
Annual Report ZDA 2016

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Foreword

For some time now our databases have been indicating a worldwide increase in the implementation of instruments of direct democracy. But who would have thought that the British, who are on the whole very rarely called to the polls to vote on issues, would be responsible for the highlight of 2016 in matters of direct democracy? The planned withdrawal from the European Union by the UK in June undoubtedly represents a historical caesura. It is still not clear where the Brexit decision will take the British and the Europeans. An important cause for the result of the referendum was certainly the growing critique of globalisation. Its economic and political achievements stand in contrast to societal and democratic-political consequence, which are perceived as negative by many citizens. The rise in unease towards globalisation has in many democracies lead to a strengthening of populist movements and parties, both to the right and the left of the political spectrum. This movement reached a (provisional) culmination point in the US with Donald J. Trump's election as president.

A part of populism – both on the right and the left – is the strong emphasis on the sovereignty of the people and, with it, an at times already romanticised sympathy for direct democracy. However, from a research perspective, to date only little is known about the connections between populism and direct democracy. Are direct democratic institutions a convenient instrument in the hands of demagogues for whom populism paves the way to attention, influence and power? Or does direct democracy rather contribute to the integration and domestication of populist movements by enabling a matter of fact debate about legitimate but insufficiently observed concerns? In 2016, the management of the University of Zurich decided to entrust the ZDA with the research of these interrelations. With the research project *Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa/Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe*, to be financed by the University of Zurich in the period from 2017 to 2022, the ZDA is to study the interrelation between direct democracy and the content of populist policies from the perspective of jurisprudence and the political sciences and to contribute to the objectification of the populism debate. The new project will also mean a valuation of the already ongoing research work in the national research focus democracy (NCCR Democracy). Within the framework of these projects, two new assistant professorship positions will be created and, together with their doctoral candidates, they will take up work during the year 2017. We are very happy to announce this significant strengthening of the ZDA research team!

In 2016, as always, the ZDA has not only engaged with democracy on a research basis, but also cultivated the exchange with politics and the general public in the region. In addition to the annual Aarau Democracy Days in spring and the late summer event of the Friends of the ZDA, of special note for the year 2016 was one event: the meeting of the Aarau residents' council, that is, the municipal parliament, on 22 August 2016 in the Villa Blumenhalde. On the warm summer evening, the Aarau residents' council debated construction projects, financial business and waste disposal regulations and fought with great enthusiasm for the (at times quite narrow) majority on all the resolutions. With this, they showed the ZDA researchers how democratic institutions call for passionate political engagement and a keenness for debating also in day-to-day business.

That an active democracy depends on an enthusiasm for the political debate – this conviction is one that the ZDA would also like to communicate in the field of civic education. Whether it is by means of our (co-)developed teaching materials, in direct contact with students, their teachers or interested political actors. But even when the fervour for democratic politics is good: without an understanding of how the institutions function, without knowledge of the greater political context and the historical background, chances are that this enthusiasm will dissipate without having had an effect.

Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler, the long-time head of the PBGD department and an accomplished historian, has often brought this to our attention. She has had a significant impact on the ZDA since it was founded. She had an important role in the bridging of the different ways in which our parent universities – the University of Zurich and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland – function and the two cultures. With a deep understanding for these differences, but at the same time without reservations, she ensured that the ZDA could grow together over and beyond the borders existing between the two universities. Not only did she help enable collaborative work between departments, but she was also able to engage her team in enduring collaborative projects. Such projects engendered important products, which contribute not only to the further development of political-historical education, but also to jurisprudence and the political sciences. In the summer of 2016, Béatrice Ziegler attained the emeritus status and her successor, Prof. Dr. Monika Waldis, consequently took over as head of the PBGD. The ZDA wishes Béatrice Ziegler all the best for her well-earned retirement – and also looks forward to staying in touch also after her departure from the ZDA!

The end of the reporting year 2016 is also the end of my tenure as Chairman of the Directorate of the ZDA. I have always enjoyed carrying out this function; all the more as I could always rely on an excellent team and significant support from politics and society in the City of Aarau and the Canton of Aargau. I wish Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser my successor in this function, all the best! And I look forward to many more productive years of democracy research at the ZDA!

Aarau, February 2017

Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler

I. ZDA-internal

1. Organisation

a. Partners

With regard to the 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), there have been no changes during the reporting year.

b. Board of Partners

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

- State Councillor Alex Hürzeler (Chairman, Head of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports BKS of Canton Aargau)
- Dr. Katja Gentinetta (Canton Aargau representative)
- Stadtpräsidentin Jolanda Urech (City of Aarau representative)
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Bernauer (City of Aarau representative)
- Prof. Dr. Otfried Jarren (Vice President for Arts and Social Sciences UZH, University Board representative until 31.07.2016)
- Prof. Dr. Gabriele Siegert (Vice President for Arts and Social Sciences UZH, University Board representative as of 01.08.2016)
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Gächter (Institute of Law, UZH representative)
- Prof. Dr. Crispino Bergamaschi (President of the Board FHNW, representative until 31.03.2016)
- Prof. Dr. Sabina Larcher (Director of the College of Education FHNW)
- Prof. Dr. Andrea Bertschi-Kaufmann (Head of the Institute Research and Development PH FHNW, representative as of 01.04.2016)

Prof. G. Siegert has been designated as the successor of Prof. Dr. O. Jarren as Vice President of Arts and Social Sciences from 01.08.2016, a function which includes that of Delegate of the University Board UZH at the ZDA general meeting.

President of the Board FHNW Prof. Dr. Crispino Bergamaschi has stepped down as representative at the ZDA general meetings due to numerous other commitments. The FHNW has delegated Prof. Dr. Andrea Bertschi-Kaufmann, Head of the Institute Research and Development of the FHNW School of Education, as their second representative at the ZDA general meeting.

At the meeting on 11.03.2016, the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts of 2015 were approved and the decision taken to conduct an audit of the financial information data ZDA by the financial control offices of AG and ZH. The board took note of Prof. Dr. Dietlind Stolle's resignation from the Scientific Advisory Council of the ZDA and approved Prof. Dr. Silja Häusermann as new member of the Advisory Council. In addition, Vice President O. Jarren reported on the new regulations concerning the modalities of the annual basic amount with which the UZH will provide the ZDA after the end of the NCCR Democracy, as of October 2017: The University Board has approved the interdisciplinary project submission *Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa/Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe*, which was prepared by Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler and Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser in collaboration with the Faculties of Law and Philosophy. As of fall 2017, two new professorial assistantships with one doctoral post each will be established – with this, the project financing contribution of the

UZH to the ZDA in the period 2017–22 will amount to more than double the contractually stipulated sum. The bestowal of this substantial contribution expresses the appreciation of the achievements of the ZDA by the University of Zurich.

The second ordinary meeting took place on 11.11.2016. The partners approved the 2017 ZDA budget and took note of the report of the scientific advisory board. The successor to Prof. Dr. Peter Seixas, who stepped down from the scientific advisory council following on achieving emeritus status from 30.06.2016, is Prof. Dr. Carla van Boxtel who was selected to be the new counsellor. State Councillor A. Hürzeler was unanimously confirmed as chairman of the Partner Meeting for an additional term (2017–18). The committee appointed Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser as the new chairman of the ZDA directorate as of 2017 and his term of office has been set at four years (2017–20).

The representatives of the UZH and FHNW reported at both meetings on the current status of the dialog between the parent universities concerning the rights of FHNW professors to be conferred doctorates at the UZH.

c. Directorate

The Directorate is the operative management body of the ZDA and is composed of the heads of the three departments, who at the same time are professors at the UZH, respectively professors at the FHNW. The chair is held by a member selected by the partner meeting for a predefined term of two to four years.

In the reporting year a new head of the PBGD department replaced Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler, who was conferred emeritus status. Consequently, the composition of the directorate in 2016 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;
- *Until 31.05.2016:* Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler, Department Head PBGD, Professor at the FHNW and Head of the Centre for Citizenship and History Education;
- *As of 01.06.2016:* Prof. Dr. Monika Waldis, Department Head PBGD, Professor at the FHNW and Head of the Centre for Citizenship and History Education.

In the year 2016, the directorate convened at 9 formal meetings; informal discussions took place on a regular basis.

d. Expert Advisory Board

In the reporting year two long-time members of the ZDA advisory board stepped down. The partner meeting named two new partners to the directorate.

The composition of the Scientific Advisory Board of the ZDA in 2016 was as follows (in alphabetic order):

- Prof. Dr. Giovanni Biaggini, Chair in Constitutional, Administrative and European Law, University of Zurich;
- *As of 11.11.2016:* Prof. Dr. Carla van Boxtel, Professor of Teaching Methodology with a focus on history education, Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam;
- *As of 11.03.2016:* Prof. Dr. Silja Häusermann, Professor of Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy, Institute for Political Science, University of Zurich;

- Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange, Professorship for 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;
- *Until 30.06.2016*: 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 (*stepping down due to conferral of emeritus status*);
- *Until 11.03.2016*: Prof. Dr. Dietlind Stolle, Department of 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 7 September 2016, the advisory board of the ZDA met for its seventh meeting at the UZH in Zurich-Irchel. Present in person were Professor Giovanni Biaggini (RWI-UZH), Professor Silja Häusermann (IPZ-UZH), 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. Dirk Lange (University of Hannover) was unable to take part, but submitted his input in writing before the meeting. The main agenda items of this year's meeting were the ZDA activities in the year 2015 as well as the project *Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa/Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe*, financed by the University of Zurich for the period 2017–2022. The subjects discussed included the strategy of the directorate towards dealing with the growing number of queries from the media, ZDA personnel strategies, and adjustments to the acquisition of third-party funds according to the new Swiss National Science Foundation sponsorship guidelines. The statements and discussions were summarised in a report to the partners' meeting.

Also for the year 2016, the advisory board members issued the ZDA a very good testimonial. Special mention was given the intensified collaboration between the three departments of the ZDA, as well as the ability of the ZDA to play well on different "keyboards": the publication of research results and analyses, the realisation of application-oriented research projects, presence in the local and national public media. In the assessment of the members of the board the ZDA has established itself as a centre of excellence on democracy research and is prominently present in the national and international research community.

2. Staff

On the reporting date 31.12.2016 a total of 40 members of staff were employed at the ZDA; the cost-relevant average of full-time equivalents in the reporting year was 2236 (ca. 22.5 full-time equivalents).

The staff statistics, according to function and departments, for the year 2016 gives the following picture:

| Employment statistics ZDA 2016 * | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Function **</i> | <i>Department</i> | | | | Total percentage |
| | ADF | c2d | PBGD | Pool | |
| Interns | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Assistants without degrees | 6.67 | 50.00 | 15.63 | 0.00 | 72.30 |
| Assistants with BA | 36.70 | 38.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.04 |
| Assistants with MA/licentiate | 119.17 | 6.67 | 96.05 | 0.00 | 221.88 |
| PhD students | 338.33 | 285.00 | 67.00 | 0.00 | 690.33 |
| Post Docs | 181.67 | 175.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 357.50 |
| Research associates | 32.08 | 315.00 | 301.65 | 0.00 | 648.73 |
| administrative/technical staff | | 0.00 | 20.00 | 150.00 | 170.00 |
| Total percentage positions | 714.62 | 870.83 | 500.33 | 150.00 | 2235.78 |
| Number of staff on 31.12.2016 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 2 | 40 |
| * <i>excl. directors and assistant professors democratisation</i> | | | | | |
| ** <i>according the terminology of the UZH</i> | | | | | |

In the reporting year, the research personnel staff structure was adjusted by raising the number of assistants and post-doc positions, and by reducing the number of personnel with doctorates. This development is based on the ZDA personnel strategy of 03.11.2014. Due to the nationwide shortage of post-doc positions in the ZDA research disciplines, the aim is to achieve a higher number of doctoral personnel than is usual at institutes of the university. As a rule, however, the case will be that the number of PhD employees in a department should not exceed the number of doctoral candidates. In order to make a substantial contribution to the advancement of young research academics, the ZDA strives to achieve a high number of (temporary) post-doc positions. In total, personnel allocation is somewhat lower compared with the previous year.

