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Foreword

In Switzerland, a new parliament is elected every four years. 2015 was such an election year. For democracies elections are like weddings. And, thus, they inevitably have an impact on research centres like the ZDA – which is concerned with democracy from a research perspective. An initial, conspicuous indication of the election year, were the billboards of the different political parties that appeared in ever greater numbers also on the lawn in front of the Villa Blumenhalde and next to the ZDA sign as the election date of October 18th approached. A second, unmistakable indication of the election year was the growing number of enquiries that the ZDA received from the media. These became increasingly frequent, the more heated the election campaign became.

Members of the media quite evidently hold the ZDA in high esteem as respondents with regard to current political events, and for its ability to make objective and competent expert assessments within a larger context. This is evidenced in the numerous media contributions listed in this annual report beginning on page 27 – many of these in connection with the federal elections of October 18, 2015.

As welcoming as this interest from the media is, it poses a challenge to the ZDA institution in two ways. Firstly, we must ensure that the media questions do not excessively tie up staff resources. Since, our core business is scientific research on the subject of democracy. To do this reliably requires time, and it is where we put most of our energy. In the most media-intensive phase of the federal elections we therefore had to limit ourselves to prioritising the leading national media, as well as those of the region of Aargau. The productivity of our research work could be maintained, as can be seen in the large amount of publications, the completed projects as well as the lecture activities in this annual report.

The second and essentially more significant challenge regarding media interest consists in not being drawn into taking a public political position in the heat of the moment, which would go against the institutional identity of the ZDA. The ZDA is an academic research centre that focuses on democracy research from a legal, political, and political-historical education perspective. Our assessments and comments concerning current day-to-day political questions must always be supported by scientifically grounded research results of our three research areas. The ZDA is a research institution and not a political actor delivering election recommendations. The ZDA understands its role in political debates primarily as one of assessing the soundness of arguments as well as commenting on current developments with academic background knowledge, whereby it contributes to democratic opinion formation.

The research carried out by the ZDA assistant professor Daniel Bochsler on list combinations, for example, met with a great deal of interest on the part of the media in this election year. In various media contributions he explained how the list combinations between the parties as well as the strategic considerations function, and their effects. With this he encouraged citizens to also take into consideration, while filling in their ballot slips, which second party might benefit from the vote for the favoured party.

The ZDA is committed to political education – and this not only in the restricted sense of a development of teaching materials or ensuring teaching quality in political education as a school subject. Following on the educational tradition of Heinrich Zschokke, the ZDA sees it as its task to introduce scientific facts in political discussions and, with this, to contribute to the good quality of democratic decision processes. An important precondition to achieve this is for the ZDA to be well-integrated in the region of Aarau. It is after all only thanks to the trust and proximity to the societal and political actors that it is possible to take up current debates and to be involved in a beneficial manner.

In the year 2015, a highlight in this regard was the research project *Democracy after Municipal Mergers*, which, based on an in-depth case study of the city of Aarau, researched current questions in connection with the democratic (long-term) effects of a municipal merger. The research project was funded by the association Friends of the ZDA. Representatives of the city parliament were involved in the actual development of the expert questions. With this, it was possible to ensure that the research work not only involves taking on scientifically interesting questions, but also ones with a strong link to current issues.

A second highlight was the collaboration with the City Museum of Aarau within the framework of the exhibition *Demokratie! Von der Guillotine zum Like-Button/Democracy! From the Guillotine to the Like Button*. There was a lively exchange during the conceptualising of the exhibition, and developments for lessons on political education became an integral part of the program. In addition, ZDA staff members were integrated in the exhibition through short videos, which allowed them to make their thoughts on the fundamental questions on democracy available to a greater public. The directorate of the ZDA congratulates the team of the City Museum for the excellent exhibition and its popular public success.

Aarau, 11 February 2016

Daniel Kübler

I. ZDA-internal

1. Organisation

a. Partners

With regards to the partnerships of the ZDA with the city of Aarau, the Canton Aargau, the University of Zurich (UZH) and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, there have been no changes during the reporting year.

b. Board of Partners

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

- State Councillor Alex Hürzeler (Chairman, BKS, Representative Canton of Aargau)
- Dr. Katja Gentinetta (Representative Canton Aargau)
- Jolanda Urech (Mayor of Aarau, Representative City of Aarau)
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Bernauer (Representative City of Aarau)
- Prof. Dr. Otfried Jarren (Prorector Humanities and Social Sciences, Representative UZH)
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Gächter (Institute of Law, Representative UZH)
- Prof. Dr. Crispino Bergamaschi (President of the Board, Representative FHNW)
- Prof. Dr. Hermann Forneck (Director College of Education, Representative FHNW; until 31.08.2015)
- Prof. Dr. Sabina Larcher (Director College of Education, Representative FHNW; from 01.09.2015)

Prof. Dr. Hermann Forneck, Director of the College of Education, FHNW, retired on 31.08.2015. His successor, Prof. Dr. Sabina Larcher, took up the post as of 01.09.2015.

At the meeting on 20.03.2015, the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts 2014 were approved. Further, the current status of the dialogue between the home universities concerning the authorisation to award doctorates was discussed and the participation of the Board of Partners in the appeals procedure for the succession of Prof. B. Ziegler, based on the code of practice adopted in November 2014, was initiated.

The second, regular meeting was held on 20.11.2015. The College of Education, FHNW, reported on the status of the appeals procedure for the succession of Prof. Dr. B. Ziegler. The formal codes of practice for the succession of members of the directorate of the ZDA were adapted according to the experiences that had been made. The partners approved the budget ZDA 2016 and took note of and approved the report of the advisory council. The on-going negotiations with and between the mother universities concerning the authorisation to award doctorates by the department heads PBGD at the PhF-UZH, as well as the modalities of the UZH annual basic contribution to the ZDA after the end of the NCCR Democracy, from 2017, were dealt with in the plenum.

d. Directorate

The directorate is the operative management body of the ZDA and is composed of the heads of the three departments, who are at the same time professors of the UZH or professors at the FHNW. The chairmanship is held for the duration of two years running. In the reporting year the configuration was as follows:

- Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, Chairman Directorate ZDA 2013–2016, Department Head ADF; Professor for Democracy Research and Public Governance at the UZH, Director of NCCR Democracy;
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser, Department Head c2d, Professor for Public Law at the UZH;
- Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler, Department Head PBGD, Professor at the FHNW and Head of the Centre for Citizenship and History Education.

In 2014, the directorate convened at 7 formal meetings; informal meetings took place on a regular basis. The key issues of the directorate concerned the operative running of the ZDA, the coordination of the research activities, the various public events (7th Aarau Democracy Days in March, the late summer event of the association Friends of the ZDA), the implementation of the personnel strategy, projects/services/cooperations related to local issues (project funding association Friends of ZDA, Politik macht Schule, City Museum of Aarau), as well as redesigning/updating the ZDA website.

e. Expert Advisory Board

The configuration of the Expert Advisory Board remains unchanged in the reporting year. The members are:

- Prof. Dr. Giovanni Biaggini, Chair in Constitutional, Administrative and European Law, University of Zurich;
- Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange, Professorship for the Didactics of Civic Education, Institute for Political Science, Leibnitz University Hannover;
- Prof. Dr. Yannis Papadopoulos, Professor of Swiss Politics and Public Policy, Institute of Political, Historical and International Studies, University of Lausanne;
- Prof. Peter Seixas, Director of the Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Education, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, Vancouver;
- Prof. Dr. Dietlind Stolle, Political Science, McGill University, Montréal, Québec;
- Prof. Dr. Bernhard Waldmann, Chair in Constitutional and Administrative Law, Institute for Federalism, Faculty of Law, University of Fribourg.

On 1 September 2015, the advisory board of the ZDA came together for its annual meeting at the UZH in Zurich Irchel. Present in person were Professor Giovanni Biaggini (UZH), Prof. Peter Seixas (University of British Columbia) as well as the members of the board of the ZDA, accompanied by Eliane Widmer, ZDA head of finances & administration. Connected via videoconference were the professors Yannis Papadopoulos (University of Lausanne) and Bernhard Waldmann (University of Fribourg). Prof. Dietlind Stolle (McGill University) was unable to participate. Prof. Dirk Lange (University of Hannover) had to cancel at short notice, but later provided his input and comments in writing. The main agenda items of this year's meeting were the ZDA activities in the year 2014 as well as the then on-going recruitment process for the succession of the PBGD department head, at the time Béatrice Ziegler. Subject to discussion was, among other issues, the distribution of the role-play 'Politik.Macht.Gesetz' (Politics.Power.Law) as well as securing ZDA's abilities to remain innovative. The statements

and discussions were summarised in a report to the partners' meeting. For the year 2014 the advisory board members issued the ZDA a very good testimonial; in particular with reference to staff productivity in research output as well as their presence in the research community and in the public sphere.

2. Staff

On the reporting date 31.12.2015 a total of 47 members of staff were employed at the ZDA; the cost-relevant average of the full-time equivalents in the reporting year was 2,513 (ca. 25 full-time equivalents).

