Comparative Candidates Survey

Call for Questions/Modules, round IV questionnaire

The Comparative Candidates Survey (CCS) is a joint multi-national project, which collects elite data on candidates running for national parliamentary elections in different countries, using a common core questionnaire to allow for cross-country comparison (http://www.comparativecandidates.org).

The CCS has been conducted successfully in around 30 countries since 2005. Based on common core questionnaires, the first round (2005 – 2012) covered 24 countries and 32 elections, while the second round (2013 – 2018) covered 21 countries and 30 elections. The third round started in 2019, is currently still being fielded in many countries and will conclude by the end of 2024. A first release of the cumulative CCS III dataset including 5 elections in 5 countries has already been published on SWISSUbase. The dataset is set to expand, covering more elections and countries in upcoming releases. CCS is now preparing a fourth series of candidate surveys. The core questionnaire to which successful proposals will be added can be found here.

The CCS Steering Committee therefore opens a **Call for Questions/Modules** to be included in the CCS round IV questionnaire.

Proposals should be **no longer than three pages** and should contain:
- A short abstract of the proposal
- A thorough theoretical foundation for the proposal and how it relates to existing research in the field
- A proposal for question wording(s) (if applicable: a statement highlighting which items of the core questionnaire are part of the proposed module)
- A documentation of pre-tests (if available)
- A statement regarding the applicability of the proposed questions/module to different contexts and/or the comparability with other types of datasets.

Proposals can include single questions or short blocks of questions. When proposing questions, keep in mind that space is extremely limited, and that it will not be possible to include a large number of questions for each module. It is therefore recommended that proposals indicate which items are of core interest. Proposals must be submitted electronically to Lukas Lauener (lukas.lauener@fors.unil.ch) **no later than 10 June 2024.**

The Questionnaire Development Committee (QDC), assigned by the CCS Steering Committee, manages the process of developing the new Module IV questionnaire. The final decisions on the questionnaire will be taken by the CCS General Assembly that will convene in October 2024. The final round IV questionnaire will be released shortly afterwards, and fieldwork will start in 2025. The CCS module IV will be in the field for 6 years. As soon as there is a sufficient number of countries, the available data will be released.

In case of questions regarding this call or the selection procedure, do not hesitate to contact the chair of the QDC, Gail McElroy (mcelroy@tcd.ie), or any other member of the team: Ioannis Andreadis (john@polsci.auth.gr); Sofia Collignon (s.collignon@qmul.ac.uk); Nick Martin (n.p.martin@uva.nl); Yael Shomer (yshomer@gmail.com); Anke Tresch (ankedaniela.tresch@unil.ch) or Andreas M. Wüst (wuest.andreas@hm.edu).