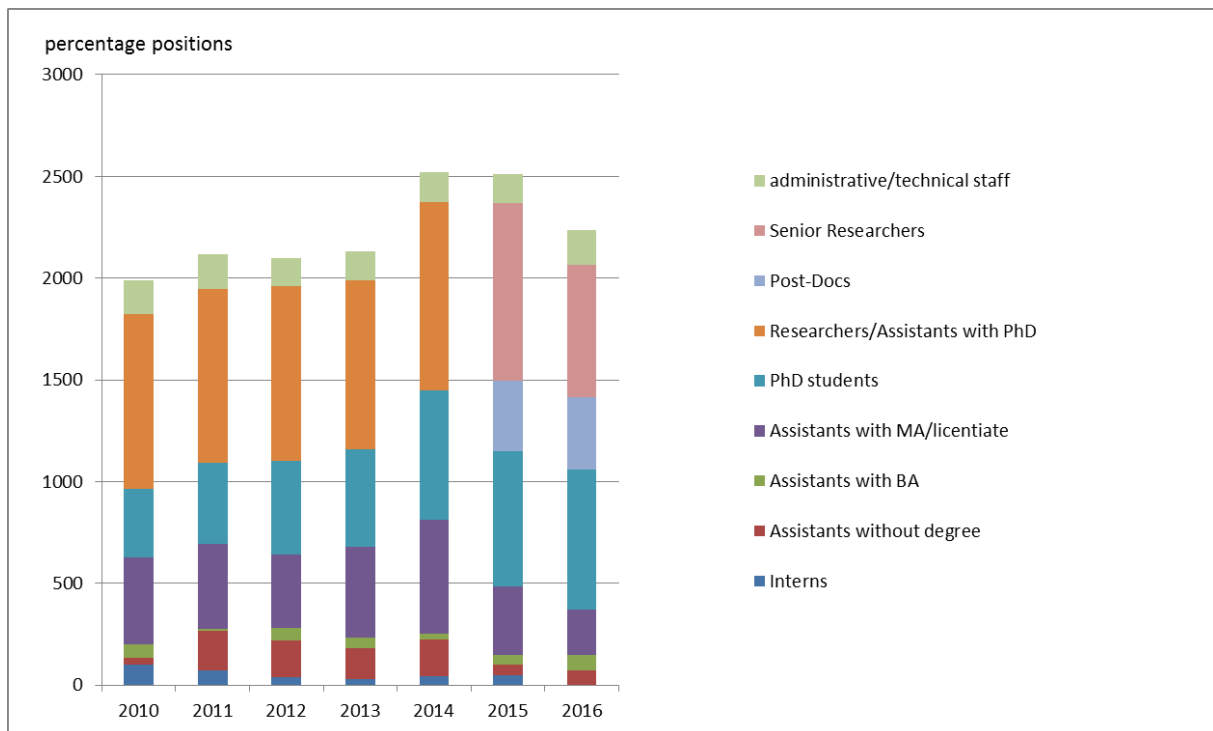
Important changes in personnel in the **Department ADF** concern doctoral candidates who left the ZDA in 2016 after having successfully defended their dissertations. Dr. des. Michael Surber has a new position as editor with the Basle-based newspaper Basler Zeitung. Dr. des. Patricia Buser was named director of the childcare network in Berne. Dr. des. Karima Bousbah has started work as an analyst with the employment agency Adecco. Dr. Mirjam Hänni has moved on to a post-doc position at the University of Konstanz.

The **Department c2d** has also undergone various changes in personnel: Dr. Jonathan Wheatley has accepted a post as lecturer for Comparative Politics at the Oxford Brookes University, UK. In January 2016, after the successful completion of her habilitation (post-doctoral qualification) at the end of 2015, PD Dr. Magdalena Forowicz also ceased to be employed as a post-doc. Altogether the numbers pursuing post-docs and research staff were reduced to the benefit of those doing doctorates and tutorial assistants with a BLaw or without a degree in compliance with the aimed for greater promotion of junior research staff while reducing the full-time equivalents.

In the **Department PBGD** positions were filled within the framework of the recently initiated research projects (2 research employees, 1 doctoral post). Filling the post-doc position History Education (successor to M. Waldis) was postponed by a year since the most suitable

candidates are currently still in the qualifying phase (either becoming familiarised with empirical research in history didactics or completing their dissertation in this field).

Figure 1: Development of FTEs at the ZDA (2010-2016) according to function



Department General Democracy Research (ADF):

Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, Prof. Dr. Daniel Bochsler
 Dr. des. Michael Buess, Dr. Oliver Dlabac, Dr. Birte Gundelach, Dr. des. Miriam Hänni,
 Dr. Tomislav Milic, Dr. Saskia Ruth
 Karima Bousbah, Madlaina Bruderer, Patricia Buser, Alice El-Wakil, Jasmin Gisiger,
 Christopher Goodman, Robin Gut, Lea Heyne, Andreas Juon, Lukas Lauener, Anna-Lina
 Müller, Philippe Rochat, Livia Rohrbach, Anna Sigrist, Michael Strebler, Michael Surber,
 Roman Zwicky

Completed qualifying papers:

K. Bousbah, *Putting young citizens' political participation into context. An analysis of the role of socioeconomic and political context factors*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

P. Buser, *Wandel der Bürgerbeteiligung in der Schulpolitik. Die Einführung neuer Schulgremien in vier Schweizer Kantonen: Deepening Democracy oder Machterhalt der Elite?*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

M. Surber, *Macht in kantonalen Demokratien. Eine netzwerkanalytische Untersuchung der Akteurs- und Machtstrukturen in zwei Kantonen der Schweiz*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

Ongoing qualifying papers:

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.

Ph. Rochat, *Effekte des lokalen Kontextes auf die politische Beteiligung*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

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

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

A. El-Wakil, *Reconsidering Direct Democracy: The Value of the Facultative Referendum in Democratic Systems*, Diss. Phil. Fak. UZH.

Department Centre for Research on Direct Democracy (c2d):

Prof. Dr. Andreas Glaser

Dr. Julian Beriger, 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, Salim Brüggemann, Nevin Bucher, Magdalena Despotov, Marco Ehrat, Julia Eigenmann, Corina Fuhrer, Valérie Humm, Michele McArdle, Nagihan Musliu, Liana Sala, Evren Somer

Ongoing qualifying papers:

N. Aubert, *Démocratie directe dans le Canton de Vaud*, Diss. Jur. Fak. UZH (Prof. A. Auer).

J.-I. Beriger, *Die Kodifizierung des nichtstreitigen Verwaltungsverfahrens in Russland*, Habil, Jur. Fak. UZH.

N. Bucher, *Die Einräumung parlamentarischer Vorstossrechte als Mitwirkungsinstrumente der jugendlichen Wohnbevölkerung*, Diss. Jur. Fak. UZH.

C. Bisaz, *Verfahrensrechtliche Bedingungen legitimer Volksentscheide*, Habil, Jur. Fak. UZH.

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

L. Langer, *Die Richterwahl als republikanische Institution*, 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 (bei Prof. A. Auer).

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 (bei Prof. A. Auer).

Department of Civic and History Education (PBGD):

Prof. Dr. Monika Waldis, Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler

Dr. Philipp Marti

Nanina Egli, Kristine Gollin, Manuel Hubacher, Martin Nitsche, Ruth Probst, Julia Thyroff, Claudia Schneider, Vera Sperisen, Patrik Zamora

Research assistants (temporary, in part on an hourly basis): Stefanie Glarner, Kathrin Klohs, Sara Rüdiger, Jonas Sagelsdorff, Carina Saleschak, Tamara Stotz, Dominic Studer.

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

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.

S. Zurbrügg, *Europabildung im allgemeinbildenden Unterricht in der Schweiz – Bestandsaufnahme und Empfehlungen*, Diss. UZH/FHNW Swissuniversities doctoral program "Democracy Studies/Civic Education".

ZDA Pool:

Nathalie Baumann (Public Relations), Eliane Widmer (Head of Administration & Finance).

Every year additional **guest researchers** join the ZDA team for a few weeks or months:

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

Daniela Dolenc: c2d, November 2016, SNF Promys Program, University of Zagreb, Croatia;

Irene Rossetti: c2d, October 2015 to March 2016, Scholarship Torno Subito (Lazio), Italy;

Martha Sandoval: c2d, March 2016 to December 2017, Government Scholarship, Mexico;

Orestes Suárez Antón: c2d, August to December 2016, Doctoral Program, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain.

3. Team seminars

In addition to the regular internal 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 the ZDA team seminars that take place two times per year.

The first team seminar took place on 15 January 2016. Andreas Glaser and Corina Fuhrer reported on their findings on "Der Lehrplan 21: Interkantonales 'soft law' mit Demokratiedefizit", Miriam Hänni presented findings from her dissertation with "Does direct participation improve public perceptions? The effect of direct democracy on perceptions of policy responsiveness in comparative perspective". Patrik Zamora concluded with results from the research project "The influence of the quality of democracy on civic knowledge and attitudes among lower-secondary students". This was followed by the annual end-of-year dinner event.

At the second team seminar on 3 June 2016 Monika Waldis presented an overview of "Definition(en) von politischer Bildung". Corsin Bisaz followed this with a summary of the results of his research on "Jugend- und Ausländermotionen: Systematik und Rechtsprobleme niederschwelliger politischer Sonderrechte" and Daniel Kübler, in conclusion, presented the results of the study "Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen – eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau".

4. Cross-departmental collaborations

In the reporting year, the research project *Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa/Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe*, mentioned in the foreword, was approved by the Executive Board of the University of Zurich. The subject of this interdisciplinary project is the study of the interaction between populism and direct democracy from the jurisprudential and political sciences perspective. The project, financed for the period 2017 to 2022, was jointly developed by the heads of the departments ADF (Prof. Daniel Kübler) and c2d (Prof. Andreas Glaser). It includes the establishing of two new assistant professorships at the ZDA: an assistant professorship in public law, which

specifically takes European democracy questions into consideration, and an assistant professorship for political sciences in direct democracy and participation. Together with one doctoral candidate each, the two assistant professorships are expected to start their work at the ZDA as of the fall term 2017.

In response to a call for a proposal by *swissuniversities*, the heads of the department PBGD (Prof. Monika Waldis) and the head of the department ADF (Prof. Daniel Kübler), in collaboration with Prof. Daniele Caramani from the Department of Political Science of the UZH, developed a cooperation project within the scope of the doctorate, which was submitted to *swissuniversities* for financing. The cooperation project includes the development of the structure and content of the existing doctoral program "Democracy Studies" at the UZH. With this, doctoral candidates with the research focus civic education, who are connected with the Department PBGD, can be admitted into the program. This would mean overall improved conditions for doctoral candidates at the ZDA and the promotion of young researchers would be further strengthened.

5. Facilities

Since the opening of the Blumenhalde extension at the end of 2014, the ZDA has at its disposal a total of 16 offices with 44 work places.