The staff statistics, according to function and departments, for the year 2015 are listed in the table:

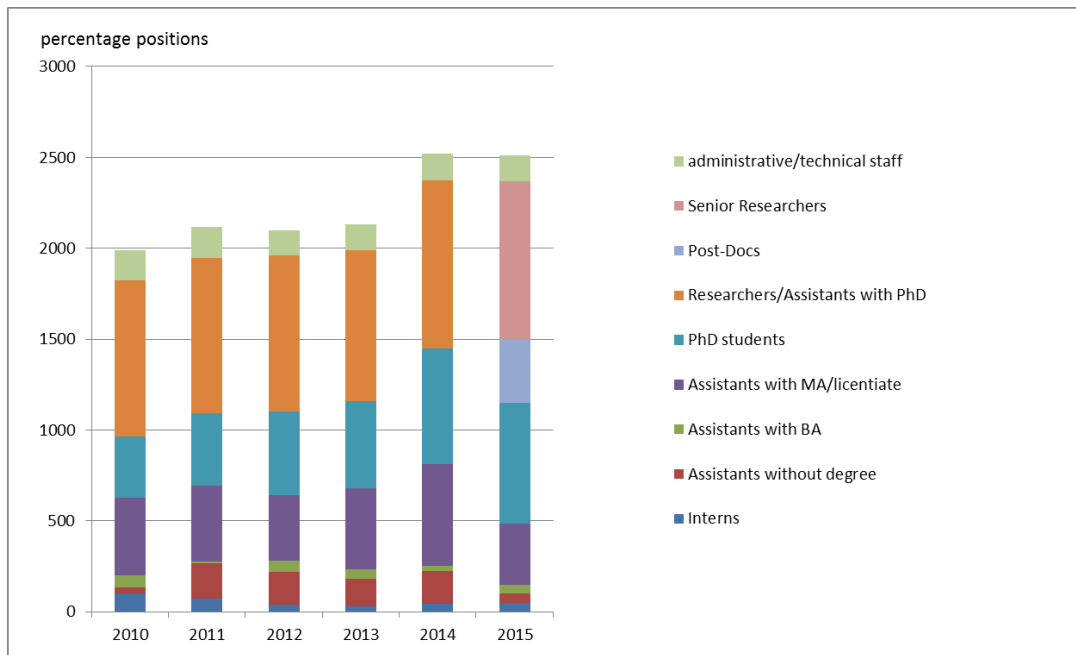
Employment statistics ZDA 2015 *						
	<i>Department</i>				Total	
<i>Function **</i>	ADF	c2d	PBGD	Pool	percentage	
Interns	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Assistans without degrees	1.71	32.50	16.51	0.00	50.72	
Assistants with BA	21.83	13.33	13.81	0.00	48.98	
Assistants with MA/licentiate	122.50	155.00	56.40	0.00	333.90	
PhD students	365.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	665.00	
Post Docs	55.00	140.00	150.00	0.00	345.00	
Research associates	177.50	459.17	237.50	0.00	874.17	
administrative/technical staff	0.00	0.00	20.00	125.00	145.00	
Total percentage positions	743.54	1000.00	644.22	125.00	2512.76	
Number of staff on 31.12.2015	14	17	14	2	47	
* <i>excl. directors and assistant professors democratisation</i>						
** <i>according to the terminology of the UZH</i>						

According to the new personnel regulations of the University of Zurich (as of 29.09.2014), in the future it is required to distinguish between post-docs (postdoctoral position) and research associates. According to the 03.11.2014 personnel strategy of the ZDA and based on the nationwide shortage of postdoc positions, a larger number of doctoral personnel will be aimed for than what has generally been the case at university-based institutes in the ZDA participating research disciplines of the ADF and c2d departments. As a rule, the number of doctoral staff in a department should not exceed the number of Ph.D. students. In order to effect a substantial contribution to the advancement of young academics, the ZDA is striving for a higher percentage of (temporary) postdoc positions.

In the reporting year, the contracts were adapted accordingly and recruitment processes were initiated. It is expected that the adjustments will have been carried out by the end of 2016. In the department c2d, Dr. Uwe Serdült will take on the function of research department head as of 01.01.2016. Additional research staff will only be employed project-based and on a temporary basis. In return the percentage of postdoc positions will be increased.

The total number of staff remained almost constant compared to the previous year.

Figure 1: Developments in FTEs at the ZDA 2010-2015 according to functions



Department General Democracy Research (ADF):

Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, Prof. Dr. Daniel Bochsler
 Dr. des. Michael Buess, Dr. Oliver Dlabac, Dr. Birte Gundelach, Dr. Philippe Koch,
 Dr. Saskia Ruth, Dr. Nenad Stojanovic, Dr. Rebecca Welge
 Karima Bousbah, Patricia Buser, Alice El-Wakil, Jasmin Gisiger, Anja Giudici, Miriam
 Hänni, Lea Heyne, Lukas Lauener, Valentina Petrovic, Philippe Rochat, Michael Strebel,
 Michael Surber, Roman Zwicky

Completed qualifying papers:

M. Hänni, *Political Representation of Ethnic Minorities: Causes and Consequences of Descriptive and Substantive Representation*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

R. Zwicky, *Diversität und Intersektionalität in der eidgenössischen Bundesverwaltung: zur passiven Repräsentation nach Geschlecht, Sprache und Nationalität*, MA Phil. Fak. UZH.

Ongoing qualifying papers:

K. Bousbah, *Equal participation of young citizens in established democratic systems. Putting the articulation of young citizens' demands into context*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

P. Buser, *School Governance und der Wandel der Laienpartizipation in der Schweiz*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

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

L. Heyne, *Critical, satisfied or alienated citizens? Conceptualizing and understanding democratic (dis)satisfaction*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH

M. Strebel, *A politicized metropolis? Citizen's political attitudes and behavior in European city-regions*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

M. Surber, *Power in the Swiss metropolis*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

A. El-Wakil, *How democratic is the Swiss model of democracy? Approaching the direct democratic institutions from a normative political theory perspective*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

Department Centre for Research on Direct Democracy (c2d):

Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser

Dr. Corsin Bisaz, Dr. Magdalena Forowicz, Dr. Lorenz Langer, Dr. Fernando Mendez, Dr. Tomislav Milic, Dr. Uwe Serdült, Dr. Yanina Welp, Dr. Jonathan Wheatley
Nicolas Aubert, Magdalena Despotov, Julia Eigenmann, Corina Fuhrer, Micha Germann, Maja Harris, Michele McArdle, Nagihan Musliu, Liana Sala, Evren Somer, Christoph Wellig

Completed qualifying papers:

M. Forowicz, *Explaining Specificity in a Hybrid EU Legal Order*, Habil, Jur. Fak. UZH.

Y. Welp, *Democratic innovation in Latin America: the culture of citizen participation*, Habil, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS-HSG), University of St. Gallen.

Ongoing qualifying papers:

N. Aubert, *Démocratie directe dans le Canton de Vaud*, Dissertation Jur. Fak. UZH.

C. Bisaz, *Rechtfertigung direktdemokratischer Entscheidung in der Schweiz. Eine Annäherung an die Schweizer Konzeption direkter Demokratie und die Absicherung ihrer immanenten Legitimationsbedingungen*, Habil, Jur. Fak. UZH.

C. Fuhrer, *Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen auf kantonaler Ebene*, Diss, Jur. Fak. UZH.

M. Germann, *Dangerous Direct Democracy: Referendums on Self-Determination and Ethnic Conflict*, Diss, D-GESS, ETHZ.

L. Langer, *Richterwahlen*, Habil, Jur. Fak. UZH.

N. Musliu, *Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen auf Bundesebene*, Diss, Jur. Fak. UZH.

E. Somer, *Kantonale Volksinitiativen im Vergleich*, Diss, Jur. Fak. UZH.

A. Tornic, *The Popular Complaint as Access Right of Individuals to the Constitutional Courts in the Successor States of the Former Yugoslavia*, Diss, Jur. Fak. UZH.

Department of Civic and History Education (PBGD):

Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler

Dr. Philipp Marti, Dr. Monika Waldis

Maja Freiermuth, Alexander Lötscher, Kathrin Klohs, Martin Nitsche, Ruth Probst, Claudia Schneider, Madeleine Scherrer, Vera Sperisen, Nicole Wälti, Patrik Zamora

Ongoing qualifying papers:

E. Maienfisch, *Differenzierungsprozesse im (Berufs-)Bildungssystem und soziale Mobilität am Beispiel der ausseruniversitären Hochschulentwicklung in der Schweiz im Bereich Wirtschaft ab 1950*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

M. Nitsche, *Beliefs von Geschichtslehrpersonen*, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Unibas.

J. Sobernheim, *Analyse- und Urteilskompetenz in der Politischen Bildung*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

J. Thyroff, *Historische Kompetenzen in Museen*, Diss. Phil.-Hist. Unibas.

P. Zamora, *Messung von Wissen in Politischer Bildung bei Sek II-SchülerInnen*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

ZDA Pool:

Eliane Widmer (head of administration & finances), Nathalie Baumann (public relations).

Every year a number of **guest researchers** join the ZDA team for a few weeks or months. In the reporting year these were:

Zarina Burkadze: ADF/NCCR, September 2014 until August 2017, Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship as Ph.D. student at the UZH, Georgia;

Pedro Capra: c2d, September 2014 until September 2015, Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship for Foreign Scholars, Brazil;

Mitsuhiko Okamoto: c2d, September 2014 until September 2015, visiting professor Tokai University (sabbatical), Japan;

Irene Rossetti: c2d, Oktober 2015 bis März 2016 Scholarship Torno Subito (Lazio), Italien

Kyoko Tominaga: c2d, August/September 2015, Ritsumeikan University, Japan.

3. Team Seminars

In addition to the regular department coordination and strategy meetings, a selection of research projects from the three departments are presented and discussed towards the advancement of interdisciplinary collaboration at ZDA team seminars, which take place two times per year.

The first team seminar took place on 16 January 2015. Oliver Dlabac reported on "Probleme der Milizorganisation auf Gemeindeebene im Kanton Aargau", Nicolas Aubert presented "La démocratie directe dans le Canton de Vaud" using findings from his dissertation. Monika Waldis then presented findings from the research project "Measuring Historical Competency: New Directions in Assessing Historical Thinking". This was followed by the annual end-of-year dinner event.

At the second team seminar on 5 June 2015 Jonathan Wheatley offered insights into the ongoing VAA research with his presentation "Exploiting VAA-Generated Data to Identify Policy Dimensions: The Case of England". This was followed by Daniel Kübler's presentation on findings from the research project "Mehrsprachigkeit verwalten? Personalrekrutierung in der Bundesverwaltung". Patrik Zamora concluded with a paper titled "Democracy – An Ongoing Challenge (for School)".

4. Cross-departmental Collaborations

The political simulation *Politik.Macht.Gesetz*, which the departments PBGD and ADF developed together, was – in the reporting year – exclusively distributed by the firm Etharion GmbH, a ZDA spin-off. With the support of the ZDA directorate, funds could be raised from the lottery fund of the Canton Aargau, and also from the Basle *Sophie und Karl Binding Stiftung* (a foundation). In the year 2015, this innovative teaching tool for political education was implemented ca. 15 times at five different schools. Some 1000 youths took part in the one-day simulations of the Swiss law-making processes.

In the reporting year, the departments ADF and c2d also continued their collaboration within the framework of the EU-FP-7 project *bEUcitizen*. This project concerns different questions on the dynamics and the effects of the European citizen's initiative. The project is expected to reach completion in spring 2016.

5. Facilities

The opening of the Blumenhalde extension provided the ZDA with a total of 16 offices with 44 work places in the reporting year. In comparison to the previous years, the space issue has noticeably improved.

6. The Association Friends of the ZDA

The association *Friends of the ZDA*, which has existed since April 2009, has the purpose of promoting the development of the ZDA and strengthening its position among the population, in politics and in business. At the end of 2015, the association consisted of ca. 300 members. Uwe Serdült is a member of the association board and in this role both representative of and a link to the ZDA. 3-4 board meetings take place in the Blumenhalde per year.

