

MOSAiCH 2024: CALL FOR QUESTION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY. Scholars are invited to propose questions for the follow-up survey administered after the ISSP 2024 survey focusing on ‘Digital Societies’. Successful proposals will be fielded in spring 2024. The deadline for submissions is Monday April 24 2023.

MOSAiCH is a programme for cross-sectional general social surveys conducted in Switzerland under this name since 2005. It integrates the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP, see www.issp.org) – with Swiss data going back as far as 1987. The survey is conducted with at least 1,200 respondents randomly drawn from a register-based individual sampling frame of adults residing in Switzerland. From 2018 on, the survey is self-administered (web/paper) with a larger sample size. All respondents are invited to participate in a follow-up survey, targeting a sample of 1,000 interviews. Through this follow-up survey, FORS offers the scientific community a space for their questions in a high-quality survey aiming at enhancing the analytic potential of the data.

TOPICS AND CONCEPTS MEASURED IN MOSAiCH 2024:

- “Digital Societies” [ISSP 2024, a new module; see provisional detailed concepts in attachment]
- Socio-demographic variables designed to meet the ISSP requirements.

The topic(s), concepts and questions of the follow-up survey will be defined through the accepted proposals.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

This call invites researchers from the social science community to propose questions for the follow-up survey. The questions shall enhance the analytic potential of the ISSP 2024 data in Switzerland. Preference will be given to topics and concepts with relevance for a larger scientific public and to instruments, which harmonize with the planned ISSP survey. In principle, each contributor will be given a space of 10-15 questions. Proposals with single questions or entire modules will also be considered. The length of the whole questionnaire will not exceed 15 minutes.

Proposals have to be submitted in English, the proposed questions can be in English, German, French, or Italian. The proposal has to include a rationale on the theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and their relevance, an outline of the proposed concepts and questions and a plan on publication and dissemination of research findings. For details, see the list of required content and the evaluation criteria on the next page.

If you propose questions developed and used in other projects, please cite the source. If there exist validated translations in any of the survey languages (German, French and Italian), please include them in an annex. All items will be subject to further detailed assessment and possible amendment before being adopted. Please consider that the interview mode is a self-administered online and paper questionnaire.

TIMELINE

Proposals have to be submitted until **Monday April 24, 2023**. They will be evaluated by the MOSAiCH Scientific Commission following the attached evaluation criteria, and the questions of the accepted proposals will be developed in collaboration with survey experts of FORS. The data will be collected during spring and summer 2024 and will be ready for analysis early 2025. All data will be made directly publicly available through the FORS archive.

CONTACT

Please send your proposal in electronic format to Michele.ErnstStaehli@fors.unil.ch. Do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the following MOSAiCH team members if you have further questions regarding this call.

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Evaluation criteria of the proposals:

1) Scientific interest

- Scientific interest of the scope and expected results
- Development of the idea and conceptual coherence
- Innovation, originality
- Appropriateness of the proposed measures
- Quality of the state of the art

2) Pertinence in MOSAiCH

- Synergy with the ISSP module data (complementarity with ISSP module and/or other proposals, no unnecessary overlaps)
- Relevance of fielding in MOSAiCH rather than in another data collection
- Coherence for the respondents
- Shortness of the questionnaire
- Feasibility in a web and paper survey

3) Methodological quality

- Methodological innovations
- Feasibility
- Pertinence for general population survey
- Quality of the proposed measures
- Comparability with other data

4) Other features (bonus)

- Of societal relevance as well as for other researchers
- Benefits for the MOSAiCH project overall
- High chance of being widely used
- High chance of good publications

Proposals for concepts/questions directly related to the fielded ISSP topics on Digital Societies will be considered first, non-related topics will be considered if enough place is left.

Evaluation procedure:

All proposals will be evaluated by the members of the MOSAiCH Scientific Commission following its mandate and the evaluation criteria above. External reviews by experts in specific disciplines or empirical approaches can be added if judged necessary by the Commission. The proposals will be discussed during the annual meeting in June and the results will be communicated to the authors as soon as the decisional minutes are agreed on by all Commission members.

