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2018 Annual Report



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Message from the director

Bernhard Fuhrer
SNIS Director

The year 2018 began with a surprise. The Geneva Science and Policy Interface was launched by the University of Geneva. And, early 2019, the Geneva Science and Policy Anticipator was announced by a consortium of universities. So what do these new initiatives share? They propose services to facilitate exchanges between the worlds of academia and international policy. Does this sound familiar? We thought so, too, and we were thrilled. Suddenly, our core ideal of building bridges between the two worlds seems to have gained major traction. The question is what does this mean when one knows that all three initiatives - the SNIS included - mostly run on taxpayers money?

To answer this, we mandated an external audit on our major funding scheme - the SNIS Call for Projects. We wanted to know from our constituency what it likes - and what it doesn't about our core mechanism. And we wanted to know what we stood for in their eyes. The main findings are that our Call is highly valued for its 'international and truly interdisciplinary character' and that people particularly appreciate the possibility to link

'fundamental research and policy-oriented work'. So, according to the evaluation, we clearly fulfil our mission. But even with a good review certain things can be improved. In fact, part of this improvement is already in your hands.

In a nutshell, we decided to give the SNIS a makeover. We will improve our Call by making it simpler and further strengthening the feedback quality - without fundamentally changing it. We also opted for a new design that will help us punch above our weight in the social media world. Please tell us what you think about our streamlined Call, our online content and how 'we look'. We highly value your input. More than that, your input is crucial to our operation!

This also answers the question what we stand for: our edge in the science & policy arena is that the SNIS is you, our academic and IO constituencies; we consider you as our clients, not just recipients of subsidies. This is what makes us strong and helps us - as one of the survey participants elegantly put it - to stay ahead of the curve.

Guest editorial

Krista Nadakavukaren
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Judging pluridisciplinary projects is both a challenge and a joy, and goes well beyond merely selecting "worthy" research proposals.

First, the joy stems in the ability to fund interesting projects. Giving is always a joy, but more importantly, I sincerely believe that pluridisciplinary research is necessary for understanding the international developments taking place in all dimensions of the social sciences.

The challenge comes from having to actually make a selection among projects from within a group of single-discipline experts. My feeling is that pluridisciplinary projects are impossible to judge solely on their disciplinary merits because the value of pluridisciplinary lies in avoiding established disciplines' 'truths'. My goal has therefore been to help fund projects that made intuitive sense, that would result in fruitful collaborations, and that were feasible. I felt it was not my job to judge the purity of the proposed analysis.

Some members of the committee, however, evaluate projects based on their disciplinary soundness. Thus, when there were disagreements about the allocation of resources, discussions of the academic value of the projects could be fierce. This struck me as 'challenging'.

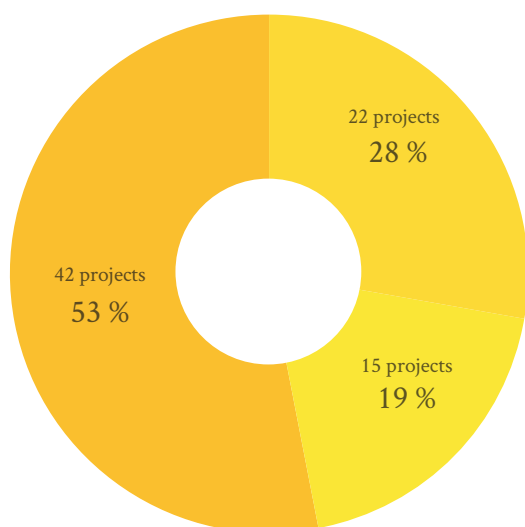
And yet, listening to my colleagues - during discussion, debates, and over lunch - was a joy. Each time. In every meeting, I learned what I could never have learned on my own: I learned the value of strict adherence to methodology in the non-legal social sciences. I learned (to my surprise) that certain topics that I found particularly exciting were ones that dozens had studied thoroughly already. I learned, too, that well-educated and successful academics can fundamentally reject the value of research that was too far outside their field of expertise. I learned that I can live with that. I see it that as a joy, too.