The annual late summer event for the members of the association could once again take place in the foyer of the Blumenhalde. Prof. Dr. Wolf Linder gave a fascinating lecture with the title "Volksrechte im Wandel". This was followed by an animated discussion with the audience under the direction of the president of the association and State Councillor Pascale Bruderer. After the event, the members of the association were invited to the traditional risotto dinner, which, thanks to the good weather, took place in the garden.

II. Research

Research focus 1: Direct Democracy

The SNF project "The people's constituent power: referendums on sovereignty issues" on referendums, which are implemented in the case of territorial re-ordering or autonomy endeavours by constituent states, has in the mean time been completed. Within the framework of this project, it became evident that this type of referendum – also known as sovereignty referendums – is implemented more frequently than previously believed. Thus, the data basis of the 230 sovereignty referendums that have to date been documented in the literature, and which took place between 1776 and 2012, could – with some 600 cases – be more than doubled. The project also encompasses two dissertations, which are being finalised: 1) about the potential for conflict with regard to sovereignty referendums, and the question whether such referendums lead to a pacification or an intensification of ethnic conflicts; 2) about juridical aspects, in particular in view of the question concerning the legal basis on which such referendums are held?

The research project "Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen in Rechtsetzung, Rechtsanwendung und Rechtsprechung" is in the mean time fully staffed. The subject will remain topical during the project run-time. When possible and expedient, interim results from this project will, prepared for the media, flow into the national political debate.

Ongoing projects

Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen in Rechtsetzung, Rechtsanwendung und Rechtsprechung (c2d): Swiss National Science Foundation (**Andreas Glaser**). Duration: 2014–2017.

Strengthening Direct Democracy Legal Instruments through Bulgarian-Swiss partnership (c2d): Bulgarian-Swiss program on the implementation of direct democracy in Bulgaria, Partnership Fund (**Magdalena Forowicz**). Duration: 06/2014–05/2016.

The experience of the European Citizens' Initiative (ADF, c2d): Research project within the framework of "bEU citizens" (Task 8.8), EU-FP7. Applicant: F. Cheneval (UZH, **D. Kübler, F. Mendez**). Duration: 06/14–12/15.

Completed projects

Enhancing the use of modern direct democracy tools at local level through Bulgarian-Swiss cooperation (c2d): Partnership project within the framework of the Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation, European Institute Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria (**Uwe Serdült, Corsin Bisaz**). Duration: 10/2013–09/2015.

The people's constituent power: referendums on sovereignty issues (c2d): SNF research project on the role of direct democracy in the case of territorial re-ordering or conflicts in the age of growing globalisation (**Fernando Mendez**). Duration: 09/2011–08/2014; extended to 06/2015.

Research focus 2: Institutions of Democracy in Comparison

Distorted media reporting on governance networks:

Governance has changed: The role of the state is increasingly delegated to private actors. Mixed networks of state and non-state actors achieve a growing influence on the actual implementation of state measures. How is this tendency to be assessed from a democratic perspective? Within the framework of a NCCR project, the ZDA looks at the question whether and the extent to which the media makes the workings of such networks transparent – as a precondition for a democratic public debate. Conclusion: the media's success is limited. The media make the roles of state and non-state actors within mixed networks adequately visible, but representatives of state actors are held more responsible for the success or failure of political decisions by the media than are non-state actors. This is particularly the case for media that is highly commercial. Elected and, thus, individuals known to the public seem to be more newsworthy to the media than other actors. But a distorted picture of the responsibility for concrete political actions results. The media cannot balance the democratic deficit of such networks; instead they only strengthen it.

Ongoing projects

Demokratiebarometer (ADF): Research project of the NCCR Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century on the topic of democracy in the context of economic crisis and processes of democratisation (**Daniel Bochsler** und Wolfgang Merkel [WZB]). Duration: 10/2013–09/2017.

Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen – eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau (ADF). Research project commissioned by the association Friends of ZDA (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 06/2015–12/2015.

Der Einfluss eines mittelständischen Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftsmodells auf die Herausbildung und Festigung demokratischer Strukturen (ADF). Research project commissioned by the Westerwelle Foundation (Berlin) and the Bavarian Industry Association (vbw – Munich) (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 12/2015–08/2016.

Political behaviour and attitudes in times of new regionalism and mediatisation (ADF): Research project of the NCCR Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century. (**Daniel Kübler** and F. Marcinkowski [Uni Münster]). Duration: 10/2013–09/2017.

Wahlen und Abstimmungen Schweiz (ADF): commission by the Census Bureau to create a statistic of the cantonal elections, city elections and voting in Switzerland (**Daniel Bochsler** und **Karima Bousbah**). Duration: 03/2012–12/2015, extended to 06/2016.

New approved projects

Consequences of Clientelism for Policy Design in Mexico (ADF): EPFL-CODEV Bilateral Cooperation Call (**Saskia P. Ruth**). Duration: 10/2015–09/2016.

Topkader und Mehrsprachigkeit in der Bundesverwaltung (ADF): Research project commissioned by the Competence Centre for Multilingualism of the University of Fribourg (**Daniel Kübler**). Duration: 01/2016–12/2018.

Non-approved projects

The Democratic Foundations of the Just City (ADF): Application for an international research project (Money Follows Cooperation Line submission process involves UK) Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) (**Oliver Dlabac**, **Daniel Kübler**, and Juliet Carpenter [Oxford Brookes University]). Duration: 36 months.

What is Political About Consumerism? Political Consumerism in Switzerland (ADF): Research application to the Swiss National Science Foundation (Div. I), March 2015 (**Daniel Kübler** and **Birte Gundelach**). Application: March 2015, non-approved October 2015 (will be resubmitted in reworked form in March 2016).

Research focus 3: Democracy and its Citizens

Politics is increasingly present on the Internet and, through new information and communication technologies, is also represented online. In a multi-year project, researchers at the ZDA analyse whether and how the Internet is changing our democracy. A particular focus is on online elections and voting. From the first pilots in the year 2003 in the cantons of Geneva, Neuchâtel and Zurich, it became evident in Switzerland that the introduction of an electronic voting medium is very much characterised by the federalist structure of the country and continued political resistance, both from the right and the left. We estimate that a general acceptance of voting via Internet will take as long as the introduction of postal voting, that is, around thirty years.

Using statistical assessments we were able to show that interruptions due to political tension, putative attacks by hackers, and technical problems have a negative effect on the user numbers of e-voting. User numbers increased the most among Swiss citizens living abroad. Any optimistic expectations to the effect that the new electronic voting channel would lead to higher voter participation in general, and particularly among the younger generation, have not proven to be true. In the to date most extensive study of this kind for Switzerland, we could show that e-voting in the cantons of Geneva and Zurich could not increase voter participation at communal level.

Ongoing projects

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

Political parties' attitudes towards direct democracy and digital media (c2d): Avina Foundation (**Yanina Welp**). Duration 2014–2017.

Preference Matcher (c2d): stand-alone *e-democracy* sub-project, creating and running an online voting software (Voting Advice Application) (**Fernando Mendez** and **Jonathan Wheatley**). Duration: 01/2013–12/2016.

Promoting or eroding democracy? Civil Society Organizations between institutions, digital media and the streets (c2d): Avina Foundation (**Yanina Welp**). Duration: 2014–2017.

The Role of Emotional Interactions in the Polarization of Opinions in Participation Media (c2d): SNF CoRe research project Prof. Frank Schweitzer, ETHZ and **Uwe Serdült**, ZDA. Duration: 04/2013–03/2016.

Completed projects

Milizorganisation der Gemeindeexekutiven (ADF): Research project financed by the Department of Economic and Internal Affairs of Canton Aargau. (**Daniel Kübler** und **Oliver Dlabac**). Duration: 12/2013–03/2015.

School Governance und Laienpartizipation (ADF): Research project financed by SNF, Department I. (**Daniel Kübler**, **Patricia Buser** und Carsten Quesel [FHNW]). Duration: 07/2011–12/2014.

New approved projects

Nachbefragung und Analysen zu eidgenössischen Abstimmungen ab Mitte 2016 (ADF): Research project commissioned by Federal Chancellery. Tenderer: G. Lutz, FORS (Stiftung für die Forschung in Sozialwissenschaften – UniL, **Daniel Kübler** (ZDA), U. Aellig, (Link Institute). Duration: 06/2016–12/2020.

Non-approved projects

Deliberation, Accountability, Transparency and Accessibility in Collective Policy-Making (DATA)" (c2d): EU H2020 proposal, EURO-6-2015, 28 May 2015 (**Uwe Serdült**).

Reinforcing Political Engagement: From Voting Advice Applications to Collective Awareness Platforms (DEMOS) (c2d): EU H2020 proposal, ICT-10-2015 Part A, 14 April 2015 (**Fernando Mendez**).

Transparency, Responsiveness, Inclusiveness, Participation – through Open Deliberation (TRIPOD) (c2d): EU H2020 proposal, INSO-1-2015, 28 May 2015 (**Uwe Serdült**).

VAA Research 2.0: Exploring the Frontiers of Voting Advice Application Research and Development (c2d): SNF Sinergia project, IDHEAP, Uni Lausanne (Prof. Andreas Ladner), Department of Informatics, Uni Fribourg (Prof. Andreas Meier), ZDA (**Dr. Uwe Serdült** and **Dr. Fernando Mendez**).

Research focus 4: Democracy and Historical-Political Education

Politische Bildung revisited! In December 2015 the relaunch of the portal www.politischebildung.ch was announced. It contains core information on civic education for teachers, youths and children, docents at teacher education institutions, and others interested in research. From this portal, or directly via the respective websites, one can now access all the developed games and tools. The POLIS magazine for citizenship education is also available here. In the year 2015, there was a focus on the subject "Ungleichheit(en) und Demokratie", which was revised in cooperation with the City Museum of Aarau, also in view of the (re-) opening exhibition. At the same time, the reader "Was soll Politische Bildung? Ein Reader mit elf Konzeptionen aus der Schweiz – von der Helvetischen Republik bis ins 21. Jahrhundert" intended for teacher training and for interested parties, and funded by NCCR democracy, was handed over to the publisher for production (publication date: Autumn 2016).

Ongoing projects

EuroSoc (PBGD): Commissioned by the European Parliament, EuroSoc GmbH carries out political simulations on EU asylum and migration policies at general education and vocational schools in Germany. In addition, commissioned by the German Federal Press Office, information events on the financial and economic crisis were carried out.

