On the other hand, a project was finalised by team members of the departments ADF and PBGD. The aim was to develop a Swiss political simulation game, to be implemented in political education at the Swiss secondary school level (PlaySwissLex). This project is supported with a substantial financial contribution from the Commission for Technology and Innovation (KTI). For the distribution of the product, members of the department ADF and PBGD founded a spin-off together with the firm EuroSoc GmbH on 11/10/2012: The firm Etharion GmbH, domiciled in Basel.

5. Facilities

In the year under review, the problems with regard to the building were a major concern for both the directorate and the general partner meeting.

At the end of 2011, the ZDA agreed with conviction to the Blumenhalde conversion and extension, opting for the modules "extension of the main building" and "conversion of the seminar room", and declared that it was prepared to take on the ensuing rent increase of up to ca. CHF 45,000 per year, despite the fact that it was at the upper limit. But in September 2012 ZDA was informed that the desired conversion of Blumenhalde would be 65 per cent more expensive than planned. This would entail a rent increase to the sum of ca. CHF 64,000 per year. After a meeting with the local municipal authorities and the architects, the directorate saw no other option but to give up on the extension of Blumenhalde due to the fact that it would exceed the set cost limits. This decision was approved by the partners at the general meeting.

After further discussions with the local municipal authorities at the beginning of December, the directorate declared that it would reconsider the decision. The reappraisal is justified for different reasons: the medium term critical developments and long term foreseeable space requirements of the ZDA; the desirability of keeping all existing and future departments and

staff of the ZDA at the Blumenhalde location; the identification of the ZDA with its present location among the public; the large investment/expenditures already made for the project phase of the conversion.

But the directorate decided that it would be necessary to attach certain conditions to an agreement to the conversion. This, on the one hand, because the conversion will have an immediate and long term effect on the rental fee – extensively tying up funds which would then not be available for ZDA research projects. On the other hand, one can expect extensive emissions during the construction period, which would hinder research work, and at times even make it impossible during certain periods.

In a letter, dated 22 December 2012, the directorate informed the local municipal authorities that it would be prepared to accept a rental fee increase to a maximum of CHF 45,000. This sum could not exceed the said amount even if there are cost overruns. The directorate requested that the local municipal authorities make a proposal to the city council to the effect that the rent would not exceed the said amount and that in no instance would the ZDA have to bear the risk.

6. The Association "Friends of the ZDA"

The association "Friends of the ZDA" has existed since April 2009. The association's purpose is to promote the development of the ZDA and to strengthen its position among the population, in politics and business. At the end of 2012 the association had some 300 members. Uwe Serdült is a member of the association's board and in this is both a link to and represents the ZDA. There are 3-4 association meetings per year held in the Blumenhalde.

For the annual late summer event it was possible to win a prominent guest speaker, member of the Swiss Federal Council Doris Leuthard. The speech was to be followed by a panel discussion – led by a representative of the Swiss National Council, Pascale Bruderer Wyss – with the Federal Councillor Leuthard and Georg Müller, Professor of Constitutional Law, on the subject "Versorgungssicherheit versus direkte Demokratie? Das Spannungsfeld grosser Infrastrukturprojekte" (Supply security versus direct democracy? The area of conflict of large infrastructure projects). But just before the beginning of the event, a serious medical emergency involving one of the members of the association meant that the event had to be broken off early.

II. Research

Research focus 1: Democracy in Comparison

Current projects

Demokratiebarometer (ADF): NCCR Democracy research project measuring the quality of democracy in established democracies (**Daniel Bochsler** and Wolfgang Merkel [WZB]). Duration: 10/2009–09/2013.

Democratic Transitions in West-Africa: Political Elites, Civil Society and Institutions (c2d): SNF research project about the development of democracy in seven Westafrican countries (**Andreas Auer, Jonathan Wheatley, Fernando Mendez** and Augustin Loada [Ouagadougou]). Duration: 09/2010–09/2013.

Cleavages, governance and the media in European metropolitan areas (ADF): NCCR 'Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century' research project about conflict, political institutions and media in six European metropolitan areas. (**Daniel Kübler**, Frank Marcinkowski [Universität Münster]). Duration: 10/2009–09/2013.

Governance and administration of mega-cities. Chinese and European perspectives (ADF): Cooperation project of the Sino-Swiss Science and Technology Cooperation. (**Daniel Kübler**, Lisheng Dong [Chinese Academy of Social Sciences]). Duration: 06/2011–05/2013.

The Swiss Contribution to Constitutional Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2 (ADF): Research project financed by SDC. (**Nenad Stojanovic**). Duration: 08/2012–09/2013.

Ethnic quotas and representation of minorities in local politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ADF): SCOPES research project about modes and quality of minority representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (**Nenad Stojanovic**). Duration: 01/2010–09/2013.

Bundesverwaltung und Vertretung der Sprachgemeinschaften: Analyse der Personalrekrutierungsprozesse und -strategien (ADF). Research cooperation with the Institut für Mehrsprachigkeit der Universität Fribourg (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 01/2012–12/2013.

Completed projects

Politikwissenschaftliches Gutachten zur Volksinitiative 'Staatsverträge vors Volk' (ADF). Expertise for Economiesuisse. (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 01/2012–05/2012.

New project submissions

Ethnic quotas and representation of minorities in local politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ADF): Request of a valorisation grant from the SNF. (Applicant: **Nenad Stojanovic**).

Rejected projects

Xenobiotic risks and evidence-based policy-making (ADF): Project proposal for the NCCR Xenobiotic Risks, submitted to the Swiss National Science Foundation. (Applicant: **Daniel Kübler**).

Design of political rights (ADF). Working package in the FP7 proposal 'Urban life', coordinated by Darmstadt Technical University and submitted to the EU FP7. (Applicant: **Daniel Kübler**).

Research focus 2: Direct Democracy

Current projects

The people's constituent power: referendums on sovereignty issues (c2d): SNF research project about the role of direct democracy regarding territorial reconfiguration and conflicts in an age of globalization (**Fernando Mendez, Andreas Auer**). Duration: 09/2011–08/2014.

Wirksamkeit von Volksinitiativen in den Kantonen (c2d): Internal research project concerning political and normative effects of citizens' initiatives in the Swiss cantons (**Andreas Auer**).

Direct Democracy in the EU (c2d): Internal research projects about institutions and practice of direct democracy regarding EU integration (**Fernando Mendez**).

Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Deutschland und der Schweiz (c2d): Comparative research project about forms, practice and theory of direct democracy in Germany and Switzerland (**Andreas Auer, Uwe Serdült**, in collaboration with the University of Konstanz, financed by Baden-Württemberg and the Canton of Argovia).

¿Cómo Vamos? Quality of Life Indicators for Better Urban Governance (c2d): Research project about the diffusion of empirical indices of the quality of life in urban areas of Argentina and Brazil (**Yanina Welp, Uwe Serdült**, Avina Stiftung). Duration: 2011–2014.

Recall – political weapon for bad losers or instrument of accountability? (c2d): Research project about the increase of recall votes in Latin America, particularly on the local level in Peru and Ecuador (**Yanina Welp, Uwe Serdült**, Avina Stiftung). Duration: 2011–2014.

Democracy in the post-soviet era (c2d): Internal research project regarding democratization in the CIS states (**Jonathan Wheatley**).

Completed projects

Democracy on the county level in China (c2d): Internal research project about democratic approaches on the local level in China.

New project submissions

Enhancing the use of modern direct democracy tools at local level through Bulgarian-Swiss cooperation (c2d): Partnership project in the framework of the Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme with the European Institute Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria. (**Uwe Serdült, Corsin Bisaz**). Duration: 24 months.

Research focus 3: Democratic Innovations

Current projects

e-democracy (c2d): Research project on e-voting in Switzerland and abroad. (**Andreas Auer**, **Uwe Serdült**). Research cooperation with the Cantons AG, GR, GE and the Federal Chancellery. Duration: 01/2013–12/2016.

Preference Matcher (c2d): Internal research project regarding the design of Voting Advice Applications for citizens (**Fernando Mendez** und **Jonathan Wheatley**).

School Governance und Laienpartizipation (ADF): Research project financed by Section I of the SNF. (**Daniel Kübler** and Carsten Quesel [FHNW]). Duration: 07/2011–06/2014.

Verwertung der Ergebnisse: Die Rolle von Gemeinden bei bürgerschaftlich initiierten Alterswohnbauprojekten (ADF). Financed by the Age Stiftung. (**Phillippe Koch**). Duration: 11/2012–01/2013.

Completed projects

E-voting in den Schweizer Pilotkantonen (c2d): Internal research project about first experiences with e-voting in the Cantons Geneva, Neuchatel and Zurich (**Uwe Serdült**). 2003–2012.

Die Rolle von Gemeinden bei bürgerschaftlich initiierten Alterswohnbauprojekten (ADF). Research project financed by the Age Stiftung. (**Phillippe Koch**). Duration: 04/2011–01/2012.

New project submissions

baloti.ch – An Internet Voting Platform for Swiss Migrants (c2d): Continuation of 2 years.

The Role of Emotional Interactions in the Polarization of Opinions in Participation Media (c2d): SNF proposal by Prof. Frank Schweitzer, ETHZ and **Uwe Serdült**, c2d. Duration: 36 months.

Research focus 4: Citizenship Education

Current projects

Civic Education II (PBGD) is part of NCCR Democracy, which deals with the challenges confronting democracy in the 21st century. Central to this is the aim to make the knowledge and the results of NCCR Democracy useful for civic education by developing the website www.politiklernen.ch with teaching and learning materials for the secondary school levels I and II (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 01/2009–12/2013.

The Swiss-German curriculum BNE+ (PBGD): The integration of "Education for Sustainable Development into the new Swiss German curriculum (BNE+)" has to ensure that interdisciplinary subjects as health education, global learning, citizenship education and environmental education become part of school curricula. The centre is responsible for the designing of citizenship education in the curriculum (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 01/2009–12/2013.

The Test for Future Citizens in Canton Aargau (PBGD): The Canton Aargau is revising its citizenship laws. This includes a new concept for the regular naturalisation. The centre is

developing and evaluating the questions for the citizenship test (**Monika Waldis**). Duration: 04/2010–08/2013.

Good history education in schools of secondary II level in Lucerne (PBGD): The trial study with teachers at grammar school level in Lucerne has the aim of promoting students' competences in history. Within the framework of an in-service course for teachers, possibilities for designing didactics in history lessons are discussed and new test formats are developed. The accompanying scientific research tests changes in the knowledge of teachers. In addition, test questions to measure student skills are put to the test (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 08/2011–12/2013.

Hitch: A German-Austrian-Swiss partnership is developing a test for large-scale assessment of historical competences. The project is headed by Prof. Dr. Ulrich Trautwein, Tübingen. (**Béatrice Ziegler, Jan Hodel, Monika Waldis**). Duration: 06/2012–12/2014.

Initial Training: The centre is collecting data for a Europe-wide project on Swiss teacher training in the subjects "civic education", "social sciences", and "history" and is conducting an in-depth study of interdisciplinarity in teacher-training (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 01/2010–12/2013.

mBook 1. World War: A chapter of an mBook schoolbook on the First World War is being developed, which will be used in Swiss-German school classes. The aim of the chapter is to advance historical competences and includes the treatment of the historical subject of Switzerland and the First World War in public history. The mBook is the prerequisite for a research project that will study the achieved competence furtherance (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 10/2012–12/2014.

narratio: The project studies the historical narrative competence in student texts. On the basis of sets of materials, on the one hand about a non-school-related subject, and on the other hand a school-related subject, students write texts. Their historical narrative quality is being studied. The project will lead to a further application. The research is done in cooperation with the University Osnabrück and the Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg i. Br.) (**Béatrice Ziegler, Jan Hodel, Monika Waldis**). Duration: 01/2012–12/2013.

Reader Politische Bildung (PBGD): In this project a reader for teachers of citizenship education will be developed. Based on annotated source texts, the development of citizenship education in Switzerland from the 18th century to the present is presented. The reader supplements the project "Civic Education I" of NCCR Democracy (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 05/2010–12/2013.

Videosurvey: In the project, an instrument will be developed to record the professional knowledge and skills of graduates of the School of Teacher Education FHNW (teacher-training college) in the field of social sciences, implementing video clips (**Monika Waldis**). Duration: 05/2012–12/2013.