6. The Association Friends of the ZDA

The *Association Friends of the ZDA* was founded in April 2009 in order to promote the development of the ZDA and to strengthen its position within the community, in politics and in business. At the end of 2016, the association consisted of ca. 300 members. Uwe Serdült is a member of the association board and, in this function, both a representative of and a link to the ZDA. 3-4 board meetings take place in the Blumenhalde per year.

At the general meeting of 26 August 2016 in the foyer of the Blumenhalde, the association bid Pascal Bruderer, the long-time president of the association, farewell and thanked her for her valuable work. The Aargau Cantonal Councillor Dr. Urs Hofmann announced his availability for the position and was elected as the new president with a brilliant result. At the late summer event, which followed, Federal Chancellor Walter Thurnherr gave a talk on the subject "*Demokratie heute: Anlass zur Sorge?*" (*Democracy today: a cause for concern?*). This was followed by an animated discussion with Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler and the public, moderated by Dr. Katja Gentinetta. 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.

In 2016, the association supported a study on the opinion polls after the Grand Council elections in Canton Aargau as well as a preliminary study on the project initiative "Politik macht Schule" by local political parties.

II. Research

Research focus 1: Direct Democracy

In 2016, several noteworthy publications on direct democracy were published. A dissertation by Julian-Ivan Beriger, which received a "summa cum laude", provides – for the first time in the German language – insight into the legal form and praxis of the referendum in Russia among today's federal subjects and communities. The work shows, both comprehensively and impressively, how direct democracy functions in federal structures within difficult political frameworks. Corsin Bisaz set out on previously uncharted legal waters with two journal articles on the to date hardly researched instruments of motions made by the young and foreign nationals, as well as the planning initiative. In their essay, Andreas Glaser, Uwe Serdült and Evren Somer comprehensively highlighted the constructive referendum, which was in the end only able to establish itself in the Cantons of Berne and Nidwalden. Based on her experiences with the SNF project "Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen", Nagihan Musliu considered in depth how the self-determination initiative, which was already controversial in the signature collection phase, could be implemented and the problems that might arise in the process. Together with Arthur Brunner, Andreas Glaser wrote a critical analysis in an article on the legal practice of the Federal Court, according to which the agreement on the Swiss-EU free movement of persons is to have precedence over federal law. The implementation of Article 121a BV (referendum against mass immigration) was the subject of numerous enquiries and requests for expert comments throughout the year, both from the political sphere and the media. For the cantonal level there was a comparable situation with regard to the people's initiative on the Lehrplan 21. The significance of the initiative had already been anticipated by Andreas Glaser and Corina Fuhrer with the publication of a journal article.

Ongoing projects

Die Umsetzung erfolgreicher Volksinitiativen in Rechtsetzung, Rechtsanwendung und Rechtsprechung (c2d): project funding SNSF (division I) (**Andreas Glaser**). Duration: 03/2015–02/2018.

Completed projects

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 "bEU citizens" framework (Task 8.8), EU-FP7. (Francis Cheneval [UZH], **Daniel Kübler**, **Fernando Mendez**). Duration: 06/2014–12/2015.

New project submissions

Verfassungswandel und Demokratie in der Europäischen Union (c2d): Submission for a project funding by the Swiss National Science Foundation (**Andreas Glaser**) in a lead-agency process with the German research association, joint submission with J. H. Klement (Saarland University).

Research focus 2: Institutions of Democracy in Comparison

The democracy barometer is a core ZDA research project. Since the founding of the ZDA in 2009, the democracy barometer team has been gathering and analysing data on different qualitative aspects of democracy worldwide, making these available to research and to the public. Based on the many years of expertise in democracy research, the team was commissioned by the Berlin-based Westerwelle Foundation to produce a study on the role of the small and medium-sized enterprise and middle-class society models in the development and stabilisation of democracies. This study was concluded in 2016 (ZDA study report No. 7) and presented to the public by the authors Karima Bousbah and Daniel Kübler. The study results not only confirm the already known positive interaction between economic and democratic development, but also shows that this interaction effect is particularly strong when the economic structures are defined by the medium-sized enterprises. A high proportion of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the economic structure has a positive effect in all phases of the transition from autocracy to democracy, that is, both in the development as well as in the stabilisation and consolidation of democratic structures. This discrete and consistent democratisation effect by SMEs, as shown for the first time by our study, was previously unknown – and accordingly met with extensive interest from the media.

In 2016, research on municipal democracy also met with a great deal of public interest, such as the new study on participation at municipal assemblies by Alexander Haus, Philippe E. Rochat and Daniel Kübler (ZDA studies report No. 8). Based on a representative survey in the municipality of Richterswil, they researched the possible effects that a distribution of presents might have towards encouraging participation in municipal assemblies. The finding is surprising: while the assembly avoiders could not be tempted with presents, the regular assembly participants found it off-putting. Thus, as a whole, material incentives would mean a decline rather than an increase in participation.

Ongoing projects

Demokratiebarometer (ADF): Research project of the NCCR Democracy (**Daniel Bochsler** and Wolfgang Merkel [WZB]). Duration: 10/2013–09/2017.

Elections and representation in ethnically divided societies, (ADF): Swiss National Science Foundation/NCCR Democracy, (**Daniel Bochsler**, Edina Szöcsik, Livia Schubiger and Nenad Stojanović). Duration: 02/2012–01/2017).

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

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.

Completed projects

Abstimmungsnachanalyse und gegenwärtiges Meinungsbild betreffend Erneuerung Alterszentrum Breiten in Hombrechtikon (ADF). Research project commissioned by Hom'Care (**Daniel Kübler** and **Philippe Rochat**). Duration: 04/2016–10/2016.

Consequences of Clientelism for Policy Design in Mexico (ADF). EPFL-CODEV Bilateral Cooperation Call, Seed Money Grant for Latin America (**Saskia P. Ruth** and Rodrigo Salazar Elena). Duration: 10/2015–09/2016.

Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen – eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau (ADF). Research project commissioned by the Association "Friends of the 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 Vereinigung Bayerische Wirtschaft (Munich) (**Daniel Kübler** and **Karima Bousbah**). Duration 12/2015–08/2016.

Wahlen und Abstimmungen Schweiz (ADF). Mandated by the Federal Statistical Office to create a statistics on the cantonal elections, elections in the cities and referenda in Switzerland (**Daniel Bochsler** and **Karima Bousbah**). Duration: 03/2012–12/2015, extended to 06/2016.

New approved projects

The democratic foundations of the Just City (ADF). SNSF project funding (division I), (**Oliver Dlabac**, **Daniel Kübler**, and Juliet Carpenter [Oxford Brookes University]). Duration: 36 months.

The genesis of consociational oligarchies. Why consociational regimes have spread to the nondemocratic world (ADF). SNSF project funding (division I), (**Daniel Bochsler**). Duration: 09/2016–08/2019.

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

Research focus 3: Democracy and its Citizens

Research papers have been produced on the research focus "Democracy and its Citizens" that show how multifaceted all the aspects the subject are. Corsin Bisaz, for example, in his paper on the implementation of the rights of language communities in Canton Graubünden/Grisons, shows how difficult it is to legally enforce the protection of Rhaeto-Romanic and Italian language communities. In order to overcome existing discrepancies, he suggests reforming public procedural law. Where the politics of language is an issue, one is likely to find that schools are as well. In an article, Andreas Glaser analysed the federal distribution of powers in language rights and reached the conclusion that, in this currently politically controversial issue, the non-HarmoS cantons can freely decide to have only one foreign language taught at the primary school level.

That citizens also in very different areas of the world like to make use, and amply so, of their rights is made evident in a contribution by Yanina Welp. In all of Latin America frequent and spectacular use is made of the right to vote out officials; especially in Peru, where on a local level hundreds of municipalities are affected. However, due to the increase in the institutionalisation of political parties on a local level, a party-political instrumentalisation of the dismissal rights has also developed in a countermove to this actually desired revitalisation and control of politics.

On the topic of digital democracy, the multi-year project *e-democracy* was, under the directorship of Uwe Serdült, successfully completed. In work carried out in the reporting year, it was possible to show that voters from the age of 40 are among the most loyal e-voters, and not the young. A survey carried out by Thomas Milic and Uwe Serdült, focused exclusively on this topic and for the first time incorporated all of Switzerland, has also shown that the population is aware of the risks of online voting, but would nevertheless – beyond all age and party lines – want to continue on the path to a generalisation of the electronic voting channel. Also the research results with data from the online voting aid, developed by the ZDA and operated in collaboration with the Cyprus University of Technology, meets with ever growing interest and this year it was possible – by Fernando Mendez and Jonathan Wheatley – to publish these in good specialist journals.

Initiated in the reporting year was also the VOTO project, which the ZDA carried out in collaboration with the Lausanne Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS) and the Lucerne-based survey institute LINK on behalf of the Swiss Federal Chancellery. Within the framework of this project and, following on the former VOX analyses, the post-analysis of federal voting for the period 2016 to 2020 will be developed. The ZDA project team was responsible for the first analysis (on the vote held on 25 September 2016).

Ongoing projects

e-Democracy, e-Government und e-Society (c2d): continuing research in the field of digital democracy (**Uwe Serdült**). Duration: 06/2016–12/2018.

Political parties' attitudes towards direct democracy and digital media (c2d): Avina Foundation (**Yanina Welp**). Duration 10/2014–09/2017.

Preference Matcher (c2d): Independent *E-Democracy* subproject, establishing and running an online voting advice application (**Fernando Mendez**). Duration: 06/2016–12/2018.

Promoting or eroding democracy? Civil Society Organizations between institutions, digital media and the streets (c2d): Avina Foundation (**Yanina Welp**). Duration: 10/2014–09/2017.

Completed projects

e-democracy (c2d): Research project about e-voting in Switzerland and abroad (**Uwe Serdült**). A research cooperation with the cantons AG, BS, GE, GR, SH and the Swiss Federal Chancellery. Duration: 01/2013–12/2016.

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

New approved projects:

What is political about consumerism? Political Consumerism in Switzerland (ADF): SNSF project funding (division I), (**Daniel Kübler** and **Birte Gundelach**). Duration: 36 months.

Nachbefragung und Analysen zu eidgenössischen Abstimmungen (VOTO) (ADF): Research project on behalf of the Federal Chancellery (Georg Lutz [FORS], **Daniel Kübler**, Urs Aellig [LINK]). Duration: 06/2016–12/2020.

Non-approved projects

Big Data and Democracy, Draft NRP 75 "Big Data" (**Andreas Glaser**, **Uwe Serdült**, Florent Thouvenin [RWF UZH]).

Big Data the End of Vote Secrecy?, Draft NRP 75 "Big Data" (**Uwe Serdült**, David Garcia [ETHZ]).

VMA – Voice-Match-Act: Social and Political Engagement Through Stigmergic Coordination, SNSF bilateral program CH-LUX (interdisciplinary track), consortium composed of UniGE (Prof. Giovanna Di Marzo Serugendo), ZDA (Dr. **Uwe Serdült**) and UniLux (Prof. Leon van der Torre). [resubmission of a revised version planned]

DIAMOND – Direct, Informed and Argumented Mass Online Deliberation H2020 – FETPROACT-2016 (Avi Bernstein and **Uwe Serdült**, UZH), Lead: TU Wien.

New submitted projects

Designing and Exploiting the Voting Advice Application for Political Science Research: The ParteieNavi Project for the German Federal Election 2017: SNSF Lead Agency project (Div. I: Humanities and Social Sciences). Consortium composed of University of Konstanz (Prof. Susumu Shikano), GESIS –Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Dr. Alexia Katsanidou); and ZDA (Dr. **Fernando Mendez**).