The PBGD conducts participant surveys for both event series and then evaluates the effectiveness and acceptance. (**Beatrice Ziegler, Patrik Zamora**). Duration: 06/2013–06/2015.

Lebenslage von älteren Flüchtlingen und vorläufig Aufgenommenen (PBGD): Elderly refugees and those accepted on a temporary basis are considered to be a particularly vulnerable group; for example in relation to integration in the labour market, education, physical and psychological health, the residential situation or social contacts. Their living conditions are widely characterised as precarious. In a pilot study with Luzia Jurt and Gwendolynn Gilliéron (HSA FHNW), the living conditions of older refugees and those accepted on a temporary basis are to be researched with the help of guided interviews from a participatory point of view. The aim is to derive recommendations in order to improve the conditions in which they live and the democratic participation of this section of the population in the future. (**Béatrice Ziegler, Vera Sperisen**). Duration: 09/2015–12/2016.

Lehrmittel "Gesellschaften im Wandel" (PBGD): The manual is intended to stimulate and support history and civic education lessons at secondary level 1 and takes into account the guidelines of the teaching plan *Lehrplan 21* (**Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Claudia Schneider, Kathrin Klohs**). Duration: 09/2013–03/2016.

Politik macht Schule (PBGD): A project funded by the Friends of the ZDA, which assesses possibilities for local political parties to contribute towards making party issues and political work at communal level accessible to youths at secondary level II (vocational and secondary schools). (**Béatrice Ziegler, Patrik Zamora**). Duration: 10/2015–03/2016.

Schülerinnen und Schüler schreiben Geschichte – eine Interventionsstudie (PBGD): An empirical study on the effectiveness of the advancement of historical argumentation skills of secondary level students with specific writing events and professional didactic support. (**Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti**). Duration: 11/2015–10/2018.

"VisuHist" – Ausprägung und Genese professionellen Wissens von Geschichtslehrpersonen (PBGD): An empirical study of the origin and development of the knowledge of teachers on the basis of a video survey and a specialised knowledge test (VisuHist) (**Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Martin Nitsche**). Duration: 08/2013–12/2016.

Completed projects

Arbeitswelten (PBGD): A game "Aushändeln" has been developed as an iPad app for vocational schools and upper schools (secondary level I and II). With this game, participation in direct democracy is simulated and the institutional advancement of consociationalism – in relation to the political system of Switzerland as a federal state. Players take on the perspective of political parties and gain an understanding of the political institutions and actors in Switzerland. (**Alexander Lötscher, Raffael Fischer, Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 09/2013–12/2014.

Colonisation and Decolonisation in National History Cultures and Memory Politics in European Perspectives-CoDec (PBGD): Together with partners from Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Great Britain, Austria, Poland and Switzerland, the project researched the meaning of colonial pasts and decolonisation processes in various European states from a comparative perspective in order to assess the meaning of the colonial past for national history cultures and the politics of memory within the context of history lessons. (**Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Bernhard Schär, Nicole Wälti**). Duration: 10/2013–09/2015.

Deliberation im Klassenrat (PBGD): An empirical study on discursive learning in the Klassenrat (class councils at schools). Discourses are deliberations on the issues brought forward by teachers or students, which require collective decision-making. In "Deliberation im Klassenrat" three questions were dealt with: (1) How are discourses conducted in the Klassenrat? (2) Can one detect patterns as discourses progress? (3) According to what principles are decisions taken? (**Alexander Lötscher, Vera Sperisen**) SNF project. Duration: 09/2014–08/2015.

Demokratie bewegt (PBGD): The game "ja-nein-vielleicht. Herausforderung Demokratie" is based on the illustrated reader "Herausforderung Demokratie". The reader is concerned with the term and the concept of democracy and creates image sequences for the texts. The game focuses on images that illustrate or represent important aspects of the democracy concept. The choice of aspects for the game is based on the model of the democracy barometer, which enables the classification and relations of these among each other. The game is designed for the secondary level and, through the implementation of a tablet, encourages group discussions by students, who take on specific roles. (**Béatrice Ziegler, Janine Sobernheim, Patrik Zamora**). SNF – NCCR Democracy. Duration: 01/2013–06/2015.

Demokratie und Gleichheit (PBGD): As project partner of the City Museum Aarau, the ZDA provided the conceptual and didactical foundation for the theme "Demokratie! Von der Guillotine zum Like-Button", including three subprojects, for the reopening exhibition. The edition of the magazine for citizenship education "POLIS", which was published at the same time, is dedicated to the theme. In-service education provided for teachers at the City Museum was intended to reflect the interpretation of the subject in schools. In addition, the e-learning tool politikzyklus.ch, developed at the centre, was supplemented with the subject "Gleiches Recht für alle" and integrated into the exhibition at the City Museum. (**Claudia Schneider, Janine Sobernheim, Vera Sperisen, Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 04/2013–04/2015.

HiTCH (PBGD): Under the project management of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Trautwein, Tübingen, and within the framework of a German-Austrian-Swiss partnership, a test for the large-scale assessment of historical competencies was developed. (**Béatrice Ziegler, Jan Hodel, Monika Waldis**). Duration: 06/2012–03/2015.

New approved projects

Schülerinnen und Schüler schreiben Geschichte. SNF project funding, 3 years. Duration: 11/15–10/18.

Non-approved projects

Doing / Undoing Difference im Unterricht in Politischer Bildung (PBGD): SNF project funding, 3 years, was not approved. (**Béatrice Ziegler**) A resubmission is planned for Spring 2016.

ReTold (PBGD): Horizon2020 cooperation project with the University of Eichstätt (W. Schreiber), University of Amsterdam (C. van Boxtel), University of Klagenfurt (Ph. Mayring), DIPF Frankfurt am Main (U. Brefeld). The submission was one of 52 submissions, of which only one was successful. This submission was not successful.

Schülervorstellungen zur Demokratie in der Europäischen Union (Pupils' Ideas of Democracy in the European Union) (PBGD). Comenius submission under the lead management of G. Weissenö, PH Karlsruhe. The project will be resubmitted 2016.

Renewed project submissions

After the non-approval of the first submission, the proposal: *Politische Bildung im fächerübergreifenden Unterricht mit Geschichte auf der Sekundarstufe I* (PBGD): SNF project funding. 3 years, (**Monika Waldis**) resubmitted in October 2015.

III. Contributions to the Scientific Community

Corsin Bisaz: Reviewer for the *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*.

Magdalena Forowicz: Expert advisor ProDoc Programs, *Fondements du droit européen et international*, University of Fribourg.

Micha Germann: Reviewer for scholarly journals: *Political Studies*, *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Andreas Glaser: Reviewer for research funding institutions (evaluations of submissions for the funding/promotion of projects and careers of the Swiss National Science Foundation), in cooperation with the appointment committees (University of Zurich).

Daniel Kübler: Review work for research funding institutions (evaluations of submissions for the promotion/funding of projects and careers of the Swiss National Science Foundation, for the Indo Swiss Science and Technology Cooperation Programme) as well as scholarly journals (*Policy Sciences*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Policy Studies*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Cities*, *Political Studies*); Advisor in the appointment commissions (University of Zurich, University of Lausanne, FHNW), in promotion processes (University of Southern California) as well as in the academic self-administration (Research commission of the Institute for Philosophy UZH).

Fernando Mendez: Reviewer for scholarly journals: *Acta Politica*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Policy and Internet*, *Political Studies*.

Thomas Milic: Reviewer for *Swiss Political Science Review*, and for the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Uwe Serdült: Reviewer for scholarly conferences and journals (*CeDem2015 Conference*, *Democratization*, *EPJ Data Science*, *Government Information Quarterly*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Swiss Political Science Review*).

Monika Waldis authored reviews, such as for the manuscript *Lehrerbildung auf dem Prüfstand (Teacher Education under Review)*, Vep-Verlag. Landau, for the research draft *Sport und Bewegung 2013–2016*, Federal Office for Sport Magglingen, for the *Internationale Bodensee Hochschule IBH* as well as for *Zeitschrift für Pädagogik*.

Yanina Welp: Member of the advisory council *Political Reform in Latin America*, Organization of the American States (OAS) and reviews for scholarly journals (*Academia*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Administración*, *América Latina Hoy*, *Democratization*, *Iconos-FLACSO-Ecuador*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, *Revista General de Derecho Público Comparado de IUSTEL*).

Jonathan Wheatley: Member of the advisory council *Academic Swiss Caucasus Net* (ASCN), Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE), University of Fribourg, and reviews for scholarly journals (*Caucasus Survey*, *Croatian International Relations Review*, *Nations in Transit: Georgia - Freedom House*).

Béatrice Ziegler review work/expertise in various capacities, such as in the jury *Georg Eckert Institut für Lehrbuchforschung* for the research and young talent award, for the *Zeitschrift für Geschichtsdidaktik* and in an allocation committee at the *Wilhelm Leibniz-Universität Hannover*.

IV. Teaching

Lectures and seminars at universities:

Bochsler, Daniel und Hänni, Miriam: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: MA seminar *Ethnic conflicts, peace-building and democratization*.

Bochsler, Daniel und Hänni, Miriam: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: MA seminar *Ethnic conflicts, peace-building and democratization*.

Bochsler, Daniel, Munck, Gerardo und Skaaning, Svend-Erik: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: PhD Workshop *Democratisation, Concepts and Measurement*.

Bousbah, Karima und Heyne, Lea: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA elective module *Einführung in die Demokratieforschung*.

Bousbah, Karima und Heyne, Lea: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA elective module *Demokratie in der Krise? Einführung in die Demokratieforschung*.

Dlabac, Oliver: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: MA elective module *Decentralisation, local democracy, and social justice - European and global perspectives*.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Demokratie* (V-Nr. 342) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich, spring semester 2015.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Staatsrecht der Kantone* (V-Nr. 349) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich, spring semester 2015.

Glaser, Andreas: Seminar *Direkte Demokratie in der Schweiz und Deutschland im Vergleich* (V-Nr. 247) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich, spring semester 2015.

Glaser, Andreas: Vorlesung *Staatsrecht I* (V-Nr. 131) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich, fall semester 2015.

Glaser, Andreas: Seminar *Recht der Anarchie* (V-Nr. 222) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich (together with Andreas Kley, Andreas Thier und David Dürr), fall semester 2015.

Glaser, Andreas: Seminar zum *Verhältnis Demokratie/Menschenrechte* (V-Nr. 211) at the law faculty of the University of Zurich (together with Helen Keller), fall semester 2015.

