

# Organizations participating in SSHOC-CH

Participation in SSHOC-CH is possible for Swiss organizations, understood broadly as national, local or cantonal research or data infrastructures, national nodes of European research infrastructures, academic institutions, long-term infrastructure projects, GLAM institutions, administrative institutions, etc.

## Infrastructures and Institutions

- **The Archives of Rural History (ARH)**

They are an independent institute active in archiving of sources, scientific research and the dissemination of information and knowledge. Since its foundation in 2002, the first “virtual” archives in Switzerland have developed into a centre of archiving and historical research on rural society.

- **Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau**

It is an academic research institute in Aarau which conducts fundamental research and addresses contemporary issues related to democracy in Switzerland, Europe, and worldwide. It is financed by the University of Zurich (UZH), the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), the city of Aarau, and the canton of Aargau.

- **CLARIN-CH**

CLARIN – Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure – is a pan-European research infrastructure aiming to render accessible all digital language resources and tools from all over Europe through a single sign-on online environment. Several Swiss academic institutions have manifested their intention to join CLARIN, first as an Observer member and later as Full member. For this, they have founded the consortium CLARIN-CH on 18 December 2020. It is hosted by the University of Zurich.

- **DARIAH-CH**

It is the Swiss Digital Research Infrastructure for arts and humanities in Basel. The mission of the DARIAH-CH Consortium is to build an active and impactful national network to enhance and support digitally-enabled research and teaching across the arts and humanities. DARIAH’s activities in Switzerland are coordinated by the Swiss National Data and Service Center for the Humanities DaSCH.

- **Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland (Dodis)**

It is a research centre for studies in the history of Swiss foreign policy, Dodis conducts basic research on the contemporary history of Switzerland since 1848. It is located in Bern and funded by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences.

- **FORS Center**

It is a national organization that hosts various infrastructure activities, including the collection of social science survey data, data archiving and management support, the development and hosting of the SWISSUbase data archiving and sharing platform, and the organisation or facilitation of international and national collaborative projects, as well as conducting many research activities. FORS is located at UNIL and it is funded by the SNSF, by the University of Lausanne and by third-party

projects that represent additional sources of funding.

- **[Gosteli-Archive](#)**

It gathers materials related to women's history, provides access to them, guides researchers on available resources, and shares its expertise with a wide audience. Gosteli-Archive is located in Worblaufen and has been funded by the federal government (SERI), the Canton of Bern, the Burgergemeinde Bern and Ittigen local council. It is also dependent on donations.

- **[Historisches Lexikon der Schweiz](#)**

It is a reference work on Swiss history, compiled according to scientific principles, interconnected and multimedia. It is located in Bern with branch offices in Mendrisio and Maladers. It is an initiative of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, under the patronage of the Swiss Historical Society.

- **[Infoclio.ch](#)**

It is a national research infrastructure for the historical sciences in Switzerland. Its mission is to strengthen the visibility of Swiss historical research on the Web, to develop transversal forms of scientific communication, and to act as a competence centre to experiment and support innovations related to digitisation in the historical sciences. Infoclio.ch is located in Bern and was created in 2008 as an initiative of the Swiss Historical Society (SSH) and the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (ASSH).

- **[National Center of Competence in Research \(NCCR - on the move\)](#)**

It is specialised in migration and mobility studies. Its mission is to deepen understanding of contemporary migration and mobility issues both within Switzerland and internationally. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, the center unites research efforts across social sciences, economics, and law. The NCCR - on the move is managed at the University of Neuchâtel and funded by the SNSF.

- **[Rechtsquellenstiftung des Schweizerischen Juristenvereins](#)**

It is a research institution that publishes sources of old law up to 1798 in the collection of Swiss law sources. This research project is sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation and by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences and is supported by numerous public and private institutions. Research is currently being carried out in the cantons of Fribourg, Geneva, Grisons, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Schaffhausen, Ticino, Valais and Vaud.

- **[Semper edition](#)**

It is involved in the digital edition of Gottfried Semper's works and in the public perception and popularisation of architecture in the 19th century. The edition of Semper's manuscripts provides access to 19th-century manuscripts on architectural theory to readers and scholars. Located in Zurich, The Semper edition is a collaboration between the gta Institute of ETH Zurich and the Institute of History and Theory of Art and Architecture (ISA) at the Università della Svizzera italiana in Mendrisio. It is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

- **[Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences \(SAHS\)](#)**

It is an important network of the SSH in Switzerland. On behalf of the Swiss Confederation, the SAHS promotes scientific infrastructures, exchange and communication formats and is committed to

making the value of the humanities and social sciences visible. SAHS is located in Bern.

- **Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences**

It is an association of disciplinary academies and different competence centers. As the largest academic network in Switzerland, they foster the dialogue between science and society. The Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences underscore their joint strategic focus with ten goals in their core mission. The goals have an influence on all of the Academies' activities. It is located in Bern.

- **Swiss Institute for Art Research (SIK-ISEA)**

It has been founded in 1951 as a competence centre for art scholarship and art technology with both a national and an international focus. Its primary activities are research, documentation, dissemination of knowledge and services in the field of fine art. Its core speciality is the production of art in Switzerland from the Middle Ages to the present day. SIK-ISEA is located in Zurich and finances its research projects entirely out of contributions received from foundations, benefactors and providers of grants.