Required content for the proposal:

- Title
 - Author(s) and their function, institution and contact information (e-mail, telephone)
 - Brief biographical note
 - Summary
 - Rationale on the theoretical foundation of the proposed questions and their relevance in the targeted MOSAiCH edition, for the author(s) and the larger scientific community
 - Outline of the proposed dimensions and concepts and their interrelations with other concepts of the survey (ISSP module and own proposal).
 - Indicate for each proposed question:
 - Measured dimension and concept, including detailed source and references
 - Question wording in the reference language, either English, German, French or Italian
 - Translation(s) if available
 - Specific implementation requirements if relevant
 - Publication and dissemination plan of research findings
- In case of experimental design: explain in detail and include a discussion of sample size requirements
 - If the proposal is part of a greater funded project (FNS funding or other), specify in which way the proposal is articulated within it, also financially.
 - If the author is a PhD student, please join a support letter from the supervisor.

More information about the MOSAiCH survey design and about the Scientific Commission mandate can be found on the FORS website: <https://forscenter.ch/projects/mosaich>, section “MOSAiCH call”

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Topics and concepts measured in MOSAiCH-ISSP 2024

The first wave of the 2024 edition of MOSAiCH will mainly be composed of the *ISSP 2024 Digital Societies* questionnaire and a socio-demographic part that focuses on usual survey dimensions.

Digital Societies I is an entirely new ISSP module that will be fielded for the first time in 2024. This new module is designed to capture different aspects of attitudes, behaviors, and emotions associated with the ongoing digitization of people's lives. It aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of how people experience and evaluate different aspects of the digital transformation and its repercussions on society and the state.

The questionnaire will cover topics such as **believes in technology, personal access to and use of the Internet and digital technologies, technology commitment** as well as **computer self-efficacy and Internet skills**. The **impact of digitization on communication patterns and media consumption, the civic engagement in the digital age, and perceived costs and benefits of digitization in different areas of life** will also be measured. In addition, some questions on **government and private company surveillance** as well as on **Robots and AI** will be included. The provisional topics and items foreseen for the 2024 questionnaire are listed on pages 4 to 7. These items are currently being pretested and only around two-thirds of the listed items will be included in the final questionnaire.

Please note that the 2024 questionnaire is still in preparation by the ISSP drafting group and that the final questionnaire will not be available until September 2023.

The **socio-demographic part** will be designed to meet the ISSP requirements for the 2024 Digital Societies module. Standard variables on origin, religion, political participation and orientation, education, occupational situation, income, as well as household composition will be measured (see the ISSP background variables on: <https://www.gesis.org> or the data documentation of the previous editions of MOSAiCH available in SWISSUbase: <https://www.swissubase.ch>)

PROPOSED TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR 2024

These items are still being pretested and only about two-thirds of the items listed below will be included in the final questionnaire.

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION*	Question No. in Pretest Questionnaire
Beliefs in Technology:	
Agree/Disagree: technologies make life easier and more comfortable	Q1
Agree/Disagree: technologies make today's world too complex	Q2
Agree/Disagree: technologies offer more opportunities for next generation	Q3
Personal access to and use of Internet and digital technologies	
Last 12 months: how often used the Internet on any device	Q4
Personal access to and use of Internet and digital technologies (for non-Internet users):	
Last 12 months: most important reason why not used the Internet	Q5
Last 12 months: second most important reason why not used the Internet	Q6
Plan to use the Internet in next year	Q7
Access through others: R knows someone to handle internet-related matters for her/him	Q8
Frequency of access through others: R asked someone to handle internet-related matters for her/him	Q9
Personal access to and use of Internet and digital technologies (for Internet users):	
How often use the Internet: at home	Q10
How often use the Internet: at work/ school/ university	Q11
How often use the Internet: public places	Q12
How often use the Internet: on the move	Q13
Frequency of access through others: asked by someone to handle Internet-related matters for her/him	Q14
Last 12 months: deliberately reduced time of Internet use	Q15
Reasons for reducing time of Internet use (for digital hermits only)	Q16
Technology commitment, computer self-efficacy and Internet skills (Internet users only):	
How rate own ability: to use the Internet	Q17
How rate own ability: to use software or apps	Q18
How rate own ability: to learn new software or apps	Q19
How rate own ability: opening and downloading files	Q20
How rate own ability: deciding on best keywords for online searches	Q21