Research focus 4: Democracy, History and Civic Education

The Brexit resolution and the American presidential election have led to a greater interest in democracy and civic education. The desire to educate children and young people politically is receiving increasing support in the public sphere. Questions arise on the function and direction of civic education in a society shaped by migration, which engenders different forms and possibilities of political participation. New possibilities were discussed at the Aarau Democracy Days (political rights for foreigners) and within the framework of the conference series *Politische Bildung empirisch/Civic education empirically* with the conference topic "Politische Bildung in der Migrationsgesellschaft/civic education in migration society" on 9 September 2016. Aspects of the equal, or rather, unequal treatment will receive an empirical grounding in the project "Doing/Undoing Difference in Politischer Bildung – eine praxeologische Unterrichtsstudie" funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Heterogeneity stemming from migration is one of a number of challenges in civic education, which with the introduction of the Lehrplan 21 in Switzerland will now hopefully be increasingly implemented in practise. Important impulses are to be expected from the research project "Politische Bildung im fächerübergreifenden Unterricht mit Geschichte auf der Sekundarstufe I/Civic education in history – a crossdisciplinary approach in Secondary I schools", initiated in the reporting year, which has the aim of developing teaching approaches promoting political competence. A most satisfying milestone from a didactical point of view is also the publication of the book "Was soll Politische Bildung? Ein Reader mit elf Konzeptionen aus der Schweiz – von der Helvetischen Republik bis ins 21. Jahrhundert", which provides a historical overview of approaches to civic education in Switzerland and, with this, a solid foundation for further development. What we cannot fail to mention is the symposium "zwischenWelten", which took place on 29.04.2016 on the occasion of the attainment of emeritus status by Béatrice Ziegler, with national and international guests at the ZDA in Aarau. The speakers Dr. Konrad Kuhn, Prof. Dr. Waltraud Schreiber, Prof. Dr. Georg Weissenro and Prof. Dr. Lucien Criblez drew attention to the development of civic education as a domain-specific discipline in didactics and a school subject – with reference to the work of Béatrice Ziegler – and to the importance of a continued development of this field.

Ongoing projects

Lebenslage von älteren Flüchtlingen und vorläufig Aufgenommenen (PBGD): Pilot study (Béatrice Ziegler, Vera Sperisen). Duration: 09/2015–12/2016.

Schülerinnen und Schüler schreiben Geschichte – eine Interventionsstudie (PBGD): SNSF project funding (division I) (Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Martin Nitsche, Kristine Gollin, Nanina Egli). Duration: 11/2015–10/2018.

"VisuHist" – Ausprägung und Genese professionellen Wissens von Geschichtslehrpersonen (PBGD): SNSF project funding (division I) (Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Martin Nitsche together with the project partners PHZH Corinne Wyss, Stefanie Luginbühl). Duration: 08/2013–12/2016.

Politische Bildung im fächerübergreifenden Unterricht mit Geschichte auf der Sekundarstufe I (PBGD): SNSF project funding (division I) (Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler, Claudia Schneider, Julia Thyroff). Duration: 09/2016–08/2019.

Lehrmittel "Gesellschaften im Wandel" (PBGD) (Béatrice Ziegler, Philipp Marti, Claudia Schneider, Kathrin Klohs, Dominic Studer, Jonas Sagelsdorff). Duration: 09/2013–05/2017.

Completed projects

Politik macht Schule (PBGD): Pilot project on the initiative of local parties, financed by the association "Friends of the ZDA" (**Béatrice Ziegler, Patrik Zamora**). Duration: 10/2015–03/2016.

New approved projects

Doing/Undoing Difference im Unterricht in Politischer Bildung (PBGD): SNSF project funding (division I.) (**Monika Waldis**). Duration: 36 months.

PIDEU. Schülervorstellungen zur Demokratie in der Europäischen Union (Pupils' Ideas of Democracy in the European Union) (PBGD): Comenius and ch Stiftung für Eidgenössische Zusammenarbeit (**Monika Waldis, Béatrice Ziegler**). Duration: 01/2017–08/2019.

Projektleitung "Schulen nach Bern" (PBGD): project lead financed by "Verein Schulen nach Bern" (**Monika Waldis**). Duration: 2017–2019.

Non-approved projects

Identität in Geschichte und Gemeinschaft – Zur Struktur und Wirkung biographischen Erzählens bei Menschen über 80 Jahren im Alterspflegeheim (IGG) (PBGD): project application within the framework of the strategic initiative FHNW "Alternde Gesellschaft (2015–2017)" (**Béatrice Ziegler, Monika Waldis, Johanna Kohn, Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit FHNW**), Duration: 16 months.

New submitted projects

"Labor21. Experiment Demokratie" (PBGD): Federal Commission on Migration – federal promotion of integration and cohesion. (**Monika Waldis, Claudia Schneider, Vera Sperisen**). Duration: 2017–2019.

III. Contributions to the scientific community

Andreas Glaser: Expert for research funding institutions (evaluations of applications for project and career funding of the *Swiss National Science Foundation*), advisor on selection committees (University of Zurich).

Daniel Bochsler: Expert for research funding institutions (*Czech Science Foundation*) as well as scholarly journals (*AJPS, SPSR, Democratization, Terrorism and Political Violence, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Research and Politics, Public Choice, Electoral Studies, Europe-Asia Studies, EJPR, Research and Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Public Choice, Democracy and Security, Socio-Economic Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Publius, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Ethnopolitics, Comparative European Politics*).

Alice El-Wakil: Member of the committee for equal opportunity at The Centre for Ethics UZH; president and co-founder of the junior researcher's association *DemocracyNet.eu*.

Birte Gundelach: Expert for academic journals (*Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Urban Affairs Review, International Journal of Social welfare, Ethnic and Racial Studies*).

Lea Heyne: Vice-president and co-founder of the junior researcher's association *DemocracyNet.eu*; student representative on the board of directors of the doctoral program "Democracy Studies", UZH; expert for *European Journal of Political Research*.

Daniel Kübler: Expert for research funding institutions (*Swiss National Science Foundation*: advisor on the selection committee *Ambizione* as well as expert for project proposals) and scholarly journals (*Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Urban Affairs, International Journal of Public Sector Management*); advisor on doctoral and appointments committees (University of Zurich, University of Lausanne, ETH Lausanne) as well as in the academic self-government (research commission of the Institute of Philosophy UZH). Co-head of the task force *Surveillance*, of the Federal Commission for Sexual Health (FCSH), member of the academic advisory board political leadership in local councils: comparing Norway and Denmark.

Lorenz Langer: Expert for scholarly journals and publishers (*Cambridge University Press, International Journal of Human Rights*).

Fernando Mendez: Expert for scholarly journals and publishers (*Cambridge University Press, European Journal of Political Research, Government Information Quarterly, Journal of Common Market Studies*).

Thomas Milic: Expert for the *Swiss National Science Foundation* and for the *Schweizer Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft*.

Saskia P. Ruth: Head of the NCCR Democracy Female Peer-Group (Women in Democracy Studies, WIDE), advisor in an appointments committee (University of Zurich).

Uwe Serdült: Expert for research institutions, conferences, publishers and journals (*British Journal of Political Science, CeDem2016, Democratization, EPJ Data Science, Government Information Quarterly, Estonian Research Council, Palgrave, TETC2016 Conference*).

Michael A. Strebel: Expert for *Urban Affairs Review*.

Monika Waldis: Expert for academic conferences and journals (*Zeitschrift für Lehrerinnen- und Lehrerbildung, Zeitschrift für Pädagogik, International Journal for Educational Research, European Association for Learning and Instruction as well as for the Swiss National Science Foundation*). Member of the editorial team *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Bildungswissenschaften*. Advisor on appointments commissions (Pädagogische Hochschule Salzburg).

Yanina Welp: Expert for conferences and journals (*Bulletin of Latin American Research, ICEDEG2016, Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales, Media and Society, Democratization, Revista Española de Ciencia Política, Revista de Ciencia Política, Latin American Research Review, European Journal of Political Research*) sowie Mitgliedschaft in wiss. Beiräten (*Committee of the III Electoral Dictionary, IIDH/CAPEL & Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial, México; Programme Committee INSCI*).

Patrik Zamora wrote an expert report on the teaching material *Die Schweiz Verstehen* (hep Verlag, Bern).

Béatrice Ziegler was in various expert functions, among others in the jury for the research prize of the Georg-Eckert Institute Braunschweig, in an appointment process of the University Eichstätt and at the *Swiss National Science Foundation*.

IV. Teaching

Lectures and seminars at universities:

Bochsler, Daniel: Konstanz-Belgrade Summer School on Democratic Transition and Party Politics in Post-Communist Europe: *Elections and Representation in Divided Societies*, University of Belgrade, 29.05.–05.06.2016.

Fuhrer, Corina: Tutorage for *Verwaltungsrecht*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Staatsrecht III*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Allgemeines Verwaltungsrecht*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Grundrechte*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Glaser, Andreas: Lecture *Staatsrecht der Kantone*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Glaser, Andreas: Seminar *Das schweizerische Verwaltungsrecht in der europäischen Verwaltungsrechtsfamilie*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Gundelach, Birte: MA seminar *Sozialkapital in der Schweiz und im internationalen Vergleich*, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Gollin, Kristine: A further education offer for teachers at primary level: *Texte knacken – Lesen im Sachunterricht*, School of Education FHNW, 02.11.16 and 23.11.16.

Hänni, Miriam and Bochsler, Daniel: MA research seminar (part 2) *Ethnic conflicts, peace-building and democratization*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Heyne, Lea: BA elective module *Demokratie in der Krise? Einführung in die empirische Demokratieforschung*, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Kübler, Daniel: BA core competencies *Schweizer Politik*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Kübler, Daniel: BA elective module *Politik und Demokratie in der Stadt*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Kübler, Daniel and Schimmelfennig, Frank: MA Comparative and International Studies *Core Seminar Democracy*, University of Zurich/ETH Zurich, HS 2016.

Langer, Lorenz: Seminar *Völkerrecht und Landesrecht*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Langer, Lorenz: *Übungen im Öffentlichen Recht I*, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Marti, Philipp: Seminar *(Post-)Kolonialismus als Thema des Geschichtsunterrichts*, University Augsburg, FS 2016.

Marti, Philipp: Seminar *Multiperspektivität und Kompetenzorientierung im Schulbuch*, University Augsburg, HS 2016.

Milic, Thomas; Willi, Thomas: Mandatory module *Einführung in die Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Milic, Thomas; Binding Garret: Mandatory module: *Angewandte Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, University of Zurich, HS 2016.

Milic, Thomas: Advanced seminar *Volksabstimmungen*, University of Lucerne, FS 2016.

Milic, Thomas: Research seminar *Schweizer Politik: Abstimmungsforschung in der Schweiz*, University of Zurich, FS/HS 2016.

Ruth, Saskia and Welge, Rebecca: MA Seminar, "*We the People*" – *Demokratie spielend gestalten*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Serdült, Uwe: Doctoral seminar *Digitale Demokratie*, 27–28 October 2016, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary, HS 2016.

Strebel, Michael A. and Welge, Rebecca: BA research seminar (part 2) *Demokratische Regierungsstrukturen jenseits des Nationalstaats: Institutionen, Kommunikation, Wahrnehmungen*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Waldis, Monika: *Schweizer Geschichte erzählen*, University of Basel/School of Education FHNW, HS 2016.

Waldis, Monika: School-internal further education of Basle schools *Format III SLV, Sekundarstufe I*, March 2016.