Gundelach, Birte: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: MA Wahlmodul *Das soziale Kapital der Schweiz im internationalen Vergleich*.

Kübler, Daniel: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA core competence *Schweizer Politik*.

Kübler, Daniel: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA Vertiefung *Policy-Analyse*.

Kübler, Daniel: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich and ETH Zürich: MA core seminar *Democracy*.

Kübler, Daniel: spring and semester 2015: Universität Zürich: research colloquium for licentiates (selective participation).

Kübler, Daniel: spring and fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: PhD Research Colloquium (selective participation).

Langer, Lorenz: *Übungen im öffentlichen Recht I*, Universität Zürich, spring semester 2015.

Lötscher, Alexander: *Fächerübergreifende politische Bildung: Spielformen und Gesprächsverfahren* (April 2015), impetus study week PH Luzern.

Milic, Thomas: *Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz* (V-Nr. 2748), Universität Zürich, spring semester 2015.

Milic, Thomas: *Einführung in die Methoden der Politikwissenschaft* (V-Nr. 2590), Universität Zürich, fall semester 2015.

Milic, Thomas: *Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz* (V-Nr. 2637), Universität Zürich, fall semester 2015.

Nitsche, Martin: Seminar *Forschung und Entwicklung 1.2: Qualitative Methoden*. Study programme Sekundarstufe I und II at the PH FHNW, spring semester 2015.

Ruth, Saskia P.: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA elective module *Präsidentalismus und Demokratie in Lateinamerika*.

Ruth, Saskia P.: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich: MA elective module *Clientelism and democracy around the world*.

Serdült, Uwe: block seminar *Schweiz: Die einzige ‚echte‘ Demokratie?*, 20.–24. April 2015, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Österreich, summer semester 2015.

Stojanovic, Nenad: spring semester 2015: Universität Zürich/ETH Zürich: MA seminar: *Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften*.

Stojanovic, Nenad: spring semester 2015: Universität Luzern: BA/MA seminar: *Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften*.

Waldis, Monika: Realisation of a doctoral colloquium *Videobasierte Unterrichtsanalyse: Methodische Grundlagen und praktische Anwendung*, spring semester 2015.

Waldis, Monika: Guest lecture at the seminar: *Politische Bildung im und mit Geschichtsunterricht*, Universität Basel /PH FHNW, Master Educational Sciences, fall semester 2015, 13.10.2015.

Waldis, Monika: further education in schools *Format III SLV*, secondary level I, at Basle-based schools, October – November 2015.

Welge, Rebecca and Strebel, Michael: spring semester 2015: University of Zurich: Bachelor dissertation elective module *Demokratische Regierungsstrukturen jenseits des Nationalstaats: Institutionen, Kommunikation, Wahrnehmungen*.

Welge, Rebecca and Strebel, Michael: fall semester 2015: Universität Zürich: BA specialisation *Demokratische Regierungsstrukturen jenseits des Nationalstaats: Institutionen, Kommunikation, Wahrnehmungen*.

Welge, Rebecca and Jenni, Sabine: spring semester 2015: Universität Luzern: BA und MA lecture *Vergleichende regionale Integration*.

Welp, Yanina: Doctoral Seminar (30h) *Nuevas formas de participación ciudadana en América Latina (New forms of citizen's participation in Latin America)*, June 2015, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Welp, Yanina: Program of Open Studies (PEA 18/2014-2015) (10h): *La innovación democrática en América Latina: nuevos mecanismos de democracia directa (Democratic innovation in Latin America, new mechanisms of Direct Democracy)*, May 2015, University of Salamanca, Spain.

Welp, Yanina: Winter School in *Latin American studies*, COIMBRA Group of Universities: *Participación Ciudadana, TIC's y nuevas dinámicas democráticas en América Latina (Citizen's Participation, ICTs and new democratic dynamics in Latin America)*, 3 February 2015, Salamanca, Spain.

Wheatley, Jonathan: *Nations and Nationalism in the post-Soviet Space*, Universität Zürich and ETHZ, summer semester 2015.

Zamora, Patrik: Seminar: *Quantitative Forschungsmethoden*, Pädagogische Hochschule FHNW, MA Sekundarstufe I, fall semester 2015.

Ziegler, Béatrice (gemeinsam mit Konrad J. Kuhn): Seminar: *Geschichtswissenschaft und gesellschaftliche Problemlagen: Wissen in Zirkulation und Konflikt (20. Jh.)*, spring semester 2015.

Ziegler, Béatrice: *Schau her! www.eikones.ch. Neuere Ansätze zur Visual Literacy in Bildwissenschaft und Bilddidaktik. (Geschichtsvermittlung im Gespräch.)* (together with Marko Demantowsky). Universität Basel / PH FHNW, Master of Educational Sciences, spring semester 2015.

Ziegler, Béatrice: Seminar: *Politische Bildung im Geschichtsunterricht*, Universität Basel/PH FHNW, Master Educational Sciences, spring semester 2015.

Ziegler, Béatrice: Seminar: *Politische Bildung im und mit Geschichtsunterricht*, Universität Basel/PH FHNW, Master Educational Sciences, fall semester 2015.

V. Databases

www.c2d.ch

The online database on national and regional referendums around the world – with entries beginning with the year 1791 – has been updated in the reporting year. The data on voting in the Swiss cantons is continuously updated. With the aid of a research assistant, the gaps in the international section could be filled, and by the end of 2014 all the sections were up to date. The technology of the database, which dates from 2006, is currently being upgraded. As soon as this process is completed (2016), details on its use will be communicated.

E-voting in Switzerland

The e-voting database documents the Swiss e-voting trials within the framework of the e-democracy project. The database contains information on (almost) all elections and voting in which it was possible to cast one's vote electronically (2003–2015). In the reporting year some gaps could be closed. At the end of 2015 the database comprised 3,367 data points on e-voting trials from 13 cantons at communal level and these are continuously being updated. In the reporting year several publications have resulted from this and more are in progress. 2016 the data set was made publicly available as a download.

Database Swiss Elections and Voting (ZDA-BFS)

Data processing of subnational elections and voting, commissioned by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office. (**Daniel Bochsler**). Duration: 03/2012–12/2015, extended to 06–2016.

www.demokratiebarometer.com

A database to measure the quality of democracy in 70 countries. The website is actively in use: In the reporting year 68,269 visitors (149,886 downloaded pages) were counted.

www.politischebildung.ch

The portal on citizenship education was launched and informs comprehensively on citizenship education in Switzerland. It is a path to didactics, games, and tools developed by the PBGD/ZDA.

Frequency data: ca. 8000 visitors per month. The majority (ca. ¾) are from Germany; about half of the visitors remain on the website for several minutes; most of them look at teaching materials or basic information on political education.

www.politiklernen.ch

The new website politiklernen.ch offers teaching and learning materials for teachers at secondary level I. Politiklernen.ch is an NCCR democracy transfer project.

VI. Events

1. Public Events In and Around Aarau

- **The 7th Democracy Days Aarau "(Un-)Gleichheiten und Demokratie"**, 26 and 27 March 2015, Kultur & Kongresshaus Aarau:
 - *Lecture and panel discussion* on the subject "Diskriminierung und Demokratie", 26 March 2015
 - *Conference*, 27 March 2015
 - Panel 1: Demokratie und soziale Gleichheit
 - Panel 2: Das Bildungssystem als "Moderator sozialer Ungleichheit"
 - Panel 3: Demokratische Gesetzgebung im Gleichheitsdilemma
 - Lectures by ZDA members of staff: Andreas Glaser, Philippe Koch, Monika Waldis
 - *Cultural program* Guided tour of the opening exhibition in the City Museum Aarau on the subject "Demokratie! Von der Guillotine zum Like-Button", followed by an aperitif, 27 March 2015
- **Late summer event of the association *Friends of the ZDA*** on the subject "Volksrechte im Wandel", 27 August 2015, ZDA:
Lecture by Prof. Dr. Wolf Linder, followed by a discussion with the public under the direction of State Councillor Pascale Bruderer-Wyss.

2. Conferences

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

- Conference "**Zwangsmassnahmen an Minderjährigen in der Schweiz des 20. Jahrhunderts. Unrecht, Wiedergutmachung und Teilhabe an der demokratischen Gesellschaft.**" Series *Erinnerung – Verantwortung – Zukunft: Gedenktag an die Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit*, 23.01.2015, ZDA Aarau (Roxane Kübler, Madeleine Scherrer, Béatrice Ziegler, PBGD; in cooperation with the Sinergia project "Placing Children in Care: Child Welfare in Switzerland (1940–1990)" FHNW School of Social Work, Olten, and the University of Basel).
- Two sessions on "**Candidate selection accounting for different combinations of state levels and profiles**", Swiss working group on federalism and territorial politics in co-organisation with the Belgian work group EPOP, SVPW annual congress, Lausanne, 30-31 January 2015 (Oliver Dlabac, ADF).

- Three sessions on "**Regional Power: Actors and Institutions**", Swiss working group on federalism and territorial politics in co-organisation with the Belgian work group "*Fédéralismes, regionalismes et decentralization*", SVPW annual congress, Lausanne, 30-31 January 2015 (**Oliver Dlabac**, ADF).
- A panel on "**Comparative Political Attitudes**" at the DVPW section conference, comparative political sciences, Hamburg, 25-27 February 2015 (**Lea Heyne**, ADF and Arndt Leininger, Hertie School of Governance Berlin).
- In-service education conference "**Unter uns. Ungleichheiten und Diskriminierungen**", 25.03.2015, Stadtmuseum Aarau (Claudia Schneider, PBGD).
- **2nd Swiss Summer School Democracy Studies on "Democratic Innovations"**, 22–26.06.2015, University of Zurich (Daniel Kübler, Birte Gundelach, ADF; Uwe Serdült, c2d).
- **Democracy conference** with the Federal State of Rheinland Palatinate, 12.05.2015, Speyer. Organised by: Canton Aargau, State Chancellery Rheinland Palatinate, German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer, Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau (Andreas Glaser and Corsin Bisaz, c2d).
- **Study-visit by a Bulgarian Delegation**, 01–03.06.2015, ZDA, Aarau (Magdalena Forowicz, c2d).
- **Democracy conference** with the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, "**Praxis der Bürgerbeteiligung und der direkten Demokratie in Deutschland und der Schweiz**", 11.–12.06.2015, Neues Schloss, Stuttgart. Organised by: Canton Aargau, State Chancellery Rheinland Palatinate, German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer, Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau (Andreas Glaser and Uwe Serdült, c2d).
- Expert panel "**Populismos en perspectiva comparada**" for the conference VIII ALACIP Congress, Lima, 22–24.07.2015, (Yanina Welp, c2d; Saskia Ruth, ADF).
- Scientific conference "**geschichtsdidaktik empirisch 15**". Alte Universität Basel, 3. und 4. September 2015 (Roxane Kübler, Madeleine Scherrer, Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, PBGD).
- **Democracy seminar for a Mongolian delegation** (13 members of staff of the Mongolian president's office), 02–04.11.2015, ZDA, Aarau (Corsin Bisaz, c2d).
- Panel discussion "**Grenzen der Demokratie: Zwischen Ideal und Wirklichkeit**", Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, Zurich, 18 November 2015 (**Alice el-Wakil, Lea Heyne**, ADF).

