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SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Political Science

Timeline CIVICA



CIVICA Research

- Main goal: establish a joint long-term research environment and strategy
- Top-up funding from Horizon 2020 to strengthen CIVICA's research & innovation dimension
- CIVICA Research complements CIVICA's education strategy
- Activities started in January 2021; project duration: 3 years
- Co-chairing of the Permanent Design Team: CEU & Sciences Po





“CIVICA Research is the attempt to create instruments that allow us to implement an ambitious innovative research strategy.”

—Carsten Q. Schneider, Professor in the Political Science Department, CEU

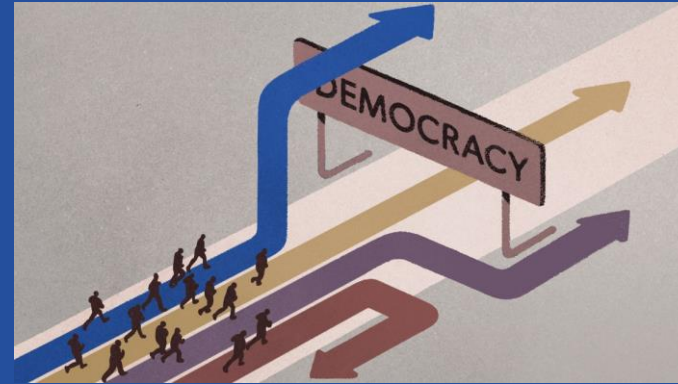


CIVICA Research: focus areas

Societies in Transition and
Crises of Earth



Challenges to Democracy
in the 21st Century



Europe Revisited



Data Driven Technologies
for the Social Sciences



Societies in Transition and Crises of Earth

- Societal dimensions of the Earth System & sustainability
- Global Sustainable Development Goals
- Knowledge and assessment systems regarding the environment and development
- Urban transformations



Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century

- Democratic backsliding
- Reform of democracy; democratic innovation
- Polarisation
- Social embeddedness of democracy (inequality)



Europe Revisited

- Multilevel governance of migration
- Constitutional resilience in the EU
- EU and the world
- Green values and green economy in the EU
- Interdisciplinary approaches in EU-focused social science and humanities research



Data Driven Technologies for the Social Sciences

- Artificial intelligence and the society
- Societal changes triggered by digital technologies
- Using new technologies for the social good
- Innovative digital methods for social science research





“CIVICA Research is an opportunity to deepen and enrich your relationship with top researchers from all over Europe.”

—Guillaume Plantin, Vice President for Research,
Sciences Po



Action areas: 7 work packages

Common research & innovation agenda

- Long-term joint research strategy
- Synergy with education strategies
- Snowball seminars, pilot calls and hackathons

CIVICA scientific community

- Development of human capital
- Circulation of scholars and ideas across the alliance
- Involvement of external scholars

Shared research infrastructure and tools

- Large-scale platform for social sciences
- Online experimental lab
- Development of digital tools

Open Science

- Make academic knowledge open beyond academia
- Open Science policies and practices
- Open Science training programme

Synergies within and outside CIVICA

- Doctoral training opportunities
- Research partnerships
- Sharing of best practices with other European Universities

Communication and dissemination

- Dissemination of research to various stakeholders
- Outreach to policymakers (Rapid Policy Response Mechanism)
- Scientific events

Management

- Project management
- Quality assurance
- Ethical guidelines



Benefits for researchers

- Scientific community
- Joint research and innovation agenda
- Shared tools and practices
- Common pool of expertise
- Training and mobility opportunities
- Integration of research with teaching and learning
- Open Science action plan
- Academic network beyond CIVICA





Photo: Christian Klant

“I am happy to be part of a CIVICA project because of the intense focus on how we can make research useful for people, practitioners and society.”

—Alexandra Ioan, social science researcher, alumna of Hertie School and SNSPA



Highlights 2021

Action area	Planned activities
Common research & innovation agenda	Call for proposals (February-March 2021) First snowball seminars and hackathons
CIVICA scientific community	First workshops in social science methods Launch of CIVICA Excellence Tours Launch of multi-site postdoctoral scheme
Shared research infrastructure and tools	Professional tool for video conferences
Open Science	Network of Open Science contact points across CIVICA
Synergies within and outside CIVICA	Network of research managers First multidisciplinary doctoral conference
Management	Project Plan Addendum to the Consortium Agreement
Communication and dissemination	Communications strategy for research



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