Wheatley, Jonathan: Master Seminar *Nations and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space*, University of Zurich, FS 2016.

Wheatley, Jonathan: Master seminar *Challenges of Democratisation in the Former Soviet Space*, University of Fribourg, FS 2016.

Zamora, Patrik: Seminar *Quantitative Methoden*, School of Education FHNW, HS 2016.

V. Databases

www.c2d.ch

The online database on national and regional referendums around the world – with entries beginning in the year 1791 – has been continually updated. Thanks to an assistant, it was possible to update the international part to the end of 2015. Due to personnel shortages, however, for the cantonal and national part of Switzerland this was only possible to a limited extent. But this will be continued with new personnel in 2017. After the completion of this work, the databank, which is already quite old, will be technically improved and redesigned. After this, detailed instructions for its use will also be available.

[E-Voting in Switzerland](#)

The e-voting database documents the Swiss e-voting trials in Switzerland. The database contains information on (almost) all elections and referendums in which it was possible to cast votes electronically (2003–2016). At the end of 2016, 3,361 data points on e-voting attempts from 13 cantons – on the municipal level – were registered. The data set will be made available to all interested parties.

[Database Swiss Elections and Voting \(ZDA-BFS\)](#)

Data processing of subnational elections and voting commissioned by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office.

www.democracybarometer.org

A database to measure the quality of democracy in 70 countries. The website is actively in use: In the reporting year 61,326 individual users (147,984 downloaded pages) were counted.

www.politischebildung.ch

The portal on civic education informs comprehensively about issues of civic education in Switzerland. It points the way to didactical game and tool development by PBGD/ZDA and offers materials, information and linking possibilities to civic education and ideas for teaching purposes.

www.politiklernen.ch

The new website politiklernen.ch provides teaching and learning materials for teachers at the secondary I level. Politiklernen.ch is a NCCR democracy transfer project. The website is continuously updated and fitted with new teaching and learning materials.

VI. Events

1. Public events in and around Aarau

- **The 8th Democracy Days Aarau "Politische Rechte für Ausländerinnen und Ausländer"**,
17 and 18 March 2016, Kultur & Kongresshaus Aarau:
 - *Lecture and panel discussion* on the topic "Demokratie in einer globalisierten Gesellschaft" (democracy in a globalised society), 17 March 2016
 - *Expert Conference*, 18 March 2016
Panel 1: Wenn Ausländer/innen abstimmen und wählen könn(t)en
Panel 2: Politische Rechte der Ausländer/innen - Und es gibt sie doch!
Panel 3: Politische Rechte für Ausländerkinder: Vorbereitung auf eine eingeschränkte politische Partizipation?
Lectures by ZDA members of staff: Corsin Bisaz, Claudia Schneider
 - *Cultural program "Trio d'Anches"* of the *argovia philharmonic* followed by drinks, 18 March 2016, Foyer Stadtmuseum Aarau
- **"125 Jahre Volksinitiative"** (125 years of the people's initiative), panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Andreas Kley, Council of States Thomas Minder, Prof. Dr. Markus Müller and Council of States Hans Stöckli (moderation: Andreas Glaser, c2d), 15 July 2016, Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau.
- **Late summer event of the association *Friends of the ZDA*** on the topic of "Demokratie heute: Anlass zur Sorge?" (Democracy today: a cause for worry?), 24 August 2016, ZDA:
Lecture by Federal Chancellor Walter Thurnherr followed by a discussion with Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler and the public under the direction of Dr. Katja Gentinetta.

2. Conferences

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

- **Swiss Political Science Association Congress**, three sessions on the topic of "*Local and urban political elites in multilevel systems*" (Swiss working group on Federalism and Territorial Politics), Basel, 21–22 January 2016 (**Oliver Dlabac**, ADF).
- Public lecture and discussion "**Justice, democracy and the unconditional basic income**", events series *Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms* (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, Zurich, 8 February 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, **Lea Heyne**, ADF).
- Workshop "**Justice and Democracy: Assessing Political Legitimacy**" with Alex Demirovic, event series *Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms* (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, 18–19 February 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, **Lea Heyne**, ADF).
- **Erfassung und Förderung professioneller Kompetenzen mit Videoreflexion**.
Symposium together with Corinne Wyss on the occasion of the GEBF conference Berlin, 7 March 2016. (**Monika Waldis**, PBGD).
- **Panel** on the "**Stärken und Grenzen der direkten Demokratie**", study week of the faculties Social Policy, Social Work and Sociology. University of Fribourg, 13 April 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, ADF).

- **Latin America Studies Association Conference**, organisation and chair of the panel *Between Survival, Adaptation and Success: Old and New Parties in the Information Era*, 27 May 2016, New York City, USA (**Yanina Welp** and **Uwe Serdült**, c2d).
- **Democracy conference** with the Federal State of Saxony, 30 May 2016, Dresden. Organised by the Canton Aargau/ZDA and the State Chancellery of Saxony (**Andreas Glaser** and **Uwe Serdült**, c2d).
- Public lecture and discussion "**Democracy and Capitalism – Or Economic Democracy?**" event series *Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms* (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, 9 June 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, **Lea Heyne**, ADF with Alex Demirovic).
- Workshop "**Contextualizing Democracy: Culture, Capitalism, Inequalities**", event series *Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms* (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, Zurich, 9–10 June 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, **Lea Heyne**, ADF).
- **VIII Congress CEISAL**, Organisation of the symposium *Nuevas formas de relación entre políticos, partidos y ciudadanía en América Latina*, 30 June 2016, Salamanca, Spain (**Yanina Welp**, c2d, with Flavia Freidenberg, Mexico).
- **International Political Science Association Conference**, 23–28 July 2016, Poznan, Polen
 Organisation and chair of the panel *Digitalizing the Vote* (**Uwe Serdült**, c2d)
 Organisation and chair of the panel *Recall Referendums Around the World: Towards a More Accountable Government or a New Model of Representation?* (**Yanina Welp**, c2d, with Matt Qvortrup, UK)
 Panel RC34.04 *Democracy: Representation, Participation, Contestation* (**Alice el-Wakil**, ADF)
- **ECPR General Conference**, Organisation and chair of the panel *Voting Advice Applications and Multi-Level Representation: Dimensionality, Issue Congruence and the Representative Deficit*, 7–10 September 2016, Charles University, Prague (**Fernando Mendez**, c2d).
- "**Mayors and vertical power relations**", Presentation of the book chapter design for the reissue of the book "The European Mayor", Bensheim (DE), 2 September 2016 (**Oliver Dlabac**, ADF).
- **Citizen participation in local governance in China and beyond**, International Conference at the University of Zurich, 8–9 September 2016 (**Daniel Kübler**, ADF).
- **Politische Bildung in der Migrationsgesellschaft**, expert conference within the framework of the conference series *Politische Bildung empirisch*, 09 September 2016, ZDA Aarau (**Monika Waldis**, **Béatrice Ziegler**, PBGD).
- **5. Kongress Graubünden Forscht – Young Scientists in Contest**, Co-chair of the panel *Humanities*, 14–15 September 2016, Davos (**Corsin Bisaz**, c2d).
- Panel discussion "**Elfenbeinturm oder Arena? Wissenschaft in der Demokratie**", conference series *Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms* (Graduate Campus Grant), University of Zurich, Zurich, 20 October 2016 (**Alice el-Wakil**, **Lea Heyne**, ADF).

3. Lectures/Workshops

In the reporting year 2016, ZDA staff has given a total of **84 lectures/presentations at scholarly events and conferences in Switzerland and abroad (c2d: 24, ADF: 38, PBGD: 22)** (Details on request).

VII. Public relations

We are pleased to report that, in 2016, the ZDA team was yet again frequently present in the media with their expertise on questions regarding democracy. A selection of statements and interviews can be found listed under "Media presence", as well as in the chapter "Publications". ZDA studies or those carried out with ZDA collaboration, such as VOTO (in cooperation with FORS und Link), "Die Beteiligung an Gemeindeversammlungen/ Participation in municipal assemblies" or the general survey on e-voting, met with a good media response. In the local news media, "Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen/Democracy after municipality mergers" was a major topic, especially as the study researched – with the city of Aarau as its example – how local democracy changes after municipalities have merged and how individual town or city districts are redefined.

The Aarau Democracy Days (ADT) 2016 also received wide media coverage, which shows that the topic – "Politische Rechte für Ausländerinnen und Ausländer?/Political rights for foreigners?" – captures the prevailing mood and interests. Already during the preparations for the ADT, a series of contributions on the topic could be lined up in cooperation with the platform *DeFacto*. As in the previous year, the panel discussion on Thursday evening was recorded on video and can now be viewed on YouTube. As of 2016, the ZDA has its own YouTube channel.

On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the federal popular initiative, the ZDA organised a panel discussion on 5 July 2016, which was moderated by Andreas Glaser. Four experts from the world of politics and academics crossed verbal swords, taking at times unconventional positions. Despite the summer holidays and tropical climate, around 100 guests came to the Villa Blumenhalde to discuss whether the civil rights need to be reformed, or not.

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

2016 the concept for a new web appearance was worked out, translated and updated together with an Internet agency. The new website will be uploaded March 2017. With this, it will be possible to access individual research topics and projects more directly, and also from different devices (responsive design). In addition, the homepage already shows a cross section of research references to current political topics. In order to rapidly report on new research results, articles and activities, the ZDA is since 2016 also active on Twitter. (<https://twitter.com/zdaarau>).

ZDA presentations

Visit by the **Director of the Citizen Participation Project in the Madrid City Council**, presentation of the ZDA by Yanina Welp and Uwe Serdült, ZDA, 21 March 2016.

Visit by the **Ministerpräsident der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens, Oliver Paasch**, presentation of the ZDA by Andreas Glaser, ZDA, 13 May 2016.

Visit by a **government delegation from Ethiopia**, organised by the **Forum of Federations**, reception by Daniel Kübler and topical lectures on *Federalism, democracy and civic education in Switzerland* (Daniel Kübler and Corsin Bisaz), ZDA, 18 May 2016.

Visit by the **communication department of the Swiss Federal Chancellery** (I. Kamber) to the ZDA, presentation of the ZDA by Béatrice Ziegler, ZDA, 18 May 2016.

Meeting of the municipal council of Aarau in the ZDA, received and addressed by the directorate, 22 August 2016.

Visit by the **KTV Aarau** (Altherren-Verband des Kantonsschüler-Turnvereins Aarau) within the framework of the event series "Aarau ist unser Bier". Presentation of the ZDA by Monika Waldis. ZDA, 27.10.2016.

Public visit organised by the **Volkshochschule Wohlen**, presentation of the ZDA and lecture by Uwe Serdült, ZDA, 26 November 2016.

Presentation of the ZDA to the **interparliamentarian commission of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland** (IPK FHNW) by Andreas Glaser, Basel, 19 December 2016.

Themed lectures

Workshop lecture by Corina Fuhrer within the framework of the **Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme** (Partnership Fund): *Making an informed decision – The importance of the Voter's Brochure for ensuring a minimum of public information and orientation*, Sofia, Bulgaria, 25–26 February 2016.

How and Why Direct Democracy Works in Switzerland? Uwe Serdült, International Conference 'Making Direct Democracy Work in Bulgaria', organised by the **Bulgarian Association for the Promotion of Citizens' Initiative**, Sofia, 26 February 2016.

In-put lecture by Fernando Mendez on *Federalism and Constitution Making* for a **delegation from the Sudan**, organised by the **EDA**, Berne, 8 March 2016.

