Meet the ISSP

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What to expect today?
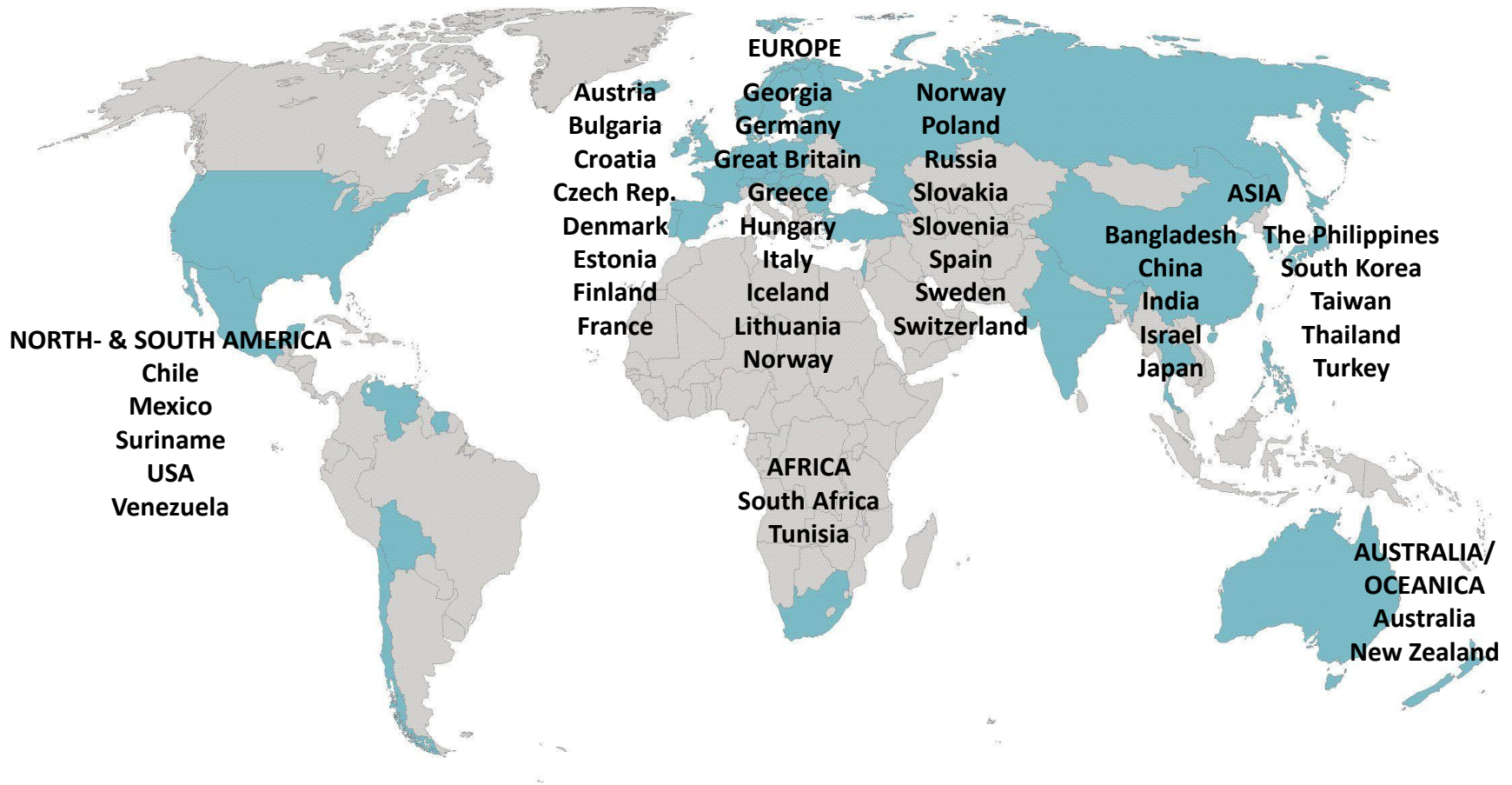
The *International Social Survey Programme*

- About the survey program
- About the data
- Examples of data use
- Data access

Basic Information

- Collaborative cross-national programme

- Founded in 1984 by four countries:
  Australia, Germany, Great Britain, USA

- Developed out of cooperation of general social surveys

- 60 items, not longer than 15 minutes

- Annual surveys, topics important for social sciences

- Three GESIS departments involved

Member Countries in 2022

EUROPE

Austria	Georgia	Norway
Bulgaria	Germany	Poland
Croatia	Great Britain	Russia
Czech Rep.	Greece	Slovakia
Denmark	Hungary	Slovenia
Estonia	Italy	Spain
Finland	Iceland	Sweden
France	Lithuania	Switzerland
	Norway	

ASIA

Bangladesh	The Philippines
China	South Korea
India	Taiwan
Israel	Thailand
Japan	Turkey