3. Lectures/Workshops

In the year under review, the ZDA staff gave a total of **90 (c2d: 41, ADF: 26, PBGD 23) lectures/presentations at scholarly events and conferences in Switzerland and abroad** (details upon request).

VII. Public Relations

Regarding **media relations work**, the public relations advisor of the ZDA regularly exchanges information with the individual departments about the themes and research results that are of interest to the wider public or specific target groups. Media relations work is conducted in coordination with the public relations advisor of the funding institutions and by utilising the information channels of the FHNW and UZH.

The Aarau Democracy Days, which are in each year dedicated to a new topical issue concerning democracy, take a central role in public relations work. This year, there was yet another highly interesting panel debate with the active participation of the public. For impressions of the event, please view: <http://www.demokratietage-zda.ch/de/index.php>.

In addition to media notifications, the public relations advisor provides information directly to journalists on ZDA projects and calls their attention to members of staff who can provide information on current topics (see list of the experts for media contacts at www.zdaarau.ch). The activities of the ZDA are also available to the public via the **website** (under the heading: *Aktuelles*) as well as via **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/zdaarau). In 2015, the number of Facebook followers rose from 300 to 415.

In 2015, the issue of redesigning the website was addressed. In 2016, the website is to appear in its new design. The aim is to adapt the Internet presence to the current technological and visual design standards, as well as providing a user-friendly access to the ZDA and its activities.

In order to make the ZDA and its research known to political and private institutions of the region, numerous **delegations and guests** were received in the Villa Blumenhalde. In return, the members of staff presented the ZDA and its projects within the framework of external events.

ZDA presentations

Board of the Forum of Federations visit to the ZDA, presentation of the ZDA by Daniel Kübler, 17.03.2015.

Lecture by Uwe Serdült "*Die Arbeit als Forscher am ZDA*" on invitation by the Fachverein **polito, alumni organisation of the Department for Political Science at the University of Zurich**, 17.03.2015.

Visit of the **Elternverein Aarau (EVA)**, presentation of the ZDA by Uwe Serdült, 30.04.2015.

Group discussion with short lecture on the Centre for Democracy Aarau (Béatrice Ziegler). **Swiss Embassy Berlin**: "*Brauchen wir ein Zentrum für Demokratie in Deutschland?*" 19.05.2015.

Lecture by Uwe Serdült within the framework of continuing education for teachers across borders "*Gegenseitige Blicke über die Grenze: Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Baden-Württemberg und der Schweiz*", **Hochrheinkommission/High Rhein Commission**, 09.06.2015.

Presentation: "*Chancen und Grenzen der Politischen Bildung*". **Neue Helvetische Gesellschaft**, Gruppe Region Basel, Basel 18.06.2015 (Béatrice Ziegler).

Visit by a **delegation of the government of Catalonia**, presentation of the ZDA by Daniel Kübler, 2.10.2015.

Presentation of the ZDA by Uwe Serdült, **Lions Club Zurzach**, ZDA Aarau, 17.11.2015.

Lecture by Uwe Serdült "*Ist Demokratie käuflich?*" on the occasion of the visit of the **SP Bezirk Aarau** at the ZDA, 21.11.2015.

Themed Lectures and Events

Uwe Serdült: Expert Panel Discussion "*The Swiss experience with citizens' initiatives*", Panel on the *European Citizens' Initiative*, **International Conference "Open Europe: Open Data for Open Society"** 18–19.02.2015, Riga & Jelgava, on the occasion of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Uwe Serdült and Corsin Bisaz: "*Swiss Direct Democracy in Practice*", several workshop lectures within the framework of the **Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme** – partnership fund, 23–27.02.2015, Bulgaria.

Lecture Oliver Dlabac and Daniel Kübler on the results of the study "*Die Milizorganisation der Gemeindeexekutiven im Kanton Aargau*", evening event of the Department of **Economic and Internal Affairs Canton Aargau and the Gemeindeammänner-Vereinigung/association of the presidents of the municipalities** Canton Aargau, Möriken-Wildegg, 26.02.2015.

Uwe Serdült: Guest lecture on the subject "*Chancen und Gefahren der direkten Demokratie*", an event around the **Weinviertelinitiative 2020**, Mistelbach, Weinland ob Wien, 06.03.2015.

Thomas Milic: "*Partizipation und Legitimation*", education event of the **jungen grünen Bündnis Nordwest** and the **JUSO BL**, 14.03.2015.

Andreas Glaser: "*Direkte Demokratie und Europapolitik*" in connection with the **28th international Europe Forums** on the subject *Direkte Demokratie auf dem Prüfstand – Folgerungen für Wirtschaft und Politik*, 27.04.2015, Lucerne.

Introductory lecture by Corsin Bisaz "*Kommunikation und Information im Vorfeld von Volksabstimmungen in der Schweiz*" followed by participation in the **panel discussion, 2nd Democracy Conference Aargau – Rheinland Palatinate**, 12.05.2015, German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer.

Andreas Glaser: "*Ist Politik zu komplex für direktdemokratische Verfahren?*" in connection with the **2nd Democracy Conference Aargau – Rheinland Palatinate**, 27.05.2015, Speyer.

Lecture by Daniel Bochsler, "*Verhältnismahl mit schwachen Parteien? Gedanken zur Wahlrechtsdebatte in Ausserrhoden*" **Hearing** with different political **parties**, Herisau, **Appenzell Ausserrhoden**, 27.05.2015.

Lecture by Daniel Bochsler on the subject "*Comparative Perspectives on Direct Democracy*" on the occasion of the **visit by a Bulgarian delegation**, 09.06.2015.

Andreas Glaser: "*Verfahrensbeteiligung, direkte Demokratie und Rechtsschutz bei Grossvorhaben*" within the framework of the **3rd Democracy Conference Aargau – Baden-Württemberg** on the subject *Praxis der Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz*, 11.06.2015, Stuttgart.

Uwe Serdült: panel discussion, **3rd Democracy Conference Aargau – Baden-Württemberg** on the subject *Praxis der Bürgerbeteiligung und direkte Demokratie in Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz*, 11.–12.06.2015, Stuttgart.

Uwe Serdült: "*Internet Voting in Switzerland*" within the framework of the **Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme** – partnership fund, 18.06.2015, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Yanina Welp: Conference '*Los medios digitales, la protesta y el control del mensaje*'. **Programa siglo XXI (UBA) e Instituto Universitario Nacional de Arte**, Buenos Aires, 23.06.2015.

Lecture by Daniel Bochsler on the subject "*Ausgangslage für SP/Grüne Wahlen 2015*", **Gewerkschaftsbund Kanton Bern/Swiss Federation of Trade Unions, Berne**, 24.06.2015, Berne.

Andreas Glaser: "*Die Rolle der Parlamentarier in der direkten Demokratie*", **SVP-Seniorenanlass** in Aarau, 27.08.2015.

Uwe Serdült: Keynote, "*The Use and Users of Swiss Internet Voting*", **VoteID 2015** (5th International Conference on e-Voting and Identity), 03.09.2015, Bern, Switzerland.

Guest lecture by Corsin Bisaz "*Minority protection in Switzerland*" (Master's lecture, 2x45 min.), 06.10.2015, **Lund University**, Sweden.

Yanina Welp: Expert seminar discussion. "*Los Procesos de Construcción Constitucional en América Latina*", **Government of Chile, IDEA International and University of Chile**. Santiago de Chile, 21–22.10.2015.

Thomas Milic: "*Wahlentscheid und -beteiligung der Jugendlichen bei den eidgenössischen Wahlen 2015*", **Jugendparlamentkonferenz des DSJ** in Tenero, 30.10.2015.

Lecture by Oliver Dlabac: "*Decentralisation and Local Democracy*" on the occasion of a visit by a **delegation from Mongolia, 03.10.2015**.

Lecture by Oliver Dlabac on the subject "*Für eine Straffung und Entlastung der Milizstrukturen in kleinen Gemeinden*", organised public event "*Zukunft des Milizsystems*", **Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW)**, School of Management and Law, Winterthur, 02.11.2015.

Presentation of Daniel Kübler on the topic of "*Gemeindefusionen in der Schweiz: Chancen und Risiken*", **Informationsveranstaltung zur Urnenabstimmung über das Projekt Horgen-Hirzel 2018**, Horgen, 03.11.2015.

Uwe Serdült: Keynote, "*Warum es nicht vorwärts geht mit der e-Partizipation*", **eGov Fokus 2/2015: E-Democracy – Neue Formen der Partizipation**, 06.11.2015, Rathaus Bern, Switzerland.

Panel participation by Daniel Bochsler, "*Wahlbarometer und -prognosen, Trends, Hochrechnungen und Resultate*", panel discussion **SRG SSR Aargau Solothurn**, 09.11.2015. Turgi.

Lecture by Daniel Bochsler, Hearing on the *Motion Sibel Arslan et al.* with regard to adapting the electoral law (Quorum), **Great Council of the Canton Basel-Stadt, Justice, Security and Sports Commission**, 24.11.2015, Basel.

Lecture by Roman Zwicky zu "*Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen. Eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau*". Presentation of the final report to the **Board Meeting of the association Friends of the ZDA**. ZDA Aarau, 26.11.2015.

Lecture by Daniel Bochsler: "*Entzauberte Konkordanz – Der Wandel der Regierungswahlen auf Bundesebene und in den Kantonen*", **Forum Politique Suisse**, 08.12.2015, Bern.

Media Presence

Contributions about the ZDA and its activities

Study "*Die Milizorganisation der Gemeindeexekutiven im Kanton Aargau*", Report on **SRF**, 29 January 2015. (for additional reporting on this study see section "Statements by ZDA Staff" and "Publications").

Interview on direct democracy and on the ZDA with Andreas Auer in "Interview DeFacto" on Mongolian television (**MNB**), 11. February 2015.