Call for projects 2018

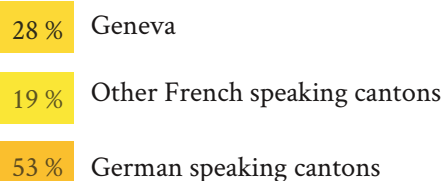
Submitting institutions

Region	Coordinating Institution	Submissions	
		by institution	by region
Basel	University of Basel	9	9
Bern	University of Bern	5	7
	Bern University of Applied Sciences	2	
Fribourg	University of Fribourg	-	2
Geneva	The Graduate Institute	8	22
	University of Geneva	14	
Luzern	University of Lucerne	-	1
	HSLU	1	
Neuchâtel	University of Neuchâtel	-	-
St. Gallen	University of St. Gallen	-	2
Ticino	Università della Svizzera Italiana	-	-
	SUPSI	-	
Vaud	University of Lausanne	4	9
	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)	5	
Zurich	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)	8	22
	University of Zurich	5	
	Zürcher Fachhochschule, ZFH	8	
	Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich, PHZ	1	
Interregional	Fachhochschule Nord-West Schweiz	1	5
	HES-SO	4	
Total			79

Geographical breakdown

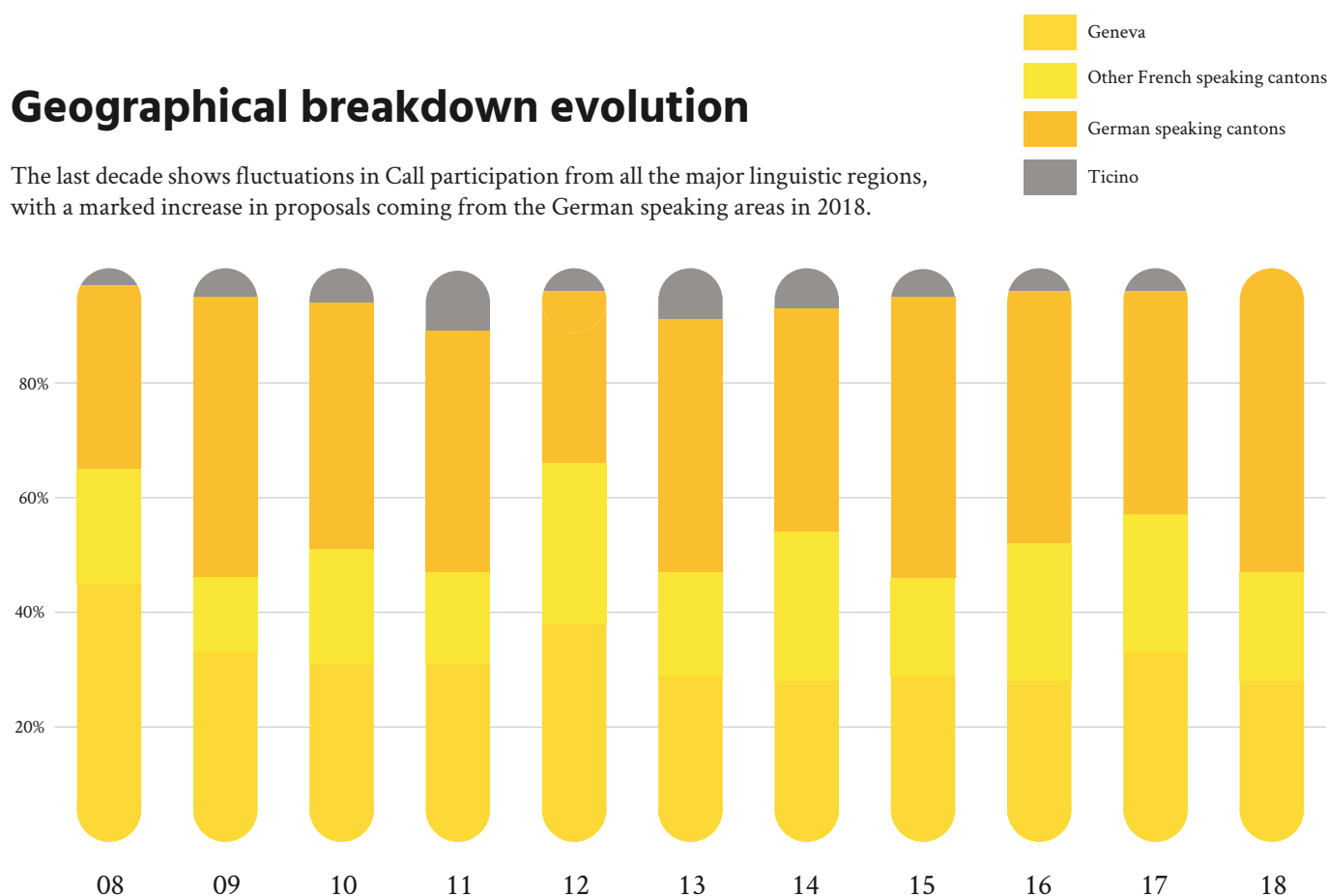


The Call for Projects 2018's theme was 'The fourth Industrial Revolution and its Implications for Multilateral Cooperation'. It received 79 project pre-proposals, out of which 42 came from the German speaking part of Switzerland. The other 33 projects came from French speaking cantons, 22 of those specifically from the canton of Geneva. Contrary to other years, there were no proposals from the Italian speaking part of Switzerland, which means that we must intensify our efforts to promote our Call in the canton of Ticino.



Geographical breakdown evolution

The last decade shows fluctuations in Call participation from all the major linguistic regions, with a marked increase in proposals coming from the German speaking areas in 2018.



Average partnerships