Completed projects

Geschichte lernen im Zeitalter von Social Software

History Helpline II

Klassenrat empirisch

Kompetenzraster Politische Bildung

Konzept für ein Geschichtslehrmittel für den Lehrplan 21

MemoHist – audiovisuelle Medien im Geschichtsunterricht

Verständnisse der Lehrpersonen von Politischer Bildung (Beliefs of Teachers about Civic Education)

New project submissions

* *PlaySwissLex Simulation – Planspiel für Politische Bildung* (PBGD & ADF) project supported by CTI (**Daniel Kübler, Béatrice Ziegler, Jan Hodel**)

Geschichte unterrichten

Ausprägung und Genese professionellen Wissens von Geschichtslehrpersonen. Eine empirische Untersuchung auf der Grundlage eines Videosurveys (VisuHist)

* *Demokratie bewegt* (PBGD, ADF)

*) projects across departments

Rejected projects

Deliberation im Klassenrat

Research Focus 5: History and Theory of Democracy

Current projects

Reader Politische Bildung (PBGD): In this project a reader for teachers of citizenship education will be developed. Based on annotated source texts, the development of citizenship education in Switzerland from the 18th century to the present is presented. The reader supplements the project "Civic Education I" of NCCR Democracy (**Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 05/2010–12/2013

Theorie der direkten Demokratie (c2d): Internal research project about the foundations, the functioning and the effects of direct democratic instruments (**Andreas Auer** and **Corsin Bisaz**).

Accepting the challenge of the polity objection to democratic legitimacy (c2d): A study about the limitations of democratic legitimation (**Corsin Bisaz**).

III. Teaching

CAS ZDA-IDHEAP: A CAS course in Public Administration was developed in the year 2011 in collaboration with the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration IDHEAP. The respective cooperation agreement and the studies regulations were forwarded for approval to the executive board of the University of Zurich by the Faculty of Humanities.

However, the executive board of the university turned down the cooperation agreement with IDHEAP on 29 March 2012, with the justification that the IDHEAP is not authorized to conduct doctoral programmes. In face of this negative decision, the management decided to suspend the development of this program of continuous education.

Lectures and Seminars at Universities:

Dominik Allenspach, Alexander Lötscher and Claudia Schneider have given a workshop at PHZ Lucerne on *Politische Bildung und Geschichte nach Lehrplan 21* (april 10 to 13, 2012).

Andreas Auer held the following lectures for the Law Faculty UZH:

- *Öffentliches Prozessrecht I* (spring term);
- *Direkte Demokratie in der Schweiz*, Master module Democracy (with **CorsinBisaz**) (autumn term);
- Basic lecture *Staatsrecht für Berufsfachschullehrpersonen* (autumn term); elective course *Discussion d'arrêts du Tribunal fédéral* (autumn term).

Bochsler, Daniel: Spring 2012: University of Zurich: BA-Seminar "Wahlen, Parteien und Repräsentation in jungen Demokratien".

Bochsler, Daniel: Fall 2012: University of Zurich: BA-Seminar "Junge Demokratien. Politische Transition und demokratische Konsolidierung".

Bochsler, Daniel: Fall 2012: University of Zurich: MA-Seminar: "Dictators, dictatorships and how they end. Authoritarianism in a comparative perspective".

Bühlmann, Marc: Fall 2012. University of Berne: lecture "Demokratiethorien – eine Einführung".

Christmann, Anna: Fall 2012: one-day seminar in the framework of the Harvard in Europe Programme (Cooperation between the University of Freiburg i.B. and the ZDA): "Direct Democracy".

Christmann, Anna: Fall 2012: University of Zurich: Specialization BA: "Demokratie und Medien in europäischen Metropolregionen. Institutionen und politische Kommunikation im Vergleich".

Micha Germann has taught a semester course in civic education for the KV Zürich Business School.

Heiden, van der Nico: Spring 2012: University of Lucerne. "Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft". Course in the framework of the MAS Public Management.

Heiden, van der Nico: Fall 2012: University of Lucerne: "Politologie".

Kübler, Daniel: Spring 2012: University of Zurich: Specialization BA "Demokratie und Medien in europäischen Metropolregionen".

Kübler, Daniel: Spring 2012: University of Zurich: elective module "Politik und Demokratie in der Stadt".

Kübler, Daniel: Fall 2012: ETH Zürich / Universität Zürich: Core Seminar MACIS "Democracy".

Alexander Lötscher and Claudia Schneider administered at PH/FHNW Aarau a seminar on *Fachdidaktik Geschichte 3.2 Erweiterung* (fall).

Uwe Serdült has contributed the module *Social Network Analysis* (4 units) by video conference in the framework of the course 'Global Software Engineering' for the Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan as well as the Tomsk State University, Russia, (Fall 2012).

Vera Sperisen conducted a basic seminar in Research and Development: *Qualitative Research* at Teacher School FHNW in Zofingen.

Stojanovic, Nenad: Fall 2012: University of Zurich: MA-Seminar "Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften".

Stojanovic, Nenad: Spring 2012: Université de Lausanne: BA-lecture: "Science politique comparée". (with Prof. Dr. Dietmar Braun).

Stojanovic, Nenad: Spring 2012: Université de Genève: MA-Seminar "Institutions et conflits".

Stojanovic, Nenad: Fall 2012: World Peace Academy, Basel: "The peace potential of democracy" (MA). (with Farai Muguwu).

Stojanovic, Nenad: Fall 2012: Université de Lausanne: BA-Vorlesung: "Science politique: théorie et concepts A".

Monika Waldis lectured at the School of Teacher Education FHNW, BA-Seminar, Bale, about *Instructional planning, teaching methods and assessment* (General didactics), Spring term 2012.

Monika Waldis lectured at the School of Teacher Education FHNW, BA-Seminar, Bale, about *Motivation, Learning and Instruction*, Spring term 2012.

Monika Waldis lectured at the School of Teacher Education FHNW about *Teaching and Learning Mathematics* (Spring term 2012) as well as *Video Analysis of Mathematics Instruction* (Autumn term 2012) in the Master of Educational Sciences of PH FHNW in Bale.

Yanina Welp has taught for a telecourse on the Catalonia Open University on the topic of *The Information Society*.

Jonathan Wheatley lectured at the Institut für Politikwissenschaft of the UZH the MA-Seminar *Comparative Democratization: Former Soviet Union, West Africa, Latin America* (FS).

Béatrice Ziegler lectured at the University of Basle / Teacher School FHNW about Public History in the Master of Educational Sciences, History Education; at the University of Zurich she held a seminar (with Konrad Kuhn) about monuments and one about disputed history (mit Konrad Kuhn).

IV. Data bases

www.c2d.ch

The international online database on national and regional referendums since 1791, in all countries of the world, was developed further in the year under review. The international vote results can now for the most part also be read in automatically. Gaps in the data on voting results in the Swiss cantons were closed. Parliamentary voting results, voting brochures and cantonal voting results are now also being recorded, that is, scanned. The complete parliamentary voting results for the Cantons AG and SO are now available, going back to 1970. Also, we have carried out a minor redesigning of the graphics.