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How rate own ability: doing online searches	Q22
How rate own ability: knowing which information should/should not be shared online	Q23
How rate own ability: creating new content online from existing images, music or videos	Q24
How rate own ability: downloading and installing apps	Q25
How often use the Internet for: communicating with others	Q26
How often use the Internet for: sharing or posting photos or videos	Q27
How often use the Internet for: creating new content	Q28
How often use the Internet for: searching information	Q29
How often use the Internet for: checking facts	Q30
How often use the Internet for: gaming	Q31
How often use the Internet for: downloading or listening to music/watching videos and movies	Q32
How often use the Internet for: sending/receiving money to/from relatives and friends	Q33
How often use the Internet for: shopping, paying bills and other financial transactions	Q34
Impact of digitization on communication patterns and media consumption (Internet users only):	
Agree/disagree: online contacts substitute in person contacts	Q35
Agree/disagree: easier to meet people online than in person	Q36
Agree/disagree: if I was not online, I would feel lonely	Q37
Agree/disagree: I waste too much time online	Q38
How often when looking for political news online: read something online you <u>disagree</u> with	Q39
How often when looking for political news online: check a <u>different</u> online news source	Q40
How often when looking for political news online: confirm information by <u>searching</u> online for another source	Q41
How often when looking for political news online: block/unfriend/hide someone on social media because you disagree with them	Q42
How much: trust people you communicate with on the Internet	Q43
Internet increased/decreased your contacts with: people who share your political views	Q44
Internet increased/decreased your contacts with: people with different political views	Q45
Yes/No: victim of an online scam, identity theft, hacking attack	Q46
Yes/No: victim of online harassment, unwanted solicitation, online hate speech	Q47

TOPICS AND ABBREVIATED VERSION OF QUESTION*	Question No. in Pretest Questionnaire
Most important source for political news	Q48
Second most important source for political news	Q49
How reliable/accurate political news from: Television	Q50
How reliable/accurate political news from: Newspapers print or online	Q51
How reliable/accurate political news from: Radio	Q52
How reliable/accurate political news from: Online social media	Q53
How reliable/accurate political news from: Other websites including search engines	Q54
Civic engagement in the Digital Age	
Political interest	Q55
Last 12 months: signed a petition (on- and offline)	Q56
Last 12 months: took part in a demonstration (on- and offline)	Q57
Last 12 months: contacted a politician/civil servant to express own view (on- and offline)	Q58
Last 12 months: donated money/raised funds (on- and offline)	Q59
Last 12 months: organized political protest (on- and offline)	Q60
Last 12 months: belonged to/joined a group involved in social issues	Q61
How often last 12 months: express political views on Internet or social media	Q62
Left right scale	Q63
Social trust	Q64
Trust in institutions: The [COUNTRY PARLIAMENT]	Q65
Trust in institutions: [COUNTRY]'s courts	Q66
Government and private company surveillance	
Government right to: keep people under video surveillance in public areas	Q67
Government right to: monitor e-mails/social media content/personal information on Internet	Q68
Government right to: monitor e-mails/social media content/personal information on Internet for national security	Q69
How concerned: private companies collecting personal information	Q70
How concerned: private companies tracking online activities to tailor advertisements	Q71
Agree/Disagree: providing personal information to private companies online, in return for discounts	Q72
Agree/Disagree: providing personal information to private companies online, even if companies make profit from it	Q73
Who responsible: how online personal information is collected, stored, exchanged	Q74

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Costs and benefits of digitization	
Internet and digital technologies have increased/decreased level of inequality in [COUNTRY]?	Q75
Benefitted from rise of Internet/digital technologies in CH: women or men	Q76
Benefitted from rise of Internet/digital technologies in CH: young or old people	Q77
Benefitted from rise of Internet/digital technologies in CH: rural or urban dwellers	Q78
Benefitted from rise of Internet/digital technologies in CH: highly educated or less educated	Q79
Benefitted from rise of Internet/digital technologies in CH: rich or poor people	Q80
Robots and AI	
Knowledge about human-like robots/artificial intelligence	Q81
How worried: machines and computer programs take over jobs of humans	Q82
Uncomfortable/comfortable: having a medical operation performed by a robot	Q83
Uncomfortable/comfortable: replacing workers by robots in factories	Q84
Uncomfortable/comfortable: receiving goods delivered by drone or robot	Q85
Uncomfortable/comfortable: being driven in driverless car or train	Q86

** Reminder: topics and items of ISSP 2024 are provisional and subject to change until September 2023*