One of the specificities of a SNIS funded project is the fostering of research and work partnerships with a variety of International Organizations and civil society institutions. This constitutes a defining feature of the SNIS global mission, and of each of its projects. Below, a table summarising the ascending trend of such partnerships in the past decade, suggesting that this collaboration criterion responds to a need encountered in numerous research domains.

Average of partners (AN) per project	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
AN of partners per funded project			4,56	7,00	6,25	6,75	9,88	8,13	7,38	7,00	7,13
AN of partners per project	3,95	4,08	3,95	5,80	6,49	5,17	6,11	7,34	7,75	5,45	7,23
AN of universities involved	2,65	2,86	3,14	3,12	3,61	3,48	3,34	4,03	3,39	3,01	3,75
AN of Swiss universities involved	1,73	1,64	1,88	1,59	1,74	1,77	1,80	1,92	1,68	1,49	1,85
AN of foreign universities	0,92	1,22	1,26	1,52	1,87	1,71	1,54	2,10	1,72	1,53	1,89
AN of non-governmental Organizations	0,40	0,61	0,29	0,76	0,86	1,19	1,43	1,38	1,5	1	1,33
AN of International Organizations	0,67	0,38	0,31	0,86	0,88	1,05	1,27	1,25	1,63	1,24	1,91
AN of public / state institutions	*	0,16	0,14	0,88	0,91	0,82	1,31	0,38	0,93	0,85	0,86
AN of private companies involved	*	0,07	0,07	0,18	0,23	0,19	0,30	0,26	0,2	0,18	0,39

Financial information

2018 financial statement

Income

Swiss Confederation Subsidy	1'303'570.00
Canton of Geneva Subsidy	1'157'843.00
Dissolution of Remainers (Project Funds)	128'555.59
Total	2'589'968.59

Expenses

Scientific Activities	2'123'689.4
Operational Costs (Administration and Salaries)	398'305.99
Total	2'521'995.39

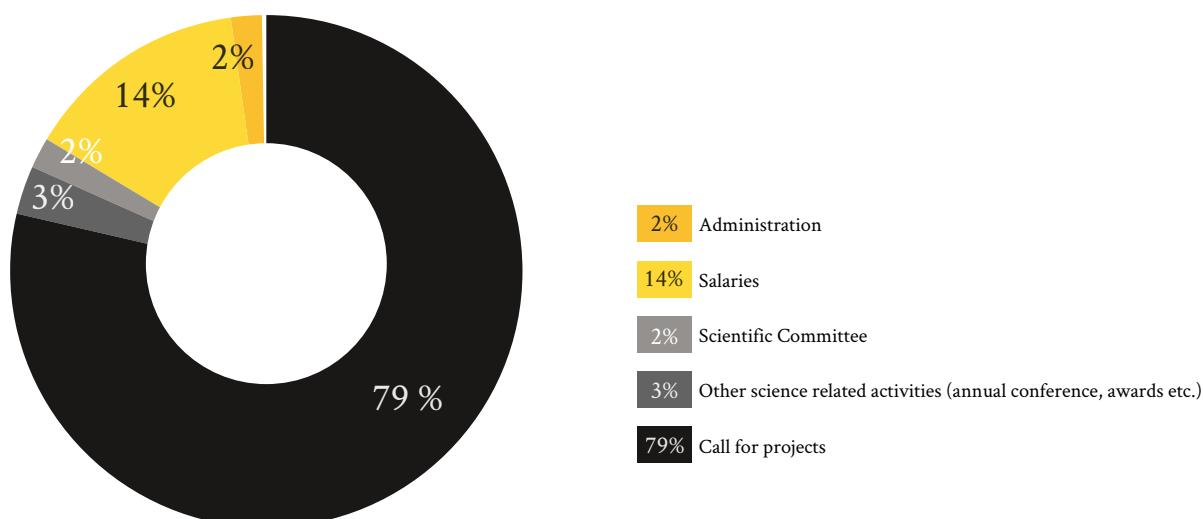
Net Income	67'973.20
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In 2018 the SNIS has kept in financial good health, within the framework of its allocated budget. Salaries and administrative costs have remained constant. The paid internship position was renewed. 2018 has also included the SNIS biennial conference and other scientific events, such as the International Geneva debates.