NORTH- & SOUTH AMERICA
Chile
Mexico
Suriname
USA
Venezuela

AFRICA
South Africa
Tunisia

AUSTRALIA/ OCEANICA
Australia
New Zealand

Modules

Title of module	I	II	III	IV	V
Citizenship	2004	2014	2023*		
Digital Societies	2024				
Environment	1993	2000	2010	2020	
Family and Changing Gender Roles	1988	1994	2002	2012	2022
Health and Health Care	2011	2021			
Leisure Time and Sports	2007				
National Identity	1995	2003	2013	2023*	
Religion	1991	1998	2008	2018	
Role of Government	1985	1990	1996	2006	2016
Social Inequality	1987	1992	1999	2009	2019
Social Networks	1986	2001	2017		
Work Orientations	1989	1997	2005	2015	

* Combined module

Organization

- No central funding

- Democratic structure

- Final decision-making by the annual general assembly

- Continuous cooperation

- Ongoing work in working groups and committees

- Common ISSP rules (Working Principles)

About the data

Questionnaire Devolopment

- Module proposal: new topics or replication
- Drafting group to develop the ISSP source questionnaire
- Discussion inside drafting group as well as within the ISSP as a whole
- Pre-test in selected countries
- Final ISSP source questionnaire
- Implementation in ISSP member countries
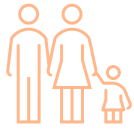
ISSP module variables

Module topic: Family and Changing Gender Roles

▶ Concept: Gendered division of household work

■ Item: "In your household, who does the following things?"

		Always me	Usually me	About equal or both together	Usually my spouse/ partner	Always my spouse/ partner	Is done by a third person	Can't choose
a	Does the laundry	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8
b	Makes small repairs around the house	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8
c	Cares for sick family members	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8
d	Shops for groceries	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8
e	Does the household cleaning	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8
f	Prepares the meals	☐1	☐2	☐3	☐4	☐5	☐6	☐8

ISSP module variables

Module topic: National Identity

▶ Concept: Nationalism

- Item: "How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?"

People should support their country even if the country is in the wrong.

Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

ISSP module variables

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[COUNTRY'S] television should give preference to [COUNTRY] films and programs.

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ISSP module variables

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Immigrants take jobs away from people, who were born in [COUNTRY].

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ISSP Background Variables
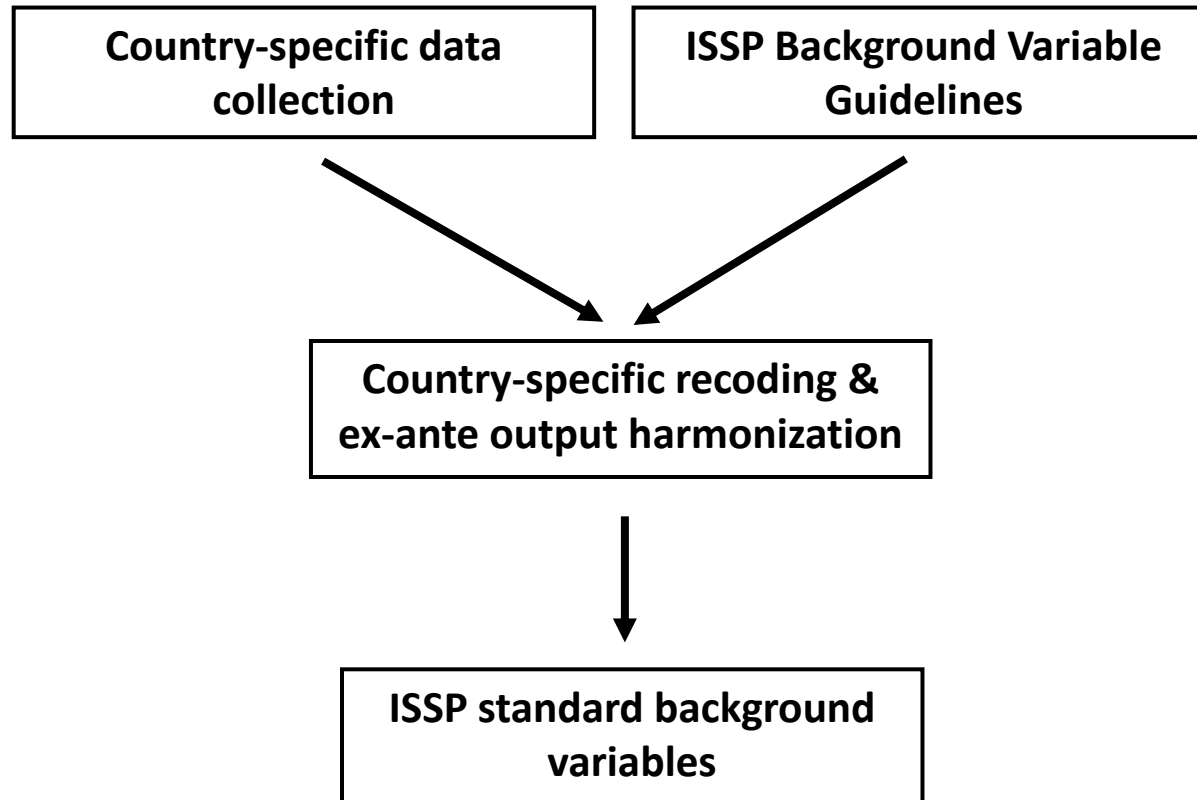
Examples of data use

