

Editorial

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This editorial provides an overview of the major events and developments within the Swiss Journal of Sociology during the year 2018. Since 2016, the Swiss Journal of Sociology has been a full open access journal, and its articles are published on De Gruyters Open. In 2018 the platform changed its name and has now become “Sciendo” (<https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/sjs/sjs-overview.xml>). Sciendo does not only offer a graphically modernised website, but also informs us about the views and downloads of articles in the Swiss Journal of Sociology. In 2018, the three following articles were among the most frequently viewed and downloaded: in the article “*The Impact of Female Labour Force Participation on Household Income Inequality in Switzerland*,” Ursina Kuhn and Laura Ravazzini show that women’s entry into the labour market has a slightly attenuated household income over time. This article on the Swiss case is also interesting from an internationally comparative perspective, as Switzerland is known for its combination of a high female labour market participation and a high proportion of female part-time workers. Until December 2018, the paper was viewed 500 times and downloaded 209 times. The article “*From the Periphery to the International Scene. Artistic Trajectories in the Trial of Mobility*,” published in 2017 in the excellent special issue on artistic work, demonstrates that also qualitative articles – if they are inventive and relevant – are of international interest and widely read. Isabell Moroni’s article, which shows how artists’ international and local strategies are intertwined, was downloaded more than 220 times in the course of the year 2018. Swiss society, with its political cleavages, its tensions between modernism and traditionalism and its specific institutions, also serves as a sociological laboratory, which makes it an intriguing case also for international colleagues as well: in their paper “*Who Is Afraid of Skilled Migrants From Europe? Exploring Support for Immigration Control in Switzerland*” Claudia Diehl, Thomas Hinz und Katrin Auspurg analyse the economic and cultural threat for immigration control in Switzerland. More than 430 readers have viewed their paper, almost 200 downloaded it as a PDF in 2018. These examples show that thanks to the open access strategy and the visibility of the Swiss Journal of Sociology, both on indexes such as EBSCO or SCOPUS and on search engines such as Google Scholar, our papers are widely read, also by an international audience.

In 2018 we published two regular issues and a special issue on “*Vulnerability in Health Trajectories: Life Course Perspectives*.” This special issue was co-edited by Stéphane Cullati (University of Geneva and NCCR LIVES), Claudine Burton-

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Jeanros (University of Geneva and NCCR LIVES) and Thomas Abel (University of Bern). The above team of guest-editors managed to attract a blend of Swiss and international authors, using both qualitative and quantitative methods to deepen our understanding of the dynamics of social and biographical aspects of health. Besides our publishing activities, we also advanced in a series of more structural, long term strategies, which will help accompany the Swiss Journal of Sociology into the era of digital transformation: the whole archive of the Swiss Journal of Sociology is currently being digitalised by the E-Periodica platform of the ETH Zurich, and all the issues should become available as single PDF files during the year 2019. At the same time, together with our publisher Seismo, we are also working on our production procedure, and we plan to introduce a more “rolling production” which will allow us to put the articles online immediately after their acceptance. Finally, we are still planning to enter the evaluation processes for an inclusion into the Web of Science index, which, if we succeed, will provide more international visibility for the Swiss Journal of Sociology. In 2018, we also had a change concerning our French-speaking editor of the book review section: after two years, Julie Falcon decided to quit her function, among others because she took on a new occupational challenge outside academia. We would like to thank Julie for her dedicated and meticulous work as our book review editor and wish her all the best for the future! At the same time we are pleased that we could convince Kevin Toffel from the «Haute École de Santé Vaud» to become our new French speaking book review editor. Kevin began his work in August 2018 and is already in charge of some of the French reviews in this issue. Welcome on board, Kevin!

Articles published and manuscripts submitted: in the three issues of the calendar year 2018, the Swiss Journal of Sociology published 18 articles and 12 book reviews. All three issues were published on time. The 33 submitted manuscripts amount to the same number of manuscripts as in 2017. However, in the years 2015 and 2016 we received 47 manuscripts respectively, and one of the aims of the coming years is to once more increase the number of high quality submissions to the Swiss Journal of Sociology. A detailed overview of the published and submitted manuscripts can be found in Table 1. Please note that the rejection rate cannot be deduced from a comparison of submissions and publications in the same year.

Publications: As in the last years, most (if not all) articles the Swiss Journal of Sociology will be publishing are empirical papers – only rarely do we publish theoretical, essayistic or purely methodological contributions. While the numbers of quantitative and qualitative papers are more or less even (eight and seven), only three articles use a mixed-methods design. Also thanks to the special issue a clear majority (9) of the articles published in 2018 were written in English. Only six were written in French and three in German. About two thirds of our first authors work at Swiss institutions, the remaining scholars are either from Germany (2), France (2) or other countries (2). We have slightly more female (11) than male (7) authors.

Table 1 Swiss Journal of Sociology: Articles Published and Manuscripts Submitted in the Calendar Year 2018

	Articles published		Manuscripts submitted	
	N	%	N	%
Total	18	100	33	100
Methods				
Empirical qualitative	8	44	15	45
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Empirical mixed	3	17	5	15
Theoretical	0	0	6	18
Essayistic	0	0	0	0
Methodological	0	0	0	0
Language				
German	3	17	9	27
English	9	50	11	33
French	6	33	13	39
Region of origin (first author)				
German speaking Switzerland	4	22	12	36
French speaking Switzerland	8	44	11	33
Italian speaking Switzerland	0	0	0	0
Germany	2	11	2	6
France	2	11	3	9
Other European countries	1	6	0	0
Non-European countries	1	6	5	15
Sex (first author)				
Female	11	61	10	30
Male	7	39	23	70

Submissions: Of the 33 manuscripts submitted in 2018, a majority uses qualitative methods (15), seven manuscripts use quantitative methods and five a mixed-method design. A third of the papers is written in German, French and English respectively. Two thirds of the authors of the submitted manuscripts work in Switzerland, two are employed at German- and three at French institutions. Strangely enough, a clear majority of the first authors of the submitted manuscripts in 2018 are male (23), only a minority is female (10).

Review process: In 2018 we have contacted 73 reviewers. Eight never responded, 17 declined to participate in a review and 48 colleagues graciously accepted to write one or several reviews for the Swiss Journal of Sociology. We are grateful to our colleagues for their commitment and their interest in the submitted manuscripts. During the year 2018, ten manuscripts were rejected, eleven were accepted, three

received an “encourage to resubmit” and four a “permit to resubmit.” For five manuscripts, the final decision is still pending. The average duration of the reviewing process between the submission date and the first decision was 2.5 months. If we consider only the manuscripts which were not desk rejected, the duration of the reviewing process was 2.9 months.

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In 2019, the Issues 45(1) and 45(2) will be regular issues and issue 45(3) will be a special issue on “How the World of Work Transforms Educational Institutions.” We wish you all the best for the year 2019 and are looking forward to your submissions and contributions to the Swiss Journal of Sociology.

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