E-voting in Switzerland

The e-voting data bank was put together in 2011. It is an excel file containing all e-voting results from the three pilot cantons Geneva, Neuchâtel, and Zurich from 2003 to 2011 (N=1,200). The data was collected at municipality level. The further development of the data as well as updating it with the 2012 results will in the future be carried out within the framework of the e-democracy project.

Database Swiss elections and voting (ZDA-BFS)

Data collection of subnational election and vote results for the Federal Office of Statistics. (**Daniel Bochsler**). Duration: 03/ 2012–12/2015.

www.politischebildung.ch

The website informs about citizenship education in Switzerland. It has been build up with the cooperation of the Teacher School Zentralschweiz-Lucerne and of naturama (SBE).

www.demokratiebarometer.com

Data base measuring the quality of democracy in 30 countries (**Daniel Bochsler**).

www.politiklernen.ch

The website politiklernen.ch (learning politics), which is still being developed, provides initial teaching and learning materials for teachers at secondary school levels I and II. Politiklernen.ch is a transfer project of NCCR democracy.

V. Events

1. Public Events in and around Aarau

- **4. Aarauer Demokratietage "Demokratisierung im arabischen Raum"**, 15 and 16 March 2012, Kultur & Kongresshaus Aarau:
 - *Keynote and panel discussion*, 15 March 2012
Cultural Program Kabarettist Flurin Caviezel "Demokratie bei uns"
 - *Scientific conference*, 16. März 2012
Panel 1: Chancen der Demokratisierung im arabischen Raum
Panel 2: Grundvoraussetzungen und Basiselemente der Demokratie
Panel 3: Bildung als Institution eines Demokratisierungsprozesses
 - *Cultural Program*, 16. März 2012
Filmvorführung "Tahrir – Liberation Square", Freier Film Aarau
- **Public Talk** by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ernst, UZH: "Ja – Nein – Enthaltung: Betrachtung zur Abstimmung aus juristischer Sicht", ZDA, 25 April 2012 (A. Auer/c2d).
- **Late Summer Event organized by the association *Friends of the ZDA*** on the topic of "Demokratische Prozesse bei überregionalen Grossprojekten" 20. August 2012, ZDA Aarau:
Talk by Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard and discussion by Pascale Bruderer Wyss.
[event had to be cancelled because of a medical emergency]

2. Conferences

The following conferences and workshops were organised or co-organised by departments or members of the ZDA:

- Workshop "**Geographische Ansätze in der Politikwissenschaft**". Annual congress of the Swiss Political Science Association", Luzern, 2-3 February 2012 (co-chaired by Marc Bühlmann, ADF).
- Panel "**Federalism and Territorial Politics**". Annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association. Luzern, 2-3 February 2012 (chaired by Phillippe Koch, ADF).
- **5th ZDA Avina Workshop**, "Revocatoria de mandato: Leyes, prácticas y evaluaciones", 13 February 2012, Aarau, ZDA (Yanina Welp und Uwe Serdült, c2d).
- Scientific conference "**gde 12. geschichtsdidaktik empirisch 12**". 16–17 February 2012, Alte Universität Basel (Jan Hodel & Béatrice Ziegler; PBGD).
- **Seminar "Foundations of European Politics and Societies", Module *Direkte Demokratie***; study trip in the framework of the Harvard Europe Program 2012 of the University of Freiburg, 17.02.2012, ZDA Aarau (A. Christmann; ADF/c2d)
- Scientific conference "**Die Shoa in Schule und Öffentlichkeit – Erfahrungen, Erwägungen, Empfehlungen**"
Series *Erinnerung – Verantwortung – Zukunft: Gedenktag an die Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit*, 21 January 2012, ZDA Aarau (PBGD).
- The Citizenship Education-Conference for in-service teachers 2012: "**Politische Bildung am Ball**", 28.03.2012, PH FHNW Aarau (PBGD/PH FHNW).

- Workshop "**Complex electoral systems**". ECPR Joint Sessions, Antwerpen, 11–13 April 2012 (co-organized by Daniel Bochsler, ADF).
- Panel '**Digital opportunities for democratic governance in Latin America**', XXX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 23–26 May 2012, San Francisco (Yanina Welp, c2d).
- Panels '**La participación ciudadana y sus consecuencias**' and '**Crisis, protesta y democracia**' (with Alicia Lissidini), ALACIP – VI Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política. 12–14. June 2012, Quito (Yanina Welp, c2d).
- Conference "**Ethnic politics and electoral democracy**". University of Zurich, Zurich, 14–16 June 2012 (Daniel Bochsler, ADF).
- Conference on Democracy "**Gegenseitige Blicke über die Grenze: Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Deutschland und der Schweiz**" (Co-organization with the Canton AG/Chancellery and the University of Konstanz as well as the Government of German county Baden-Württemberg), 21./22.06.2012, Grossratssaal AG, Aarau (Andreas Auer und Uwe Serdült, c2d).
- Panel "**Understanding the governance of megacities**". World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Madrid, 5–8 July 2012 (organised by Daniel Kübler, ADF).
- Panel '**Dangerous Toys? Assessing the Electoral Integrity of Voter Engagement Application Websites**' (MT05.240), XXII World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), 8–12. July 2012, Madrid (Fernando Mendez, c2d).
- Panel '**Effects of Direct Democracy**' (RC34.054), XXII World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), 8–12. July 2012, Madrid (Yanina Welp, c2d).
- Panel '**Revocatoria de mandato: ¿ataque a la democracia representativa?**' 4 Congreso Internacional de Americanistas (ICA), 15–20. July 2012, Vienna (Yanina Welp, c2d).
- Scientific conference "**9th Conference on Application of Social Network Analysis**" (ASNA) **2012**, 04.–07.09.2012, ETH Zürich, in cooperation with ASNA der ETHZ (Uwe Serdült, c2d).
- Scientific conference "**Vorstellungen, Konzepte und Kompetenzen von Lehrpersonen der politischen Bildung**", in the series of "Politische Bildung empirisch", 7–8. September 2012 (PBGD).
- **Workig meeting of the network "Gruppe Menschenrechtsbildung"**, 18.09.2012, ZDA Aarau (B. Ziegler, C. Schneider; PBGD).
- Workshop "**How much participation does democracy require?**". DemocracyNet.eu Workshop, ETH/UZH, Zurich, 27–28 October 2012. (co-organized by Karima Bousbah, ADF).
- Scientific panel in the framework of the **Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy – World Conference on Citizen Participation**, 14–16 November 2012, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo (Yanina Welp, Uwe Serdült, Andreas Auer, c2d).
- Conference "**Constiitutional design and ethnic conflict**". New York University Law School, New York, 17 November 2012 (co-organized of Daniel Bochsler, ADF).

