

## **Annual Conference of Experimental Sociology (ACES)**

**September 15 - 17, 2021**

**Congressi Stefano Franscini  
Monte Verità  
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The purpose of the Annual Conference of Experimental Sociology (ACES) is the presentation, exchange, and discussion of experimental research in the social sciences. Experimental research started in the early 1920s in Sociology. Since then experimental work has become much more common in neighboring disciplines of sociology such as psychology and economics. Modern experimental sociology is influenced by both neighboring disciplines but has also developed some own research paradigms that differ in some aspects from other disciplines. This has inspired various discussions about the elements of a proper experiment and the do's and don'ts that are special to the one or the other discipline. In recent years also new possibilities of experiments have emerged such as online experiments or factorial surveys. Hence, new approaches in and outside the laboratory have inspired a rich discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of experiments in sociology. Even though the ACES started in Europe predominantly among Sociologists it is open to all disciplines and all members of educational and scientific institutions around the world. It welcomes submissions on new substantive findings, replications of existing studies, as well as methodological or ethical discussions of doing experiments.

The inauguration meeting of the ACES took place in Vienna, Austria in 2018 (organized by Bernhard Kittel). The second conference was organized at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence in 2019 (by Klarita Gërxhani). In 2020 the ACES was planned to take place in Madrid, Spain but had to be postponed due to the Corona Pandemic. This third meeting will be organized by Axel Franzen (University of Bern) and Andreas Diekmann (University of Leipzig and ETH Zurich). Venue of the conference is the Congressi Stefano Franscini at Monte Verita in Ascona. The conference will take place from Wednesday September 15 to Friday September 17, 2021.

Submission of proposals for presentations or posters (abstracts of maximal 500 words) will be possible from January 15 to February 15. The decisions of acceptance will be communicated by March 1, 2021. The final program and the details of the registration will be announced by April 1, 2021.