Visit by the Forum of Federations (Canton of Argovia and ZDA), Report in the **Aargauer Zeitung** on 19 March 2015.

7. Aarauer Demokratietage: "(Un-)Gleichheit und Demokratie"

- "Müssen wir uns vor dem Volk schützen?", in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 27. März 2015.
- "Die Grenzen der Gleichheit", in: **UZH News**, 1. April 2015.

Visit by the Minister President of Saxony, Stanislaw Tillich, in Aargau and at the ZDA, Report in **Aargauer Zeitung**, 18 May 2015.

Spätsommeranlass des Vereins "Freunde des ZDA" with Wolf Linder. Topic: "Volksrechte im Wandel", Report in **Aargauer Zeitung**, 31. August 2015.

SRF Kulturplatz visit to Aargau academic upper secondary students, who are learning how laws are made using the political simulation "Politik.Macht.Gesetz", program "Kulturplatz" on the topic of democracy, SRF, 2 September 2015.

*Visit by a Mongolian delegation to the ZDA, report in the **Aargauer Zeitung** on 4 November 2015.*

*Commission awarded by the Federal Chancellery to conduct scientific analyses of elections, report in the **NZZ**, on **SRF**, in the **Aargauer Zeitung**, in **Tages-Anzeiger**, in the **Südostschweiz** and other media, November 2015.*

Reviews of ZDA publications in the media

"Entpolitisierte Gemeinden". Review of the volume "*Demokratie in der Gemeinde*", in: **NZZ**, 19 May 2015.

"Ungerechte Rekrutierungsprozesse". Review of the volume "*Mehrsprachigkeit verwalten? Spannungsfeld Personalrekrutierung beim Bund*", in: **NZZ**, 8 June 2015.

"Kaum Romanen in der Bundesverwaltung". Review of the volume "*Mehrsprachigkeit verwalten? Spannungsfeld Personalrekrutierung beim Bund*", on: **SRF**, 9 June 2015.

"Der Rätoromanenstaat". Review of the volume "*Rätoromanische Sprache und direkte Demokratie*", in: **UZH Magazin**, 4/15 (December 2015).

The ZDA staff members provide expert research-backed information to local, national and international media on an almost daily basis.

A large number of these media contributions are publicly accessible on Facebook (www.facebook.com/zdaarau). Here a selection from the year 2015. Among the highlights are the expert reports by ZDA staff on the following subjects:

- Federal and cantonal elections 2015
- List combinations of the parties for the 2015 elections
- Political participation/civic participation
- Validity and implementation of initiatives
- The *militia system* (refers to part-time or work in honorary capacity)
- Democracy in the municipality
- Rhaeto-Romanic Switzerland and Lia Rumantscha
- E-democracy, e-voting in Switzerland
- Development of democracy in Latin America
- Lehrplan 21 (teaching plan 21)
- Political education
- History and myths

Media contributions created by ZDA staff can be found in the chapter 'publications' (Newspaper articles and radio contributions).

Statements by ZDA staff in the media (selection)

Cantonal and Federal Elections 2015 – various themes:

- Statement by and interview with **Daniel Bochsler**:
"Wahlprognose: Rechtsbürgerliche legen in fast allen Kantonen zu", in: **NZZ**, 26 April 2015.
"Zürcher Wahlen. Bedeutung der Urnengänge wird überschätzt", in: **NZZ** am Sonntag, 12 April 2015.
"SP: Treulose **Jung-Wähler**", on: **SRF**, 3 July 2015.

"Chancenloser Bruno Moser provoziert in Bern den **zweiten Wahlgang**", on: *SRF*, 24 Oktober 2015.

"**Bündner Wähler** kaufen die Katze im Sack", in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 27 July 2015.

"Die **SVP müsste drei Sitze** im Bundesrat haben", in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 20 October 2015.

"Markwalder bremst den **liberalen Überflug**", in: *Der Bund*, 18 May 2015.

"**Irrelevante Urnengänge** sind Teil des Schweizer Alltags", in: *Der Bund*, 5 November 2015.

"**Prognosen für den Aargau**: FDP gewinnt, Grüne und CVP verlieren.", in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 18 August 2015

"Politologe: Der **Wahlkampfbus** mobilisiert die Leute", in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 2 September 2015.

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"In Parlament mit **flexiblen Koalitionen** dürften Kompromisse schwierig sein." on: *swissinfo.ch*, 23 November.

- "Braucht es in der Schweiz einen **Stimmzwang**?" Statement by **Daniel Kübler** on: *SRF*, 18 April 2015.
- "Gleich und Gleich gesellt sich immer lieber." Statement by **Daniel Kübler on the regional dominance of the SVP and SP**, in: *NZZ*, 21 October 2015.
- "Der bislang teuerste **Wahlkampf**": Assessment by **Thomas Milic** in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 17 July 2015.
- "**Warum Müller zittern muss und Noser nicht.**" Statement by **Thomas Milic**, in: *Sonntagszeitung*, 8.11.2015.
- "Die **Nichtwähler** – einfach faul oder besser als ihr Ruf?" Statement by **Uwe Serdült** on *srf*, 13 August 2015.
- "Des **bulletins arrivées trop tard** privent de vote des Suisses de l'étranger." Statement by **Uwe Serdült** on: *rts*, 5 November 2015.

Cantonal and federal elections 2015 – List combinations:

Statement by and interview with **Daniel Bochsler**:

"Listenverbindungen: Bürgerliche schliessen besser ab als 2011", in: *NZZ am Sonntag*, 13 September 2015.

"Listenverbindungen: Rechenspiele werden immer komplexer", on: *SRF*, 17 April 2015.

"Von Listenglück und Proporzpech", on: *SRF*, 25 June 2015.

"Listenverbindungen dämpfen den Triumph der Rechten", on: *SRF*, 30 October 2015.

"Elections fédérales: les alliances entre partis sont un enjeu de taille", on: *RTS*, 14 February 2015.

"Journal de campagne: les apparentements de liste jouent un rôle important dans l'attribution des sièges", on: *RTS*, 14 September 2015.

"Verso le federali 2015", on: *RSI*, 10 August 2015.

"Colliaziuns da glistas èn enconuschentas", on: *RTR*, 6 August 2015.

"Die GLP verliert Sitze, die BDP Stimmen." in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 19 October 2015.

"Zwischen Ideologie und Kalkül." in: *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, 7 February 2015.

"Die elf schlimmsten Fehler bei Listenverbindungen", in: *Der Bund*, 20. July 2015.

"Mysterium Listen-Verbindung: So wirkt sie sich auf die Wahlen aus." in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 7 September 2015.

On the possible introduction of proportional representation in Appenzell Ausserrhoden:

"Politik wäre vielfältiger." Interview with **Daniel Bochsler**, in: *St. Galler Tagblatt*, 13 November 2015.

The Status of Swiss Sovereignty

"Die Souveränität ist ein Auslaufmodell." Statement by **Andreas Glaser** on: *SRF*, 19 February 2015.

On the Report on the Validity of Initiatives

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(Implementation of) the Mass Immigration Initiative

- "Razzismo: due UDC in tribunal", Interview with **Andreas Glaser**, on: *RSI*, 30 January 2015.
- "Si salvaguardi chi può." Interview with **Andreas Glaser** auf: *RSI*, 7 December 2015.

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Lia Rumantscha

- "Laschar eleger ils Rumanschs ils delegads", Interview with **Andreas Glaser**, in: *La Quotidiana*, 2 November 2015.
- Radio emission with the expertise of **Andreas Glaser** on the topic of the democratic legitimation of the Lia Rumantscha on matters that affect all Romans, on: *SRF*, 3 November 2015.

E-Democracy/E-Voting in Switzerland

- "Der grösste E-Voting-Verbund steht vor dem Aus." Statement by **Uwe Serdült** in: *NZZ*, 17 September 2015.
- "Klick-Demokratie am Horizont", Statement by **Uwe Serdült**, in: *NZZ*, 27 May 2015.

Asylum Policies of the Federation

"Luzern schlägt aus eigennützigem Interessen in eine offene Kerbe." Statement by **Daniel Kübler** in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 5 August 2015.

Direct Democracy/Civic Participation

- "Musterland lebendiger Demokratie? Baden-Württemberg und die Bürgerbeteiligung", Program with **Uwe Serdült** and **Daniel Kübler** on: *SWR2*, 10 March 2015
- "Direkte Demokratie: Wie oft Irland sein Volk entscheiden lässt", Statement by **Uwe Serdült**, in: *FAZ*, 22. May 2015.
- "Der Bürger hat immer recht – oder?" Statement by **Uwe Serdült**, in: *Stuttgarter Nachrichten*, 13 June 2015.
- Talk program on the subject of direct democracy with **Oliver Dlabac**, on: *Kanal K*, 5 August 2015.
- "Alle Macht dem Volk?" Interview with Nenad **Stojanovic** on the connection between direct democracy and Switzerland's economic success, in: *39NULL – Magazin für Gesellschaft und Kultur*, Nr. 3.

Democracy in the Municipality

- "Nach Fusionen sinkt die Wahlbeteiligung." **Daniel Kübler** on the result of the ZDA study "Milizorganisation der Gemeindekeketiven", in: *Der Bund*, 3 January 2015.
- "Parteibüchlein, nein, danke", Interview with **Oliver Dlabac** on the crisis of the local parties, in: *Solothurner Zeitung*, 17 January 2015.
- "Demokratie – eine starke Führung." Interview with **Oliver Dlabac** on the new draft for the municipal by-law of Olten, in: *Stadtanzeiger Olten*, 23 September 2015.
- "Es braucht den politischen Willen." Interview with **Oliver Dlabac** on the question of the introduction of a parliament in der Belp municipality, *Berner Landbote*, 5 August.

Regional Elections in Catalonia

- "¿Vox populi, vox Dei?". Interview with **Nicolas Aubert** on: *swissinfo.ch*, 7 June 2015.
- "Unsicherheit über den Wahlurnen Kataloniens". Assessment by **Yanina Welp** on: *swissinfo.ch*, 25 September 2015.

Mayoral Elections in Spain

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The Development of Democracy in Latin America

"Venezuela, ¿quo vadis?", Interview with **Yanina Welp**, on: *swissinfo.ch*, 4 December 2015.