- **Swiss Inventory of Coin Finds (SICF)**

It is a documentation centre which records and disseminates information on numismatic finds – coin finds and relevant documentations – from Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. It was founded in 1992 in Bern by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences and is one of their research infrastructures, focusing on archaeological numismatics.

- **Swiss National Data and Service Center for the Humanities (DaSCH)**

It is a research data infrastructure which provides expertise in research data management and long-term preservation, such as consulting, training and data archiving for researchers. Since 2021, DaSCH (located in Basel) has operated as a national research data infrastructure primarily funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

## Academic institutions

### University of Bern

- **The Data Science Lab (DSL)** offers institution-wide support for researchers and research groups in data science, machine learning, artificial intelligence, Digital Humanities, and research IT related matters. The joint development and usage of platforms and infrastructures plays a key role in the mission of the DSL.
- **Année Politique Suisse (Institute of Political Science)**, has been compiling a chronicle of Swiss politics since 1965. Political analysts document key events in Switzerland through brief, research-based summaries, which are made available to researchers and the public via a freely accessible online platform. The chronicle helps to place current political events within a broader historical, socio-political, and thematic context.
- **Digital humanities** offer a variety of courses designed for scholars at all stages, from undergraduates to post-doctoral researchers. It is already firmly integrated into several projects across the Faculty of Humanities at Bern, covering fields like History, Philology, Linguistics, German Studies, Romance Languages, and Music. Digital edition of Alexander von Humboldt's "Complete writings", edited by Oliver Lubrich and Thomas Nehrlich, is hosted by the Digital Humanities department.

- **HallerNet** has been developed for the Albrecht von Haller Foundation, hallerNet is an edition and research platform created through the Haller online project (2016-2019), in collaboration with the University of Bern and the Cologne Centre for eHumanities CCEH.
- **Institute of Germanic Languages and Literatures** is divided into two subject areas: Literature Studies (with two sub-sections) and Linguistics. Additionally it offers a special area of study in Comparative Literature (General and Comparative Literature Studies).

## University of Lausanne

- **Swiss Elite Observatory 'OBELIS'** main goal is to document and study actors in positions of power in the Swiss political, economic, administrative, and academic spheres in the 20th and 21st centuries, and to gain a better understanding of the power relations that structure Swiss society. Over the last years, OBELIS hosted several research projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation which are linked to each other and constitute the cumulative Swiss Elites Database. It contains currently more than 40,000 entries on political, economic, administrative, and academic elites which can be consulted online".

## University of Zurich

- **Linguistic Research Infrastructure (LiRI)** provides extensive support for research in linguistics, language sciences, and related fields. It offers a complete range of services covering all phases of a research project, from experimental design to data acquisition and processing, along with language technology services and statistical consulting. Additionally, the [Swissdox@LiRI](mailto:Swissdox@LiRI) service grants subscribers from partner institutions access to a vast database of Swiss media texts. For research data generated through collaborations with Swiss universities, LiRI works with LaRS and SWISSUbase to offer researchers robust data archiving solutions at the conclusion of their projects.
- **Swiss Art Research Infrastructure (SARI)** is a Technology Platform which provides data services for the Humanities. In particular, it offers integrated access to research data, digitized visual resources, and related reference materials across various fields, including art history, design history, photography, film studies, architecture, urban planning, archaeology, history, religious studies, and other visual studies disciplines, as well as the broader field of digital humanities.
- **The Ancient Studies Lab (AISL)** at the University of Zurich's Department of History was established in 2024 under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Felix K. Maier. It integrates traditional historical research with artificial intelligence. The lab focuses on exploring the ancient world through modern techniques in automated text and image processing.
- **The Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development** is a scientific center focused on youth development. The Center is a joint venture between the University of Zurich and the Jacobs Foundation: **The Zurich Project on Social Development from Childhood to Adulthood (z-proso)** affiliated with the Jacob Center is a prospective large-scale panel study started in 2004 at age 7 aimed at investigating the development of violence, delinquency, substance use, and mental health in the life course and included a cluster RCT aimed at evaluating the efficacy of two early violence prevention programs. The JCPYD, a collaborative effort between the University of Zurich and the Jacobs Foundation, is dedicated to advancing the understanding of child and youth development through interdisciplinary and collaborative research. At the heart of its mission lies the integration of insights from sociology, psychology, neuroscience, and economics to explore the complex factors influencing child and youth development—from family dynamics to education and cognitive processes. The JCPYD is

committed to conducting locally relevant and globally significant research to address societal challenges and foster innovative solutions.

## ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences

It is a university of applied sciences, offering teaching, research, continuing education and other services that are both practice-oriented and science-based. The **Digital Discourse Lab** develops the language data platform Swiss-AL. As a multilingual text collection of Swiss public communication, Swiss-AL enables the data-based analysis of public discourses. It is available to researchers and the public as an ORD resource. It is a founding member of CLARIN-CH and a supporter of Swissdox@LiRI.

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