- Panel '**Basic design of VAAs**' at IP-VAA'12: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Voting Advice Applications: The case of Choose4Greece and Choose4Cyprus, 22–24 November 2012, Limassol, Zypern (Fernando Mendez, Jonathan Wheatley, c2d).
- Conference "**Ethnic quotas and representation of minorities in local politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina**", SCOPES project (SNF), Aarau, 23.–24.11.2012 (organised by Nenad Stojanovic, ADF).

3. Lectures/Workshops

In the year under review the ZDA lecturers have given **73 presentations at scholarly events in Switzerland and abroad** (details on request).

4. Public Relations

Numerous delegations and guests have been received at the Villa Blumenhalde in order to familiarise political and private institutions of the region with the ZDA and its research work. ZDA staff also presented the ZDA and its projects at numerous external events. A public relations manager was hired in July 2012 to develop effective media relations. This is carried out in close cooperation with the public relations manager of the funding institutions. Evaluations are carried out on a regular basis together with the individual departments of the ZDA on the subjects and research results that are of interest to the general public or particular target groups. One of the key issues of the public relations work is the collaboration with regional media. Since August 2012, the ZDA also presents its activities on the social media site Facebook (www.facebook.com/zdaarau).

ZDA Presentations

ZDA Presentation by Daniel Kübler: **Rotary Club Aarau**, Suhr, 31.01.2012.

Visit of FDP.DieLiberalen at the ZDA: Summer event of the local party Aarau: Presentation of the ZDA and projects of c2d, U. Serdült, 15.08.2012.

Visit of a delegation of Neue Aargauer Bank (NAB) and Heinrich Zschokke-Gesellschaft on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of NAB: Reception with A. Auer, 04.09.2012

Strategy meeting Swiss National Science Foundation, Section IV at the ZDA: Discussion about NCCR Democracy programme (structural aspects): , 11./12.09.2012.

ZDA Presentation at a meeting with the Lycée Jean Piaget (organized by Alte Kantonsschule Aarau in the context of the city partnership Aarau–Neuchâtel) by U. Serdült, Aarau, 12.09.2012.

Consul of Serbia: Visit at ZDA, Reception by D. Bochsler and N. Stojanovic, 26.09.2012

Scholarly Presentations

Lecture about constitutional jurisdiction, Andreas Auer and Martin Schubarth, **SP Lenzburg**, 24.01.2013

Delegation from the Ukraine: Reception at the ZDA as part of the study trip "civic education", Lectures by A. Auer und D. Allenspach, 25.01.2012.

Lecture by A. Auer: "Fiktionen in der Demokratie" in the context of the annual study topic "prejudices" of the **Odd Fellow-Loge Aarau**, Aarau, 02.03.2012.

Lecture by Ph. Koch on occasion of the 40th anniversary of **Pro Senectute**: "Private Akteure in der lokalen Alterspolitik", Wil, 24 April 2012.

Lecture by D. Kübler on occasion of the conference "**10 Jahre Agglomerationspolitik**", Institut für Raumentwicklung: "Agglopolitik gut – alles gut?", Solothurn, 28.06.2012.

Delegation of the Albanian School of Political Studies (ASPS), Tirana: Lecture by B. Ziegler in the context of a study trip "Citizenship and Participation of (Young) People in Switzerland" (coordinated by DEZA), 06.09.2012.

Lecture by B. Ziegler on occasion of the general assembly of **Second@s Plus Aargau**: "Schweizer-Pass – was nun?", Aarau, 06.09.2012

11th Science Dialogue Academia Engelberg: "*Zukunftsstädte: Technologie, Gesellschaft und Akteure des Wandels*" Lecture and discussion, Daniel Kübler, Engelberg, 13.09.2012.

Delegation from Uruguay: Presentation of the ZDA und lecture "Die Moderne Direkte Demokratie in der Praxis" (the delegation included the president of parliament and the president of the electoral court), organized by Präsenz Schweiz and IRI Europe, A. Auer, U. Serdült, 21.09.2012.

Delegation from Rheinland-Pfalz including prime minister Kurt Beck: Reception and lecture on Swiss Democracy by A. Auer, 24.09.2012.

Delegation of the Institut für Bürgerliche Angelegenheiten (INSPRO) Polen: Lecture by U. Serdült, 26.09.2012.

Election celebration Grünliberale Partei Aargau (Aargauer Grossratswahlen): Lecture by Ph. Koch: "Überforderte Parlamente?", Aarau, 21.10.2012.

Visit of the Seminar für Kulturwissenschaft und Europäische Ethnologie of the University of Basel: Lecture by B. Ziegler "Staatsorte – Kulturanthropologische Perspektiven auf den Staat", Aarau, 17.11.2012.

Reception of a delegation of King Prajadhipok's Institute Bangkok (Study trip "Politics and Governance in Democratic Systems" organized by the embassy of Thailand): Presentation of the ZDA and lecture on "Swiss Politics" by A. Auer/U. Serdült, 12.12.2012.

Media Presence

The ZDA in the media

"Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau braucht mehr Platz", **Aargauer Zeitung**, 06.06.2012.

Presentation of the ZDA in the publication **1A!AARGAU**, Issue Fall 2012.

Portrait of Andreas Auer "Monsieur Démocratie", **UZH-Magazin** 4/12, December 2012.

Article on the demission of Andreas Auer as Chair of Directorate ZDA, **Aargauer Zeitung**, 15.12.2012.

ZDA research / Statements by ZDA staff in the media

Radio interview with A. Auer in the series *Schwerpunkt Europäische Gespräche* (4/6): "Mit mehr Demokratie gegen die Krise?", **Radio DRS 2**, 08.02.2012.

News coverage on the 4th Aarau Democracy Days, March 2012 (Aargauer Zeitung, Radio Argovia, UZH News).

Interview with A. Auer: "Der Ruf nach Demokratie wird immer lauter", **UZH News**, 30.04.2012

Interview with D. Kübler: Denial of the popular initiative for six weeks of holiday, **Chinese National Television (CCTV Channel 1)**, Zürich, 07.05.2012.

