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Program

Thursday, 13 November 2025 | Room 3.B48

12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by the Organizers Why We Created the RC «Organization and Society» in the SSA
13:15 – 14:15	Grothe-Hammer, Michael (NTNU, Norway): Reports of Our Death Have Been Greatly Exaggerated: Organizational Sociology Today
14:15 – 16:15	Roundtable: What Makes Swiss Organizations Distinct? <i>Chair: Désirée Waibel</i> Barut, Merve Gül (Università della Svizzera italiana): Organizational Sociology in the Swiss Context: Bridging Traditionalist and Modernist Logics Danko, Jan Simon (Universität Zürich): Swiss Organizations as Democratic Arenas: Embracing Paradoxes in Organizational Sociology Kette, Sven (Universität Luzern): Rethinking the Epistemic Potential of a Swiss Organizational Sociology Perrig, Luca (Universität St. Gallen): The Crowdsourcing of Cybersecurity. Current Situation and Challenges Facing Swiss Organizations Rost, Katja, Malte Döhne, Jan Danko, Simon Egli, and Niccolò Giorgio Armandola (Universität Zürich): Organizations as Dinosaurs That Defy the Zeitgeist and Are Subject to It Saner, Philippe (Universität Luzern, Universität Zürich): Cooling-Out Competition? Organizing Predictable and Limited Rivalry in Organizational Fields in Switzerland and Beyond
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Roundtable: How Can Organizational Sociology Learn and Inform Other Fields? <i>Chair: Judith Nyfeler</i> Peigné, Paul (Université de Genève): The Janus' Smile Risi, David (Berner Fachhochschule, Universität St. Gallen): Organizing Responsibility: CSR Implementation, Moral Values, and the Business–Society Interface Salvador, Murillo (Université de Genève): The Swiss Internet Governance Ecosystem from an Organizational Sociology Perspective Strulik, Stefanie (PH Bern): Organisations in Tension. Tracing Pluriversal Knowledge Formation through Post-Categorical Educational Ethnography and the Sociology of Knowledge Approach to Discourse Trucco, Noemi (Université du Luxembourg): An Organizational Perspective as Enrichement? Exploring the Potential for My Current SNSF Postdoc-Mobility Project «Living without Living» Zwahlen, Jannik (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Market-Based Governance and Its Limits: Swiss Self-Regulation in the Fight against Greenwashing
18:15 – 21:30	Joint Walk to the Neubad, Apéro and Short Tour with Dinner

Friday, 14 November 2025 | Room 3.B48

9:00 – 10:30	Bergeron, Henri and Patrick Castel (SciencesPo, Paris): Social Change in Overorganized Societies <i>Chair: Mathilde Bourrier</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Roundtable: Where Is the Field of Organizational Sociology Heading To? <i>Chair: Roman Gibel</i> Aspers, Patrik (Universität St. Gallen): The Role of Institutions in Organizational Theory Grossmann-Hensel, Benjamin (Universität Zürich): Steering Organizations by Invoking Society: Organizational Boundary Management in a Public Administration in Switzerland Kimber, Leah R. (Université de Genève): Revitalizing Organizational Sociology Through the Study of International Organizations Mormann, Hannah, Raimund Hasse, and Nadine Arnold (Universität Luzern): Organization Society, level 3.0: Considering National Contexts, Global Linkages, and the Role of (Other) Organizations Wetzel, Dietmar J. (MSH Medical School Hamburg, Universität Basel): Organizations in Practice: Towards a Praxeological Research Program
11:45 – 12:15	Closing by the Organizers
12:15	Distribution of Lunch Bags and Good-Bye

Inaugural Workshop of the Research Committee «Organization and Society» in the SSA

The Research Committee (RC) on Organization and Society aims to create a formal home for sociological research that explores the intersection of organizations and society. The RC serves as an inclusive and dynamic platform for exchanging ideas and fostering new insights into organizational phenomena,

which may encompass processes and practices of organizing as well as formal organizations, such as hospitals, international organizations, schools, or profit-driven firms. Thus, the committee considers a diverse range of theoretic and thematic orientation to include a variety of research topics and disciplinary angles. This inaugural workshop aims to discuss the latest organizational sociological research conducted in Switzerland and to develop and decide the future pathway of the RC in a participatory manner.