Regionalisierung und Deregionalisierung. Problemstellung und Antworten aus Sicht eines Politikwissenschaftlers. Daniel Kübler, **communal-political conference of the SP party Aargau**, Aarau, 12 March 2016.

Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen. Eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau. Presentation of the final report to the **municipal council Aarau**, Roman Zwicky, 21 March 2016.

Argentinian Politics under Macri. Yanina Welp, **Argentina-day, University of St. Gallen**, 7 April 2016.

Vertrauen und Akzeptanz von E-Voting in der Schweiz – Was bringt die Offenlegung des Quellcodes? Uwe Serdült, **interdisciplinary workshop with the work group Vote électronique** and theoreticians, **Federal Chancellery**, Bern, 8 April 2016.

ICTs and democratic experimentation: Innovations and trends on the right to participate in public affairs. Fernando Mendez, **United Nations expert workshop** on the right to participate in public affairs, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 18 May 2016.

Die Wahrnehmung politischer Räume – Analyse der Medienberichterstattung über politische Akteure. Daniel Kübler, **Metropolitankonferenz Zurich**, Rapperswil, 20 May 2016.

Voting in Elections and Referenda in the Digital Age: The Case of Switzerland. Uwe Serdült, **National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria – Legal Affairs Committee**, Sofia, 9 June 2016.

Workshop on Cyber Threats to E-Democracy organised by **Centra Technology Inc., Arlington VA**, Uwe Serdült, Washington DC, 23–24 June 2016.

Der Einfluss des mittelständischen Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftsmodells auf die Herausbildung und Festigung demokratischer Strukturen. Daniel Kübler and Karima Bousbah, **Press conference Westerwelle Foundation**, Berlin, 7 July 2016.

La revocatoria del mandato. Yanina Welp, **Comisión Electoral Nueva León**, México, 3 August 2016.

Nachanalyse der Hombrechtiker Gemeindeabstimmung vom 18.10.2015. Ergebnisse einer repräsentativen Befragung über die Vorlagen zum Alterszentrum Breiten. Daniel Kübler and Philippe Rochat, meeting of the **management board of Hom'Care, Hombrechtikon**, 6 September 2016.

Workshop by Claudia Schneider and Vera Sperisen: *Junge Ideen – Wo brennt es?*, **Kanal K**, within framework of the **project "Radio Aktiv"**, Aarau, 8 September 2016.

In-put talk and panel discussion *Welche Auswirkungen hätten ein EU-Beitritt oder ein institutionelles Rahmenabkommen auf das politische System der Schweiz, unsere Institutionen, den Föderalismus und die Volksrechte?* Lorenz Langer, **New European Movement Switzerland**, Basel, 15 September 2016.

Die Beteiligung an Gemeindeversammlungen - Ergebnisse einer repräsentativen Befragung von Stimmberechtigten in der Gemeinde Richterswil. Daniel Kübler, Alexander Haus and Philippe Rochat, meeting of the **Municipal Council of Richterswil**, 26 September 2016.

The Swiss Experience with Online Voting. Uwe Serdült, **Online Voting Roundtable: Electoral Futures in Canada**, Ottawa, 26 September 2016.

Workshop by Vera Sperisen *Einbürgerungstests reconsidered*, **Neue Kantonsschule Aarau**, 26 October 2016.

NIMBY Probleme und ihre Lösung. Lecture by Daniel Kübler at the **Forum Raumwissenschaften**, Zurich, 10 November 2016.

In-put lecture by Daniel Kübler on the topic *Ausländerstimm- und -wahlrecht*, meeting of the **Leitbildteam Aarau** at the ZDA, 24 November 2016.

Rassismus und Diskriminierung an Schweizer Schulen. Wer sind die Jugendlichen? Lecture by Monika Waldis on the occasion of the **meeting of the Integrationsdelegierten der Eidgenössischen Kommission gegen Rassismus**, Berne, 1 December 2016.

In-put lecture *Referendums on European Integration* by Fernando Mendez within the framework of the **Hearing in the European Parliament** on the topic 'Referenda on EU Matters', **Constitutional Affairs Committee**, Brussels, 5 December 2016.

Media presence

The ZDA and its activities

ZDA study *"Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen. Eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau"*, Report in the Regionaljournal AG-SO SRF, 22 April (for additional reporting on this study see the sections "Statements by ZDA staff" and "Publications").

8th Aarau Democracy Days: "Politische Rechte für Ausländerinnen und Ausländer?"

- "Politische Rechte für Ausländer?", at: **swissinfo.ch**, 27 April 2016.
- "Demokratie in einer globalisierten Gesellschaft", shortened version of the introductory lecture, in: **NZZ**, 1 April 2016.
- "Politische Partizipation von AusländerInnen in der Schweiz", on: **KanalK**, 30 March 2016.
- "Der Weg zur Mitbestimmung", in: **UZH News**, 30 March 2016.
- "Stimmrecht auch für Ausländer?", report and commentary in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 18 March 2016.
- Series with articles by the lecturers and reporting on the panel, in: **DeFacto**, 15 March until 1 April 2016.
- "Sollen Ausländer an die Urne dürfen?" Report with preview on the ADT8, in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 11 February 2016.

Publication "(Un-)Gleichheiten und Demokratie", reviewed in: **UZH Magazin**, 2016/3.

Äthiopier zu Besuch in Aarau und am ZDA, report in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 21 May 2016.

ZDA analysis on the system and revitalising of municipal assemblies

"Es ist 'Gmeind' und kaum einer geht hin – wie lassen sich die Hallen wieder füllen?" Statement by Philippe Rochat in the **Aargauer Zeitung**, 1 March 2016.

ZDA study on the National Council elections 1991-2015

"Das Ende des Kantönligeists" Article in the **Neuen Luzerner Zeitung** and in the **St. Galler Tagblatt**, 27 February 2016.

ZDA study "Der Einfluss des mittelständischen Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftsmodells auf die Herausbildung und Festigung demokratischer Strukturen"

- "Kleine Firmen stärken die Demokratie", in: **Der Tagesspiegel**, 8 July 2016.
- "Startups im Maghreb: Tunesiens zweite Revolution", in: **NZZ**, 25 July 2016.

Panel discussion "Ist die Eidgenössische Volksinitiative eine Erfolgsgeschichte?"

- "Alle Macht dem Volk?!", in: **Der Sonntag**, 10 July 2016.
- "Mit Banknoten zur Volksinitiative", in: **Schweiz am Sonntag**, 3 July 2016.
- Interview on the occasion of the anniversary, on: **SRF**, 5 July 2016.
- Discussion on **Radio Rottu** Oberwallis, 5 July 2016.
- Series on the occasion of the anniversary and the discussion on **swissinfo.ch**, July 2016.
- Preview on the talk and discussion on: **DeFacto**, 9 June, respectively, 12 June 2016.

Generalversammlung & Spätsommeranlass der Freunde des ZDA

Mention in the **Aargauer Zeitung**, 31 August 2016.

Analysis on the generation gap in elections and referenda

- "Jung und Alt stimmen oft im Einklang", **NZZ am Sonntag**, 10 July 2016.
- "Debunking the myth of outvoted youth", **swissinfo.ch**, 14 July 2016.

Study "Haltung und Bedürfnisse der Schweizer Bevölkerung zu E-Voting". Report in the **Aargauer Zeitung**, 20 September 2016.

Study "Die Beteiligung an Gemeindeversammlungen"

- "Einkaufsgutscheine verteilen? Besser nicht", in: **Tages-Anzeiger**, 3 October 2016.
- "Mehrheit der Richterswiler stärkt Gemeinderat den Rücken", **Zürichsee-Zeitung**, 29 September 2016.
- "Jugendliche interessieren sich nicht für Gemeindeversammlungen", **Zürichsee-Zeitung**, 30 September 2016.
- "Dank Gebührensack an die Gemeindeversammlung", **20 minuten**, 2 October 2016,
- "Attirer les citoyens à l'assemblée communale, la quadrature du cercle", **24heures**, 21 October 2016.
- Summary of the study on **Swissinfo.ch**, 17 October 2016 and 13 January 2017.
- Summary of the study on: **DeFacto**, 29 September 2016.
- Blog entries on **www.politan.ch**, and on **napoleonsnightmare.ch**.

Study about the election campaigns in the cantonal executives in Switzerland between 1970 and 2011

- "Aargauer Wähler geben den Trend für die Schweiz vor", in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 3 October 2016.
- "Wer oder was ist heute noch bürgerlich", in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 9 October 2016.

Survey of the az and the ZDA on the elections in Canton Aargau

"Sagen sie uns, wie sie gewählt haben", in: **Aargauer Zeitung**, 24 October 2016.

Cooperative projects with Bulgaria

"Das Referenzland Schweiz ist ein zweischneidiges Schwert", on: **swissinfo.ch**, 3 November 2016.

ZDA staff is regularly present in local, national and international media with their expertise. Most of the media reports are linked to Facebook and Twitter (www.facebook.com/zdaarau; www.twitter.com/zdaarau), a selection of our press review is also listed under the heading "Aktuell/News" on our website.

What follows is a selection of contributions made in the year 2016. Highlights included responses by ZDA staff on the following topics:

- Federal and cantonal elections 2016
- Enforcement initiative
- Implementation of the mass immigration initiative
- Foreigners' voting rights/rights to have a say
- Naturalisation practice in Switzerland
- E-voting
- Democracy in the community
- Rhaeto-Romanic Switzerland
- Harnos/the language dispute
- Opinion research
- Democracy in Serbia
- Elections in Austria
- Brexit
- Democracy in Latin America

(Guest-)contributions to the media by ZDA staff can be found in Chapter *VIII: Publications* (print media articles and radio features).

Statements by ZDA staff in the media (selection)

Elections and referenda in Switzerland 2016

- Statement by and interviews with **Daniel Bochsler**:
 - "Die Illusion vom **Bürgerblock**", response in: *NZZ am Sonntag*, 14 February 2016.
 - Radio feature on the **Bürgerblock/conservative alliance**, response in: *RSI*, 15 February 2016.
 - "**Rot-Grün** ist nicht der einzige Spieler am Tisch", interview on the elections in the city of Berne in: *Der Bund*, 4 May 2016.
 - "**Bern** bleibt zwei Wochen ohne **Stadtpräsident**", response in: *Der Bund*, 15 August 2016.
 - "Kandidaten-Karussell: Gelebte Demokratie oder zu viel des Guten?", response on the **cantonal council elections in Canton Aargau** in: *SRF*, 29 August 2016.
 - "Kampfwahl im Aargau", response to the **cantonal council elections in Canton Aargau** in: *SRF*, 3 October 2016.
 - "GLP stellt Berner Stadtpräsidium infrage", response to the **Berne city president/mayoral elections** in: *Der Bund*, 20 October 2016.
 - "Die CVP vor dem Niedergang", response on: *SRF*, 24 October 2016.
 - "Die Proporz-Befürworter dürften wenig optimistisch sein", response on: *SRF*, 9 December 2016.

"Schweizer Rechtsparteien auf Siegeskurs, Mitte mit Verlusten", response on: *swissinfo*, 19 December 2016.