Interview with A. Auer: International treaties referendum, **RSI – Tessiner Fernsehen**, 09.05.2012.

News coverage about the 1st Democracy Conference Aargau/Baden-Württemberg "Gegenseitige Blicke über die Grenze: Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Deutschland und der Schweiz", June 2012 (SRF, NZZ, Aargauer Zeitung...).

Interview with D. Kübler on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Switzerland and the Ukraine (organized by Präsenz Schweiz and the Swiss embassy in Kiev), **National Ukrainian Television**: Aarau, 14.08.2012.

News coverage following the media release "Zivilgesellschaft nutzt die direkte Demokratie am erfolgreichsten", August 2012 (NZZ, Handelszeitung, Tribune de Genève u.a.).

Interview with A. Christmann: "Demokratie und Rechtsstaat im Konflikt", **UZH News**, 23.08.2012.

Interview with U. Serdült: "Der Run auf direkte Demokratie": **swissinfo**, 1. September 2012.

Interview with U. Serdült: "Tourists come to have a peek at direct democracy", **World Radio Switzerland**, 16. Oktober 2012.

Commentary by A. Auer concerning the referendum on the tax treaty, **Tagesschau SRF**, 30.10.2012.

Interview with Nico van der Heiden concerning the results of Aargauer Grossratswahlen, **Radio DRS**, 30.10.2012.

Commentary by A. Auer concerning "Durchsetzungsinitiative" SVP, **Echo der Zeit**, SRF, 28.12.2012.

Subject-specific contributions by ZDA staff

"*Welches Verständnis haben Lehrpersonen von politischer Bildung?*", Dominik Allenspach, **Schulblatt AG/SO**, 23. Jg., H. 37.

"*Volksinitiativen und zwingendes Völkerrecht*", Anna Christmann, **Neue Zürcher Zeitung**, 24.02.2012.

"*Holzwege der Verhandlungsdemokratie*", Andreas Auer, **Neue Zürcher Zeitung**, 12.04.2012.

"*Das Märchen vom Abwärtstrend der SVP*", Daniel Bochsler, **Der Sonntag**, 22.04.2012.

"*Sitzgarantie für Berner Jura?*", Nenad Stojanovic, **Der Bund**, 30.05.2012.

1A!AARGAU "Standpunkt: Herausforderung Demokratie", A. Auer, Herbst 2012.

"*Gemeindeversammlung ist zu wenig professionell*", Philippe Koch, **Aargauer Zeitung**, 08.11.2012.

"*Das Stimmvolk ist kein Richter*", Daniel Bochsler, **Neue Zürcher Zeitung**, 29.11.2012.

Media Relations

Press conference Economiesuisse: Popular initiative "*Staatsverträge vors Volk*": **Presentation of the expert opinion by political scientist**, D. Kübler, Bern, 09.05.2012.

Participation of a c2d delegation at the **AZ Leserwanderung**, 16.07.2012.

Media release "Zivilgesellschaft nutzt die direkte Demokratie am erfolgreichsten", ZDA-research by Uwe Serdült and Yanina Welp, 16.08.12.

Participation of A. Auer at a **round table of Tribune de Genève** concerning the new constitution of the Kanton of Geneva, Geneva, 28.09.2012.

Media release "Daniel Kübler neuer Vorsitzender der ZDA-Direktion", 05.12.2012.

VI. Publications

ZDA Publications

Schriften zur Demokratieforschung. This publication series with the publishing house Schulthess Zürich, launched and headed by A. Auer, covers publications of the ZDA and its departments. In 2012 were published:

Volume 3 **Wege zur direkten Demokratie in den schweizerischen Kantonen**

René Roca / Andreas Auer (Hrsg.)

Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Dezember 2011

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6463-7 (322 Seiten, broschiert)

Volume 4 **Die Wirksamkeit von Volksinitiativen im Bund 1848-2010**

Gabriela Rohner

Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Januar 2012

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6491-0 (412 Seiten, broschiert)

Volume 5 **Wahl-Probleme der Demokratie**

Béatrice Ziegler / Nicole Wälti (Hrsg.)

Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), März 2012

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6492-7 (264 Seiten, broschiert)

Volume 6 **Wenn die Volkssouveränität wirklich eine Wahrheit werden soll...**

Die schweizerische direkte Demokratie in Theorie und Praxis - Das Beispiel des Kantons

Luzern

René Roca

Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Dezember 2012

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6694-5 (250 Seiten, broschiert)

Volume 7 **Demokratisierung im arabischen Raum**

Andreas Auer (Hrsg.)

Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Dezember 2012

ISBN: 978-3-7255-6741-6 (186 Seiten, broschiert)

C2D Working Paper Series, Online-publication registered with the Swiss National Library, ISSN 1662-8152. Edited by the department c2d. In the reporting year four numbers have been published.

POLIS. Das Magazin für Politische Bildung. Edited by the department PBGD this publication broaches current questions on citizenship education and addresses teachers as well as persons interested in civic education and professional experts.

The magazine POLIS Nr. 5 on the topic of "*Politische Bildung am Ball*" has been published early 2012.

Scientific reports of the ZDA are published online at the homepage ZDA. In 2012 this was:

Kübler, Daniel, Surber, Michael, Christmann, Anna und Bernhard, Laurent (2012). *Mehr direkte Demokratie in der Aussenpolitik?* Politikwissenschaftliches Gutachten zuhanden von economiesuisse anlässlich der Abstimmung über die Volksinitiative ‚Für die Stärkung der Volksrechte in der Aussenpolitik (Staatsverträge vors Volk)‘, Aarau: Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau (Forschungsbericht). 60 S.

Monographs 2012

Editorship

Allenspach, Dominik & Ziegler, Béatrice (2012) (Hrsg.): *Forschungstrends in der politischen Bildung. Beiträge zur Tagung «Politische Bildung empirisch 2010»*. (Politische Bildung in der Schweiz 1). Zürich/Chur: Rüegger Verlag.

Bühlmann, Marc (Hrsg) (2012). *Année politique Suisse. Schweizerische Politik im Jahr 2011*. Bern: Institut für Politikwissenschaft.

Danero Iglesias, Julien, **Stojanovic, Nenad**, and Sharon Weinblum (eds). (2012). *New Nation-States and National Minorities*. Essex: ECPR Press. [In press.]

Ziegler, Béatrice/Gautschi, Peter/Schär, Bernhard C. und Schneider, Claudia (2012) (Hrsg.), *Die Schweiz und die Shoa. Von Kontroversen zu neuen Fragen*. Zürich: Chronos.