2018 expenditure

Call for projects	1'989'000.00	78.87%
Other science related Activities	76'796.15	3.05%
Scientific Committee	57'893.25	2%
Salaries	355'710.10	14%
Administration	38'113.06	2%
Various other	4'482.83	0.18%
Total	2'521'995.39	100%

The year closed with a positive balance due to unexpectedly high returns from projects that did not draw all allocated funds. This is also the expression of the SNIS's strict financial controls which ascertain that funds are strictly spent according to the approved budget. This practice ultimately benefits future projects as these 'savings' are injected in the Call of the following year.





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Launch Workshop





Accepted projects

The funded projects 2018 cover many different and timely topics and this year's spectrum is particularly wide; to give you an idea: from the use of drones for humanitarian purposes to novel strategies aiming to improve global health security. In the scope of a short annual report it is impossible to reveal the richness of all projects. We therefore encourage our readers to refer to our website for a detailed description.

	Coordinator	Coordinating Institution	Allocated Sum
<i>Infrastructure Space and the Future of Migration Management: The EU Hotspots in the Mediterranean Borderscape</i>	Bilgin Ayata	University of Basel	CHF 264'374
<i>Understanding the Norms and Practices of Pathogen and Benefit-Sharing to Improve Global Health Security</i>	Sueri Moon	Graduate Institute	CHF 234'424
<i>The Search for Victims of Enforced Disappearances: A Multidisciplinary Exploration of Current Practices</i>	Lisa Ott	University of Basel	CHF 261'459
<i>New Public Policy Financing Models, Innovative or Ineffective?</i>	Debra Hevenstone	Bern University of Applied Science	CHF 254'195
<i>Responsible Humanitarian Innovation Opportunities and Challenges to Integrate Ethical Values in the Humanitarian Use of Drones</i>	Markus Christen	University of Zurich	CHF 163'931
<i>Schistosomiasis, Agriculture and Migration in Africa: a Joint Economic and Ecological Analysis.</i>	Jean-Louis Arcand	Graduate Institute	CHF 253'830
<i>Designing Effective Regulation for Carbon Markets at the International, National, and Subnational Level</i>	Regina Betz	Zurich Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften	CHF 260'176
<i>How to Design Politically Sustainable Responses to Fiscal Pressure</i>	Evelyne Hübscher	University of Geneva	CHF 262'611

Awards

SNIS Award

granted to the best thesis
in International Studies

*The Logic of Escalation: Investigating the Role of Stakes
in Trade Disputes as a Lens to Conflict Processes*

Marco Martini
ETH Zürich

International Geneva Awards

granted to three policy relevant scientific articles
published in peer reviewed journals

*Impacts of Agricultural Practices and Individual Life
Characteristics on Ecosystems Services: A Case Study on
Family Farmers in the Context of an Amazonian Pioneer
Front*

Solen Le Clec'h, Nicolas Jégou, Xavier Arnauld de Sartre,
Thibaud Decaens, Simon Dufour, Michel Grimaldi, Johan Oszwald
Environmental Management, Vol (61) (2018) pp 772 – 785

*The Rise of International Parliamentary Institutions:
Purpose and Legitimation*

Jofre Rocabert, Frank Schimmelfennig,
Loriana Crasnic, Thomas Winzen
The Review of International Organizations vol (13) (2018) pp 1-25

*Presenteeism, Its Effects and Costs: A Discussion in a
Labour Law Perspective*

Kurt Pärli
**International Journal of Comparative Labour Law
vol (34) (2018) pp 53-76**

Events and conferences

SNIS Projects Launch Workshop 2018

Each year, the SNIS awards funding of up to 300'000 CHF to eight pluridisciplinary research projects. This event marks the official start of each year's crop of projects. It introduces project leaders to the SNIS project management cycle and offers research teams a first opportunity for presenting and discussing their research methods and aims. The 2018 edition was held on October 4th.