- Response by and interviews with **Thomas Milic**:
"Starke Mobilisierung der **Fünften Schweiz** mit einigen Überraschungen", response on: *swissinfo.ch*, 1 March 2016.
"Das ist ein schwarzer Tag für die SVP", interview on the **voting results** on 5 June 2016 in: *20 Minuten*, 1 March 2016.
- Response by and interviews with **Andreas Glaser**:
"Für und wider Laienrichter im Kanton Zürich", response on: *SRF*, 23 May 2016.
"Damit hat die Post eine Grenze überschritten", interview on the role of Swiss Post in the campaign on the initiative 'Pro Service Public' in: *Tages-Anzeiger*, 25 May 2016.
"Der Richter als Henker des Volkswillens", response to the **juridification of democracy** on: *swissinfo.ch*, 1 September 2016.
- Response by and interviews with **Daniel Kübler**
"Das **Stimmcouvert per Post** verschicken – ein Gratisangebot, das viele Aargauer ausschlagen" response in: *Schweiz am Sonntag*, 27 February 2016.
"Die **rot-grünen Städte** wollen mehr Einfluss", response in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 7 June 2016.
"**Alt gegen Jung** an der Urne" response on: *watson*, 7 July 2016.
"Die **Mobilisierung auf der linken Seite** wird zunehmen" response in: *SRF*, 24 October 2016.
- Response by and interviews with **Uwe Serdült**:
"**Recht auf Abwahl** ist ein Sicherheitsventil der Demokratie" interview on: *swissinfo.ch*, 23 February 2016.
- Swiss direct democracy and **June 5th votes**, interview in: *Bulgarian International Television*, 9 June 2016 and on: *Bulgarian National Radio*, 10 June 2016.

Enforcement Initiative

- "SVP-Streit um Durchsetzungsinitiative: Alles nur Strategie?" response by **Daniel Kübler** in: *SRF*, 6 January 2016.
- "Durchsetzungsinitiative trifft mit blinder Härte die Falschen", response by **Andreas Glaser** in: *Berner Zeitung*, 23 January 2016.
- "Wird der Volkswille missachtet?" response by Daniel Bochsler in: *SRF*, 23 January 2016.
- "Politologen: 'Diskussion um DSI führt zu besserem Entscheid'" response by **Daniel Kübler** on: *watson*, 12 February 2016.
- "SVP und SP hoffen, von hoher Mobilität zu profitieren" response by **Daniel Bochsler** in: *Der Bund*, 23 February 2016.
- "'SVP wurde mit eigenen Waffen geschlagen'" interview with **Thomas Milic** in: *20 Minuten*, 28 February 2016.

Implementation of the Mass Immigration Initiative (MEI)

- "Viele fürchten, dass die MEI nicht umgesetzt wird" interview with **Thomas Milic** in: *20 Minuten*, 3 June 2016.
- "Volkswillen missachtet?" contribution by **Uwe Serdült** to: *Tele MI*, 3 September 2016.

Constitutional court

"Debatte. Braucht die Schweiz ein Verfassungsgericht?" Discussion with Andreas Glaser, Hans-Ueli-Vogt and Johan Rochel in: *SRF*, 28 September 2016.

Terms of naturalisation in Switzerland

"Viel verändert sich – doch eine Frage bleibt: Wer darf im Aargau Schweizer machen?" Response by **Daniel Bochsler** in the *Aargauer Zeitung*, 22 February 2016.

Foreigners and voting rights/rights to have a say

- "Ursula Wyss will ein Ausländerstimmrecht light." Response by **Daniel Bochsler** and **Andreas Glaser** in: *Der Bund*, 16 November 2016.
- "Ausländermitsprache light." Response by **Corsin Bisaz** in: *NZZ*, 23 November 2016.

E-voting

"Post mit eigenem E-Voting-System" Response by **Uwe Serdült** in: *SRF*, 11 November 2016.

Democracy in the community

- "Gemeinden und Kantone in einer Sackgasse" response by **Andreas Glaser** on: *SRF* and RTR, 1 March 2016.
- Response by and interviews with **Oliver Dlabac**:
"Dorfkönige in der Demokratie. **Der Fall Wohlen** als Symbol" response on: *SRF*, 11 March 2016.
"**Grössere Gemeindevorstände**: Kein Garant für mehr Demokratie" statement on: *SRF*, 10 August 2016.
"**Auswärtige im Gemeinderat**. Importiert der Aargau bald Politiker?" statement in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 11 September 2016.
"**Arth, das Dorf** mit dem demokratischen Geheimnis" response on: *swissinfo*, 10 October 2016.
"Die zeitliche Flexibilität ist sehr wichtig" and "Eine Häufung von Rücktrittsgesuchen" articles on the **compatibility of executive offices with the profession** in : *Zofinger Tagblatt*, 26 November 2016.
- Response by and interviews with **Daniel Kübler**
"Der Hirzel ist kein Schmuttelkandidat, für den man sich schämen muss" interview in: *Zürichsee-Zeitung*, 7 September 2016.
"Ehrendingen setzt Hürde für Referenden tiefer" response in: *SRF*, 22 December 2016.
- "Neue lokale Petitions-Plattform: Jeder kann mitbestimmen, wenn der Schuh drückt" Interview with **Uwe Serdült** in: *Aargauer Zeitung*, 1 December 2016.

Rhaeto-Romanic Switzerland

- "Lia Rumantscha duai vegnir pli 'democrazia'", response by **Andreas Glaser** in: *RTR*, 20 April 2016.
- "LR tranter mazza e martè", report on the conference on the future of the Lia Rumantscha in: *La Quotidiana*, 10 June 2016.
- "Lia Rumantscha. Den richtigen Zeitpunkt verpasst" interview with **Corsin Bisaz** on *Radio SRF1, Regionaljournal Graubünden*, 2 November 2016.

Harmos/Language dispute

"Schützenhilfe für den Kanton Thurgau", response by **Andreas Glaser** in: *NZZ*, 10 July 2016.

Opinion research

"Warum sich Meinungsforscher immer öfters täuschen, interview with **Thomas Milic** in: *Migros-Magazin*, 21 November

Democracy in Serbia

"Der umstrittene Besucher", response by **Daniel Bochsler** in: *Der Landbote*, 21 June 2016.

Elections in Austria

"Briefwahlmodell Schweiz, response by **Uwe Serdült** in: *Oe1.ORF*, 18 June 2016.

Brexit

"Quo vadis Europa", response by **Andreas Glaser** in: *RTR*, 25 May 2016.

Democracy in Latin America

Response by and interviews with **Yanina Welp**:

- "¿Para qué una consulta si hay una solución única?", Response regarding the **popular vote on the peace treaty in Colombia** on: *swissinfo.ch*, 30 September 2016.
- "Con frecuencia la gente no responde (en los plebiscitos) a la pregunta que se está tratando de dirimir", response on the **popular vote on the peace treaty in Colombia** on: *BBC Mundo*, 3 October 2016.
- "Deberían aprovechar el potencial de movilización ciudadana", response to the **peace treaty in Colombia** on: *swissinfo.ch*, 14 November 2016.
- "La izquierda latinoamericana tuvo diferencias profundas a la hora de favorecer la **participación democrática**" interview on: *Nueva Sociedad*, December 2016.

ZDA in the media and press releases

12.02.2016: Press release "**Die Verantwortung für politisches Handeln wird in den Medien verzerrt abgebildet**".

08.03.2016: Press release on the 8th Aarau Democracy Days "**Politische Rechte für Ausländerinnen und Ausländer?**".

21.04.2016: Press release "**Bisher bei Gemeindefusionen zu wenig beachtet: Parteien spielen eine wichtige Rolle bei der politischen Integration von neuen Quartieren**".

19.05.2016: Press release "**Monika Waldis neues Direktionsmitglied am Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau**".

23.06.2016: Press release on the **panel discussion "125 Jahre Eidgenössische Volksinitiative – eine Erfolgsgeschichte?"**.

29.08.2016: Communication by the Association Friends of the ZDA "**Von Pascale Bruderer Wyss zu Urs Hofmann**".

19.09.2016: Press release "**Umfrage zeigt: Breite Unterstützung für E-Voting trotz Sicherheitsbedenken**".

29.09.2016: Press release "**Befragung zu Gemeindeversammlungen: Geschenke mobilisieren niemanden zur Teilnahme – im Gegenteil**".

10.11.2016: Press release (in collaboration with FORS) "**Ergebnisse der VOTO-Studie zur eidgenössischen Volksabstimmung vom 25. September 2016**".

08.12.2016: Press release "**Andreas Glaser wird neuer Vorsitzender der Direktion**".

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 with Schulthess Zürich publishers. In the reporting year 2016 the following texts were published in this series:

Volume 12 **Ungleichheit(en) und Demokratie**
Béatrice Ziegler (ed.)
Schulthess Juristische Medien AG (Zürich), March 2016
ISBN: 978-3-7255-7453-7 (211 pages, paperback)

C2D Working Paper Series: Online publication registered with the Swiss National Library (ISSN 1662-8152) and available on the open access portal of UZH zora. Published by the department c2d. In the reporting year one issue was published.

POLIS. The journal for civic education. Published by the department PBGD, this publication addresses topical questions on civic education and is aimed at teachers and individuals interested in civic education and specialists.

The journal POLIS Nr. 9 on the subject "*Alles Agglo? Politische Perspektiven auf den Raum zwischen Stadt und Land*" was published early 2016. Eds.: Vera Sperisen, Claudia Schneider.

Research reports of the ZDA (online publications):

"Wann das Volk recht hat und wann es irrt":
Determinanten des *Correct Voting*
Thomas Milic, Dezember 2016
ZDA-Studienbericht Nr. 11, ISBN-Nr. 978-3-906918-00-6.

"Haltungen und Bedürfnisse der Schweizer Bevölkerung zu E-Voting" /
"Attitudes of Swiss citizens towards the generalization of e-voting":
Thomas Milic, Michele McArdle, Uwe Serdült, September 2016
ZDA, Studienbericht Nr. 9 (deutsch), ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-8-5 und
ZDA, study report No. 10 (English), ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-9-2.

"Die Beteiligung an Gemeindeversammlungen":
Ergebnisse einer repräsentativen Befragung von Stimmberechtigten in der Gemeinde Richterswil (ZH)
Alexander Haus, Philippe E. Rochat & Daniel Kübler, September 2016
ZDA, Studienbericht Nr. 8, ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-7-8.

"Der Einfluss des mittelständischen Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftsmodells auf die Herausbildung und Festigung demokratischer Strukturen".
Karima Bousbah, Daniel Kübler, Juli 2016
ZDA, Studienbericht Nr. 7, ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-6-1

"Demokratie nach Gemeindefusionen"
Eine Fallstudie in der Stadt Aarau
Roman Zwicky, Daniel Kübler, April 2016
ZDA Studienbericht Nr. 6, ISBN-Nr. 978-3-9524228-5-4

Monographs 2016

Beriger, Julian-Ivan (2016). *Das Referendum in den Föderationssubjekten und Gemeinden des heutigen Russlands – Eine Analyse der normativen Ausgestaltung und praktischen Anwendung.* Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Marti, Philipp (2016). *Sprawa Reinefartha. Kat powstania czy szacowny obywatel.* Warschau: Świat Książki.

Anthologies 2016

Buchsteiner, Martin & Nitsche, Martin (Hrsg.) (2016). *Historisches Erzählen und Lernen. Historische, theoretische, empirische und pragmatische Erkundungen*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Fehr, Hans-Jürg & Ziegler, Béatrice (Hrsg.) (2016). *Schaffhausen Joinville – und zurück. Eine Geschichte von Auswanderung und Partnerschaft*. Schaffhausen: VPSJ.

Lötscher, Alexander, Schneider, Claudia & Ziegler, Béatrice (Hrsg.) (2016). *Reader: Was soll politische Bildung? Elf Konzeptionen von 1799 bis heute*. Bern: hep.