Ziegler, Béatrice & Reinhardt, Volker (Hrsg.) (2012): *Was Schweizer Jugendliche von der EU wissen. Die schweizerische TEESAEC-Studie*. Zürich: Ruediger-Verlag.

Editorship journals

Chadjipantelis, Theodore; **Serdült, Uwe** and Triga, Vasiliki (Eds.) (2012) Voting Advice Applications and the State of the Art: Theory, Practice and Comparative Insights, *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, 5 (3-4).

Authorship

Allenspach, Dominik (2012). *Der Effekt der Systemunterstützung auf die politische Partizipation. Eine vergleichende Analyse westlicher Demokratien*. Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Bisaz, Corsin (2012): *The Concept of Group Rights in International Law: Groups as Contested Right-Holders, Subjects and Legal Persons*. Reihe: The Raoul Wallenberg Institute Human Rights Library, 41. Leiden/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff.

Christmann, Anna (2012). *Die Grenzen Direkter Demokratie. Volksentscheide im Spannungsverhältnis von Demokratie und Rechtsstaat*. Baden-Baden: Nomos (Reihe ‚Politik und Demokratie in den kleinen Ländern Europas‘, Band 2).

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Lavanex, Sandra, Esser, Frank, Matthes, Jörg, **Bochsler, Daniel**, and **Bühlmann, Marc** (2012). *Democracy in the Age of Globalisation and Mediatization*. Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Waldis, Monika (2012). *Interesse an Mathematik. Zum Einfluss des Unterrichts auf das Interesse von Schülerinnen und Schülern der Sekundarstufe I*. Münster, Waxmann Verlag.

Hauss, Gisela; **Ziegler, Béatrice**; Cagnazzo, Karin & Gallati, Mischa (Hrsg.) (2012): *Eingriffe ins Leben. Fürsorge und Eugenik in Bern und St. Gallen (1920-1950)*. Zürich: Chronos Verlag.

Articles in Journals 2012

Peer-reviewed journals

Bochsler, Daniel (2012). A quasi-proportional electoral system "only for honest men"? The hidden potential for manipulating mixed compensatory electoral systems. *International Political Science Review* 33(4): 401-420.

Bochsler, Daniel (2012). Non-discriminatory rules and ethnic representation: the election of the Bosnian state presidency. *Ethnopolitics* 11(1): 66-84.

Bochsler, Daniel (2012). When two of the same are needed: A multi-level model of intra-group party competition. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 18(2): 216-241.

Bochsler, Daniel (forthcoming). Radicalizing Electoral System Effects on Support for Nationalist Hardliners. *Nations and Nationalism*.

Bochsler, Daniel and Szöcsik, Edina (forthcoming). The Forbidden Fruit of Federalism. Evidence from Romania and Slovakia. *West European Politics*.

Bühlmann, Marc (2012). Municipal identity. A multilevel analysis of the determinants of individual attachment to municipalities. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 6(2): 149-175.

Bühlmann, Marc and **Hänni, Miriam** (2012). Creating a 'We-feeling' in Heterogeneous Nations: A Cross-country Investigation of the Impact of Inclusion and Autonomy on the National Pride of Ethnic Minorities. *Comparative Sociology* 11(3): 325-353.

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VIII. International Cooperation

ANALITIKA – Center for Social Research, Sarajevo Avina Latinoamerica

Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (Prof. Dr. Lisheng Dong)

Cyprus University of Technology (Prof. Nicolas Tsapatsoulis)

Council of Europe, Swiss-Ukraine Pilot Initiative concerning Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education

DISUD an der TU Dresden, Deutschland (Dr. Peter Neumann)

Forum of Federations, Ottawa

Georg Eckert Institut für Schulbuchforschung

Ilia State University, Georgia (Prof. Ghia Nodia)

Initiative & Referendum Institute (IRI) Europe (Bruno Kaufmann)

Institute of Political Science, Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland (Prof. Andrzej Piasecki and Dr. Dominika Kasprowicz)

Instituto para el Desarrollo Local (IDEL), Universidad Católica del Uruguay

Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Österreich (Prof. Klaus Poier)

Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft (Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange)

London School of Economics and Political Science (Dr. Nick Anstead)

New York University, Law School

Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg i. Br. (Prof. Dr. H. Thünemann)
Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe (Prof. Dr. Georg Weisseno)
Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP)
Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan (Prof. Victor Kryssanov und Prof. Hitoshi Ogawa)
Stanford University, Stanford History Education Group (Prof. Dr. Sam Wineburg)
Technische Universität Darmstadt (Prof. Dr. Hubert Heinelt)
The Civil Affairs Institute (Fundacja Instytut Spraw Obywatelskich, INSPRO), Łódz, Polen
Tokai University, Japan (Prof. Mitsuhiro Okamoto)
Universidad del Rosario, Kolumbien
Universität Eichstätt, Professur für Theorie und Didaktik der Geschichte (Prof. Dr. Waltraud Schreiber)
Universität Hamburg, Professur für Erziehungswissenschaften (Prof. Andreas Körber und Bodo von Borries)
Universität Konstanz, Deutschland (Prof. Katharina Holzinger & Prof. Dr. Peter Selb)
Universität Münster (Prof. Dr. Frank Marcinkowski)
Universität Osnabrück (Prof. Dr. Meik Zülsdorf-Kersting)
Universität Wien, Fachdidaktikzentrum Geschichte, Sozialkunde und Politische Bildung
Universität zu Köln, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hasberg, Historisches Institut, Abt. für Didaktik der Geschichte und Geschichte der Europäischen Integration
Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Prof. Augustin Loada)
University of British Columbia, Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness/Dept. of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Prof. Peter Seixas
University of Cluj-Napoca (Prof. Gabriel Badescu)
University of Southern California (Prof. Dr. Jefferey Sellers)
University of Sydney, Faculty of Education and Social Work, Professor Murray Print
University of Twente, Netherlands (Dr. Kostas Gemenis)
Wissenschaftszentrum für Sozialforschung Berlin (WZB)
ZeDis, Universität Bremen (Prof. Andreas Klee)

IX. Finance Report/Finance Plan

Financial Statement 2012

The detailed financial statement is presented to the Board in a separate document. The annual financial statement includes a general overview of the ZDA with the detailed statement and accounting for each department, comparing budgets and results with the previous year.