The Development of Democracy in the States of Former Yugoslavia

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Citizenship Education

- "Die Volksschule soll allen den Zugang zur Politik ermöglichen." Interview with **Béatrice Ziegler** on the teaching plan Lehrplan 21 and political education, in: *Bildung Schweiz*, 2/2015.
- "Politische Bildung muss aktuell sein." Interview mit **Béatrice Ziegler**, in: *Schulblatt des Kantons Zürich*, 23 June 2016.
- "Politforum: Braucht es ein Pflichtfach "Politische Bildung"? Discussion with **Béatrice Ziegler**, Beat W. Zemp and Remo Ankli, on: *SRF*: 9 September 2015.
- "Die tiefe Beteiligung an eidgenössischen Parlamentswahlen", Contribution by **Daniel Kübler**, in *Aargauer Wirtschaft*, 17 September 2015.

History as a School Subject/the Teaching Plan Lehrplan 21

"Das Ende der Geschichte". Statement by **Béatrice Ziegler** in the *Basler Zeitung*, 17 April 2015.

The Role of Myths (for Historiography)

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ZDA announcements in the media

13.01.2015: *Press release* on the conference "**Zwangsmassnahmen an Minderjährigen in der Schweiz des 20. Jahrhunderts**".

19.02.2014: *Press release* on the **2015 edition of the journal for political education "POLIS"** (Subject "Ungleichheiten und Diskriminierungen in der Gesellschaft").

10.03.2015: *Press release* on the **7th Aarau Democracy Days: (Un-)Gleichheiten und Demokratie**.

20.05.2015: *Press release* on the **survey on new forms of civic participation in Swiss-German municipalities**.

08.06.2015 *Press release* **challenges of language equity in the Federal Office** (together with the Competence Centre for Multilingualism of the University of Fribourg).

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11.08.2015: *Press release* on the **late summer event of the Friends of the ZDA with Prof. Wolf Linder: "Volksrechte im Wandel"**.

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VIII. Publications

ZDA Publications

Schriften zur Demokratieforschung/Texts on Democracy Research. Publications by the ZDA and its departments appear on a regular basis in this series under the management of A. Auer with the publisher Schulthess Zürich. In the reporting year 2015 the following texts got published in this series:

Volume 10 **Rätoromanische Sprache und direkte Demokratie**
Herausforderungen und Perspektiven der Rumantschia
Corsin Bisaz / Andreas Glaser (Hrsg.)
Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), Februar 2015
ISBN: 978-3-7255-7262-5 (166 Seiten, broschiert)

Volume 11 **Demokratie in der Gemeinde**
Herausforderungen und mögliche Reformen
Daniel Kübler / Oliver Dlabac (Hrsg.)
Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), März 2015
ISBN: 978-3-7255-7206-9 (242 Seiten, broschiert)

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POLIS. The journal for political education. Published by the Department PBGD, this publication has as its theme topical questions on political education and is aimed at teachers, individuals interested in political education and specialists.

The journal POLIS Nr. 8 on the subject " *Unter uns. Ungleichheiten und Diskriminierungen in der Gesellschaft*" was published early 2015. Eds.: Vera Sperisen, Claudia Schneider.

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"Diversität und Intersektionalität in der Schweizer Bundesverwaltung":
Zur passiven Repräsentation nach Geschlecht, Sprache und Nationalität
Roman Zwicky, August 2015
ZDA Studienbericht Nr. 5, ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-4-7.

"Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen". Eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau.
Schlussbericht einer Studie im Auftrag des Vereins Freunde des ZDA.
Zwicky, Roman und Kübler, Daniel (2015): Schlussbericht einer Studie im Auftrag des Vereins *Freunde des ZDA*. Aarau: Verein Freunde des ZDA.

Monographs 2015

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X. Finance Report/Finance Plan

Financial Statement 2015

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

The most important **key data** of the annual statement are summarised in the table below:

ZDA TOTAL ACTUAL AMOUNT 2015 by departments					
Carryover balance 01.01.2013 (incl. earmarked funds)	115'000	219'044	461'224	0	795'268
EXPENSES	Pool	c2d	ADF	PBGD	Total
Staff costs					
TOTAL STAFF COSTS	167'891	1'126'319	1'256'571	830'421	3'381'202
<i>third-party funded staff costs</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>613'094</i>	<i>198'505</i>	<i>420'759</i>	<i>1'232'358</i>
<i>financed by basic funding (contribution partners)</i>	<i>167'891</i>	<i>513'224</i>	<i>1'058'066</i>	<i>409'663</i>	<i>2'148'844</i>
Material costs					
TOTAL MATERIAL COSTS	317'613	198'520	56'393	140'895	713'421
INTERNAL APPORTIONMENT: ADMINISTRATION COSTS (POOL)	-465'000	155'000	155'000	155'000	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	20'505	1'479'838	1'467'964	1'126'317	4'094'624
REVENUES	Pool	c2d	ADF	PBGD	Total
Own resources (basic provisions)					
Contribution Canton AG (incl. administration costs)	0	800'000	0	0	800'000
Contribution City of Aarau (incl. administration costs)	0	0	785'000	0	785'000
Contribution FHNW to the administration costs (Pool)	0	0	0	155'000	155'000
Funding FHNW (Department PBGD)	0	0	0	746'163	746'163
<i>Funding UZH: assistant position professorship Kübler</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>101'390</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>101'390</i>
<i>Funding UZH: project contributions NCCR Democracy + Graduate Campus</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>324'996</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>324'996</i>
<i>Allowance director ZDA (2/3 UZH and 1/3 PH FHNW)</i>	<i>20'505</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20'505</i>
TOTAL DISPOSABLE FUNDS	20'505	800'000	1'211'386	901'163	2'933'053
Third-party funds (outside financing)					
Revenue SNF projects	0	70'499	0	172'899	243'398
Revenue overhead SNF	0	37'923	0	0	37'923
Revenue other third-party projects (incl. overhead)	0	666'403	58'707	240'092	965'202
Revenue other (services, donations...)	0	70'283	51'501	7'767	129'551
<i>Revenue third-party projects professorship IPZ</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>102'116</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>102'116</i>
TOTAL REVENUES FROM THIRD-PARTY FUNDING	0	845'107	212'324	420'759	1'478'190
<i>Third-party funds quota (competitive projects)</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>Third-party funds quota (commissioned projects)</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Third-party funds quota (total)</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>36%</i>
TOTAL REVENUES	20'505	1'645'107	1'423'710	1'321'921	4'411'243
BALANCE on 31.12.2015 (incl. earmarked funds)	115'000	384'313	416'970	0	1'111'887
Earmarked reserves	Pool	c2d	ADF	PBGD	Total
Opening balance	115'000	50'000	409'725	0	574'725
Accumulation for update c2d database	0	50'000	0	0	50'000
Accumulation for in-house research on e-dc – continuation of the research program according to the development plan	0	240'000	0	0	240'000
Invoices for cost overrun for the Blumenhalde building extension	0	-15'000	0	0	-15'000
Wage costs stipend PhD position "Democracy Research" (ZDA/NCCR 2014-17)	0	0	-54'962	0	-54'962
Contribution for the institutionalising of the democracy barometer	0	0	-50'000	0	-50'000
...	0	0	0	0	0
..	0	0	0	0	0
Break-down for additional costs extension Blumenhalde	0	-35'000	-50'000	0	-85'000
Closing balance	115'000	290'000	254'764	0	659'764

The quota of third-party funds shows the % share of the costs financed by third-party funds. The **third-party funds** acquired in the reporting year at an average of **36%** can, in the benchmark with the social sciences and legal segment, be considered as very high. The **share of competitively acquired third-party funds** amounts to **17%** of the total expenditures; 19% were generated by means of contracted research, mandates and services.

- The **administrative overhead expenses** (cost centre "**pool**") increased with the move into the Blumenhalde extension as per the beginning of 2015 due to the additional rental and operational costs as well as the institutionalisation of the position of a media relations advisor. Thanks to a good spending management, the cost increase was more moderate than the budgeted amount. It was, thus, not necessary to tap into existing strategic reserves for (replacement) investments.

A redesign/update of the website will be carried out in 2016. At the 20.11.2015 meeting, the GM earmarked a budget to the amount of max. CHF 40,000 to the account of the strategic reserves.

- In 2015, the **Department c2d** was able to achieve 57% third-party funding – a record level. In addition to the SNF project approved in 2014, it is particularly the research projects on the subject of *e-democracy* (service level agreement with the Canton AG and other cantonal and national partners. Duration: 2012–2016) as well as the research on development of democracy in Latin America (Avina Foundation; 4-year extension 2014–17) that yielded significant third-party funds. In addition, numerous legal and expert opinions for government and private institutions were provided (see section IX).

Due to the high level of third-party funding and the efficiency of the long-standing research staff, it was possible to build up financial reserves, which will be earmarked to continue the research focus "e-democracy" after the end of the mandate by the contracting body as of fall 2016, as well as the further development of the database on national and regional referendums all over the world (see section V).

- As in the year 2014, the **Department ADF** financed several projects and placements for qualifying positions with the earmarked reserves. Due to a number of non-approved third-party project applications, the third-party quota was significantly lower in the reporting year than budgeted. By means of relevant cost reductions as well as acquisitions of a number of service mandates, the loss of revenue was in part compensated.

The department still has financial reserves at its disposal. A part of these are earmarked for the financing of the PhD position "Democracy research" (stipend 2014–2017) and for the amount required to institutionalise the democracy barometer at the ZDA. In the year 2016 it is planned that the currently vacant post "member of research staff" will be filled.

- The **Department PBGD** finalised a series of projects in 2015. Thus, staff set out to submit a growing number of project applications already in 2014 and throughout the year 2015. Since these are at the same time budgeted within the university, a negative decision automatically leads to not only a possibly lower than budgeted income, but also expenditures.

The third-party share is relatively high. Intensified cost-saving measures on the part of the federal government and the cantons will make it particularly difficult to maintain this third-party quota.

Financial planning

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

City of Aarau	785,000.–	
Canton AG	800,000.–	
UZH	300,000.–	Assistat Professorship D. Kübler IPZ/UZH as well as internally generated project assets (NCCR Democracy)
FHNW	450,000.–	Administrative cost contributions 150,000 and internally generated project assets
Total	2,335,000.–	

In addition, according to targets set in the financial planning, project-related third-party funds amounting to ca. CHF 1,200,000 are to be generated for research projects and services. CHF 1,460,000 has been budgeted for the year 2016. It should be noted that budgeting the expected third-party funds from public institutions (in particular SNF, federal and cantonal administration) as well as private organisations (foundations, NGOs, private firms and associations...) depends on planned and pending project applications, and/or expected mandates. The actual resulting project approvals/mandates are strongly influenced by external factors (the economy, political developments...) and are difficult to predict.