Sellers, J., Arretche, M., Kübler, Daniel & Razin, E. (Hrsg.) (2017). *Inequality and governance in the metropolis: regimes of place equality and fiscal choices in eleven countries*. Houndmills: Palgrave.

Ziegler, Béatrice (Hrsg.) (2016). *Ungleichheit(en) und Demokratie*. (Schriften zur Demokratieforschung, Bd. 12). Zürich: Schulthess.

Articles in journals 2016

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X. International collaborations

Europ (in alphabetical order):

- Cyprus University of Technology (Prof. Nicolas Tsapatsoulis)
- Jagiellonian University, Institute of Journalism, Media and Social Communication, Krakow, (Dr. Dominika Kasprowicz)
- Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Österreich (Prof. Klaus Poier)
- Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft (Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange)
- Oxford Brookes University, UK (Dr. Juliet Carpenter)
- Oxford University, UK (Dr. Adis Merdžanovic)
- Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe (Prof. Dr. Georg Weisseno)
- Pädagogische Hochschule Luzern (Prof. Dr. Kathrin Krammer, Prof. Dr. Isabelle Hugener)
- Pädagogische Hochschule Salzburg (Prof. Dr. Christoph Kühberger)
- Pedagogical University of Krakow, Institute of Political Science, Poland (Prof. Andrzej Piasecki)
- Queen's University Belfast, UK
- Universität Amsterdam, Graduate School of Teaching and Learning (Prof. Dr. Carla van Boxtel, Dr. Janet van Drie)
- Universität Augsburg (Prof. Dr. Susanne Popp)
- Universität Eichstätt, Professur für Theorie und Didaktik der Geschichte (Prof. Dr. Waltraud Schreiber)
- Universität Göttingen (Prof. Dr. Monika Oberle)
- Universität Hamburg, Professur für Erziehungswissenschaften (Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber)
- Universität Konstanz (Dr. Miram Hänni)
- Universität Paderborn, Historisches Institut (Prof. Dr. Johannes Meyer-Hamme)
- Universität Siegen (Prof. Dr. Bärbel Kuhn)

- Universität Tübingen, Hector Institut für Empirische Bildungsforschung (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Trautwein, Dr. Christiane Bertram)
- Universität Wien, Fachdidaktikzentrum Geschichte, Sozialkunde und Politische Bildung (Philipp Mittnik)
- Universität zu Köln, Historisches Institut, Abt. für Didaktik der Geschichte und Geschichte der Europäischen Integration (Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hasberg)
- Universität Zürich, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft (Prof. Dr. Fritz Staub, Dr. Eva Becker, Dr. Philippe Weber)
- Université de Versailles, France (Prof. Jacques de Maillard)
- Université Paris IV, Marne-la-Vallée, France (Prof. Christian Lefèvre)
- University of Warsaw (Dr. Marta Lackowska)
- Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Merkel, PD Dr. Bernhard Wessels, Heiko Giebler, Dag Tanneberg)

North America:

- The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. (Prof. Dr. Liliana Maggioni, Director of Teacher Education)
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA (Prof. Jefferey Sellers)

South America:

- Avina Latinoamerica
- Euro-Latin American Network about Governability for Development (RedGob)
- FLACSO Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico (Prof. Nicolas Loza)
- Instituto Electoral del Distrito Federal (IEDF), México City.
- University of Sao Paulo, Brasil (Prof. Marta Arretche)

Asia:

- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (Prof. Lisheng Dong)
- Ritsumeikan University, Japan (Prof. Victor Kryssanov)
- University of Jerusalem (Prof. Eran Razin)
- Tokai University, Japan (Prof. Mitsuhiro Okamoto)

XI. Finance report/Finance plan

Financial statement 2016

The financial reporting for the attention of the board of 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 is 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 transfer from the corresponding accounts of the parent universities (UZH / FHNW) to the compilation of the ZDA has been checked by the cantonal financial controls ZH and AG.

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

| ZDA TOTAL ACTUAL AMOUNT 2016 by departments | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Carryover balance 01.01.2016 (incl. earmarked funds) | 115'000 | 384'313 | 416'970 | 0 | 916'283 |
| EXPENSES | Pool | c2d | ADF | PBGD | Total |
| Staff costs | | | | | |
| TOTAL STAFF COSTS | 193'326 | 965'402 | 1'195'379 | 788'409 | 3'142'516 |
| <i>third-party funded staff costs</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>363'776</i> | <i>175'004</i> | <i>436'229</i> | <i>975'009</i> |
| <i>financed by basic funding (contribution partners)</i> | <i>193'326</i> | <i>601'626</i> | <i>1'020'375</i> | <i>352'180</i> | <i>2'167'507</i> |
| Material costs | | | | | |
| TOTAL MATERIAL COSTS | 360'425 | 123'500 | 63'283 | 71'944 | 619'152 |
| INTERNAL APPORTIONMENT: ADMINISTRATION COSTS (POOL) | -507'250 | 169'083 | 169'083 | 151'667 | -17'417 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 46'501 | 1'257'985 | 1'427'746 | 1'012'020 | 3'744'251 |
| 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 | 151'667 | 151'667 |
| Funding FHNW (Department PBGD) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 424'124 | 424'124 |
| <i>Funding UZH: assistant position professorship Kübler</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>125'044</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>125'044</i> |
| <i>Funding UZH: project contributions NCCR Democracy + Graduate Campus</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>272'729</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>272'729</i> |
| <i>Allowance director ZDA (2/3 UZH and 1/3 PH FHNW)</i> | <i>20'501</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>20'501</i> |
| TOTAL DISPOSABLE FUNDS | 20'501 | 800'000 | 1'182'773 | 575'791 | 2'579'064 |
| Third-party funds (outside financing) | | | | | |
| Revenue SNF projects | 0 | 121'548 | 30'573 | 215'778 | 367'898 |
| Revenue overhead SNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58'976 | 58'976 |
| Revenue other third-party projects (incl. overhead) | 0 | 278'077 | 105'733 | 156'975 | 540'785 |
| Revenue other (services, donations...) | 1'000 | 34'969 | 71'631 | 4'500 | 112'100 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM THIRD-PARTY FUNDING | 1'000 | 434'594 | 207'937 | 436'229 | 1'079'760 |
| <i>Third-party funds quota (competitive projects)</i> | | <i>14.5%</i> | <i>5.0%</i> | <i>42.7%</i> | <i>18.6%</i> |
| <i>Third-party funds quota (commissioned projects)</i> | | <i>20.1%</i> | <i>9.5%</i> | <i>0.4%</i> | <i>10.6%</i> |
| <i>Third-party funds quota (total)</i> | <i>---</i> | <i>34.5%</i> | <i>14.6%</i> | <i>43.1%</i> | <i>29.2%</i> |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 21'501 | 1'234'594 | 1'390'710 | 1'012'020 | 3'658'824 |
| BALANCE on 31.12.2016 (incl. earmarked funds) | 90'000 | 360'921 | 379'934 | 0 | 830'855 |
| Earmarked funds | Pool | c2d | ADF | PBGD | Total |
| Asset on 31.12.2016 | 90'000 | 291'146 | 333'066 | 0 | 714'211 |

The quota of third-party funds shows the % share of the costs financed by the third-party funds. The **third-party** funds acquired in the reporting year at an average of **29.2%** can, in the benchmark with the social sciences and the legal segment, be considered as very high. The **share of competitively acquired third-party funds** amounts to **18.6%** of the total expenditures; 10.6% were generated by means of contracted research, mandates and services.

- The **administrative overhead expenses** (cost centre "**pool**") of CHF 550,000 are, for an institute the size of the ZDA, comparatively moderate. The link to the administration of the parent universities (personell and financial administration) means that the operations management (OM) of the institute can be handled by one person. The largest costs are generated by the rent costs for the Villa Blumenhalde, which amounts to ca. CHF 200,000. In 2016 a redesign/update of the website was carried out; a budget to the amount of max. CHF 40,000 had been earmarked to the account of the strategic reserves. Since the required personnel resources could to a large degree be supplied internally by N. Baumann, it was possible to reduce the project budget for external costs to CHF 25,000. The remaining strategic reserves for replacement investments thus amounts to CHF 90,000 at the end of the reporting year.
- In 2016, the **Department c2d** achieved 34.5% third-party funding. Within the framework of the *e-democracy* project, additional contractually defined assets to the amount of CHF 100,000 were generated internally. The research focus will be continued after the end of the service agreement with the Canton AG and other cantonal and national partners – for this, there are earmarked reserves from the previous years. In addition to the ongoing project funding by the SNSF and the Avina Foundation, various legal and expert opinions for governmental and private institutions were provided (see section IX).
With the existing financial reserves, strategically important internal key topics can be pursued in depth: *e-democracy* (see above), the further development of the database on national and regional referenda as well as the development of the interdisciplinary project "Direct democracy and populism in Europe".
- In 2016, the **Department ADF** has been very successful in its acquisition of third-party funding: The SNSF has approved two new project funding applications that have a run-time of three years starting 2017. The BFS mandate for the data processing of the election and referenda statistics was extended for an additional four years and the collaboration with FORS/LINK within the framework of the VOTO analyses has started successfully. In addition, several mandates for commissions for private institutions were carried out (surveys, study reports).
After the phase-out of the NCCR Democracy in fall 2017, the *Democracy barometer* and the Summer School *Democracy* will be consolidated at the ZDA. To this end, financial resources were earmarked as reserves. The remaining reserves will be used for personell and project funding (stipend "Democracy research", project cooperation "Citizen Participation in China" and project setup "Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe").
- In 2016, the **Department PBGD** was also very successful in its acquisition of third-party funding; among others, the SNSF approved two new project funding applications for the field of civic education. The third-party quota amounts to 43.1%. The PBGD personnel costs in 2016 were distinctly below budget. The lower costs are due to the change of the team head (emeritus Prof. Dr. Béatrice Ziegler, successor Prof. Dr. Monika Waldis) and longer recruitment phases in filling new project staff positions as well as the replacement of the Wimi3 position in history education. The process of enlarging the team will extend into the year 2017.

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.– | Assistant Professorship D. Kübler IPZ/UZH as well as internally generated project assets |
| FHNW | 450,000.– | Administrative cost contributions and internally generated project assets |
| Total | 2,335,000.– | |

The contributions of the parent universities by means of internally produced assets in projects were contractually fixed at a minimum of CHF 200,000 (UZH), respectively, 300,000 (FHNW). As a rule, the effective project funding, however, extensively exceeds these figures.

The basic contribution of the UZH to the ZDA is realised through the financing of an assistant's post at the IPZ/UZH chair of the ADF department head and internally produced assets in projects, which were realised within the framework of the *NCCR Democracy* until September 2017 (Department ADF). From October 2017, with the the phasing out of *NCCR Democracy*, a transition to the new project financing "Direkte Demokratie und Populismus in Europa/Direct Democracy and Populism in Europe" will take place. The UZH finances two assistant professorships with one doctoral post each; one of these will be affiliated with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (IPZ) and the other with the Faculty of Law (RWI). Details concerning the financing modalities and the integration into the ZDA financial reporting have yet to be defined.

In addition, based on financial planning targets, project-related third-party funds amounting to ca. CHF 1,200,000 for research projects and services are to be realised. The amount budgeted for the year 2017 is CHF 1,630,000. Of note, however, is that the budgeting of the expected third-party funds from public institutions (in particular the SNSF, federal authorities, and the cantonal administration) as well as private organisations (foundations, NGOs, private companies and associations...) depends on planned and pending project applications and/or expected commissions. The actual project commitments/commissions very much depend on external factors (the economic situation, political developments...) and are difficult to predict.