The following is a summary of the **key figures** of the annual financial statement for 2012:

	Department c2d (Canton AG)	Department ADF (City Aarau)	Department PBGD (FHNW)	ZDA total
Basic funding	CHF 800'000	CHF 785'000		
Internally-generated assets UZH/FHNW in projects	n/a	CHF 344'048	CHF 882'948	CHF 2'811'996
Balance annual statement	CHF 107'689	CHF 61'300	CHF 231'717	CHF 400'706
DM-financing	CHF 349'753	CHF 288'322	CHF 306'982	CHF 945'057
Total revenue (incl. internally generated assets UZH and Pool costs)	CHF 1'038'702	CHF 1'453'873	CHF 958'213	CHF 3'473'162
DM rate adjusted (excl. DM UZH)	33.7%	26.0%	32.0%	30.2%

- It was possible to keep general **administrative costs** (“**pool**” cost centre) very low in the accounting year 2012. These amounted to CHF 435,000, due to good cost management.

In view of the expected medium and long-term development outlook of the ZDA, the upcoming replacement investments for the infrastructure and the rising operational costs (energy), the assessment of the structural budget of CHF 450,000 would appear to be a rather low.

To cover the necessary investments in the renewal and a planned upgrade of the network infrastructure, the existing reserves were raised to CHF 30,000 in the financial year 2012.

- As in the previous year, the **department c2d** was able to realise advisory mandates and develop long-term projects (Mongolia: decentralisation and federal tax reform) in addition to internal and planned third-party funded projects in cooperation with federal authorities (EDA/DEZA, BJ/EJPD).

Additional third-party funds are budgeted for 2013 within the framework of the new e-democracy research focus (performance agreement made with the Canton AG and other cantonal and national partners. Duration: 2012-2016)

Accordingly, the team and the infrastructure are to be somewhat expanded.

- In the year 2012, the **department ADF** has again financed numerous projects and research posts (postgraduates, assistants), financed out of the reserves of the development phase 2008-2010 and project reserves. Nevertheless, due to low management costs it was possible to achieve a surplus. Reserves of over CHF 50,000 were generated for future research collaborations.

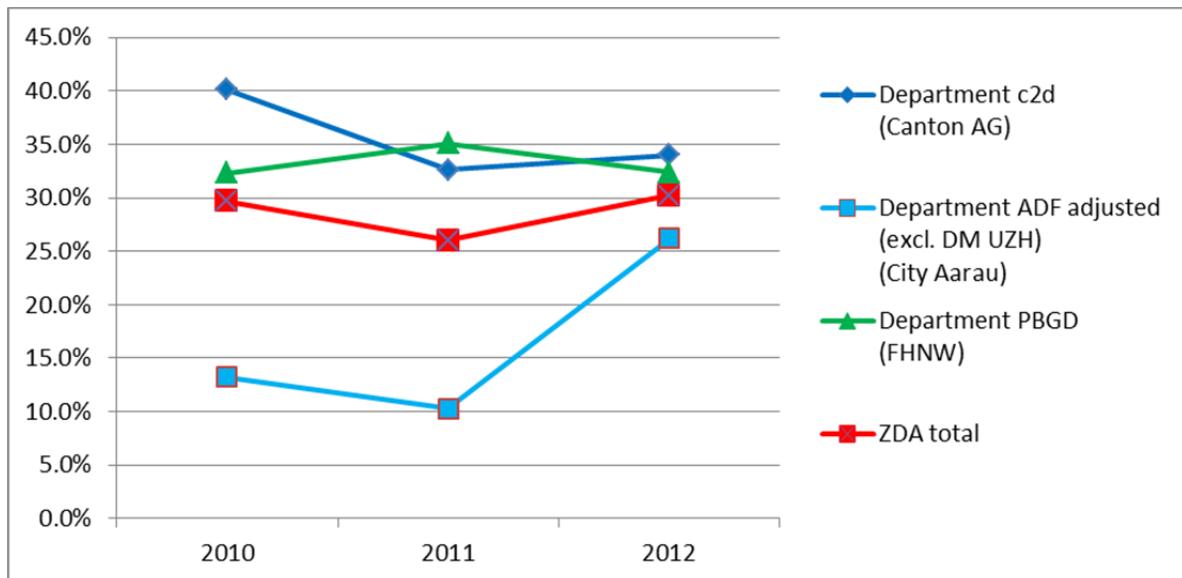
Additional third-party funds amounting to ca. CHF 250,000 were accrued within the framework of the professorship *Public Governance* held by D. Kübler at the IPZ/UZH, financed by the city of Aarau. The total third-party funding rate of the Kübler professorship (ADF/IPZ, excl. NCCR Democracy) is 36.7%.

It has been planned to reduce the department budget during the next two years to basic structural funding, using up the existing reserves.

- **Department PBGD:** The budget of the department continues to remain on quite the same level. Changes in personnel and the resulting vacancies also led to fluctuations in the finances.

The actual gains from third-party contributions in 2012 were significantly lower than budgeted. This is connected to the fact that very many projects – especially with regard to trusts and other private organisations – were pending and it is, in each case, not foreseeable whether the amounts will be spoken or not, or will be subject to delays. Thus, the lower third-party total in the report is, compared with the budget, normal.

The **third-party rate**, averaging **30.2%** achieved in the year under review is considered very high for the social sciences. In the elapsed time, the development is as follows:



The targeted rate for third-party funding for the next year is 30%.

Financial Planning

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

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

Additional project-related third-party funds are to be acquired according to the targets of the financial plan:

in CHF	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expected total third-party funds for all three (four) departments	1,654,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000

Comments:

- **Budgeting of third-party funds from public/private institutions:** The budgeting of the expected third-party funds from public institutions (in particular SNF, federal authorities and the cantonal administration) as well as private organisations (foundations, NGOs, private firms and associations) is based on planned or pending project applications and/or expected assignments. Project mandates are very much dependent on external factors (economic situation, political developments) and their actual finalization is therefore difficult to assess. The **2012 Deviation** is primarily due to an unexpected reduction in acquisitions from private third parties by the FHNW/Department PBGD
- The third-party quota is relevant for the **Benchmark** (ratio of third-party funds raised to total revenue). At 30.5% (2011: 23.6%) this is quite remarkable.

In the long term, the third-party rate, averaging 30%, is targeted – a very high benchmark for the social and legal sciences.

- **The new calculation basis from 2011:** The University of Zurich financial contribution through internally-generated assets in projects (NCCR Democracy IP 6 and IP 15) are no longer added to the ZDA third-party funds, in accordance with the resolution of the general meeting on 07/11/2011.