UN Library Seminar Event

On May 4th 2018, the SNIS hosted a seminar at the UN Library, honouring two of the three 2017 International Geneva Award winners. Inspired by the winning articles, the event focused on the question how International Organization define and extend thier mandates. The event specifically looked at UNESCO's crucial role in defining human rights and investigated its use of expert knowledge as a strategic tool for expanding its mandate.

SNIS Biennial Conference 2018

The SNIS biennial conference took place in Basel in November 2018. Co-organized with the Swiss TPH, it focused on the links between Health, Sustainable Development Goal #3 (health) and the Agenda 2030. It welcomed 146 participants from many different disciplines. Two keynote sessions, a series of speed talks and the projection of the SNIS scientific documentary 'Pestrop' gave participants the opportunity to build fruitful connections for further collaboration.



SNIS IO research stipend



In 2018 the SNIS launched a new funding opportunity, aimed at PhD students working on International Organizations. It offers the possibility to spend three to six months in Geneva, getting access to institutional archives and providing a base for frequent encounters with IO personnel. Sebastian Klotz, WTI researcher was the first recipient of this form of funding and greatly benefitted from the proximity to International Organizations. He was able to meet many policy makers and practitioners in person thus enhancing his qualitative work. Sebastian also learned a few 'tricks' about scientific communication during his stay. For more details, listen to his podcast on the SNIS Soundcloud channel.

Project based multimedia products

SNIS - SwissTPH conference

<https://bit.ly/2PQNErS>



November 2018

Civil war and state formation

<https://bit.ly/2YQYHKs>



December 2018

Effects of financialization along the copper value chain

<https://bit.ly/2VUNZRt>



December 2018

Storing Hope

<https://bit.ly/2VjZ4fk>



December 2018

Pestrop

<https://bit.ly/2ndEw8p>



November 2018

Administrative Structure

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Pestrop Documentary

Pesticide Use in Uganda



Oscar Kibirango, Wakiso District, Uganda, 2017, ©SNIS

After the experiences of previous SNIS audiovisual productions such as 'Rubber in a Rice Bowl' and 'Dodhar - The Dilemma', we opted for a more personal narrative to bring the results of the Swiss TPH project on pesticides in tropical settings to a larger audience. Our script foresaw exploring the aspects of pesticide use through the eyes of a traditional farmer. The team quickly identified David, a highly respected member of the local community for this lead 'role'.

On site it became clear that the expertise of additional local stakeholders was necessary to understand the complex issues involving regulatory and governance aspects of pesticide use.

We adapted the script accordingly to include Oscar - the Ugandan teamleader in environmental monitoring as well as Aggrey, governance specialist and project coordinator for the Uganda National Association of Community and Occupational Health (UNACOH). As in many documentaries, the idea was to follow the initial logic without ignoring opportunities when they presented themselves. This was the case for Norah, a 'late' protagonist who turned out to be a former school friend of David and also a trained organic farmer. She shared her insights



Norah Kasule and David Kiyimba, Wakiso District, Uganda, 2017, ©SNIS

with him and one knew instantly that this encounter would change David's practice in the future.

This scientific documentary entitled «Pestrop - Pesticides and Health - a Ugandan Story», premiered at the joint SNIS / Swiss TPH conference (see page 10) and was also shown in a movie theater in Geneva in June 2019.

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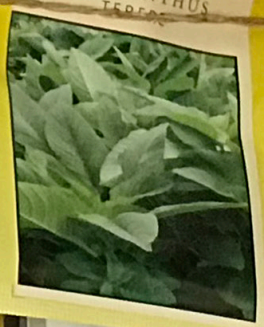
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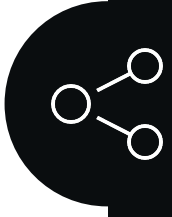




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