Substantial Research

- **Social Inequality**
  - ▶ **"Fair" pay**
    - **Items:** "We would like to know what you think people in these jobs actually earn […]"

a **doctor** in a general practice	…€
a **chairman** of a large national cooperatation	…€
a **shop assistant**	…€
an **unskilled factory worker**	…€
a **cabinet minister** in the [national] government	…€

Substantial Research

- ## Social Inequality
  - ### "Fair" pay or egalitarianism
  - ### Items: "Next, […] how much do you think they SHOULD earn?"

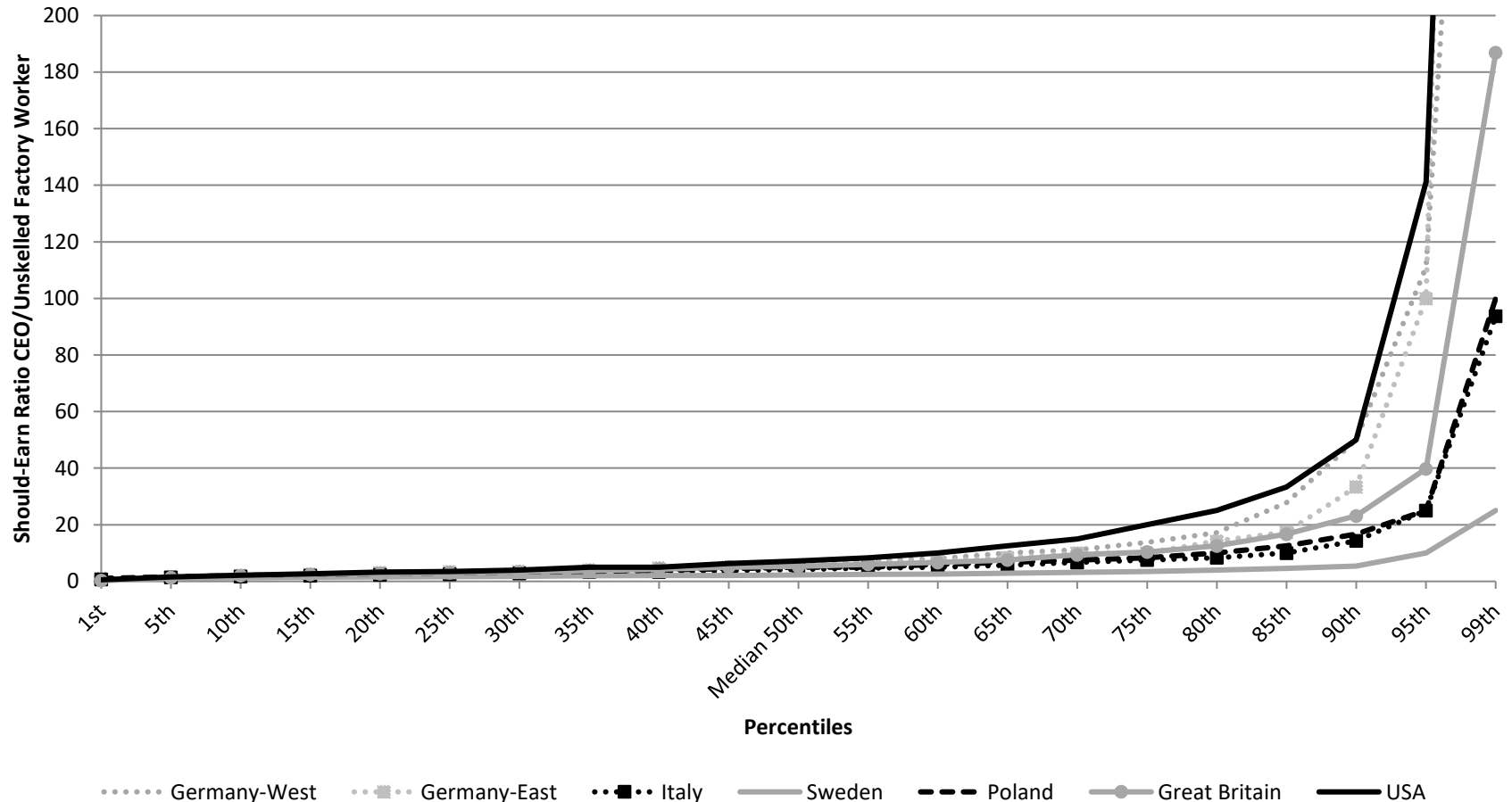|	
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Cross-national Comparison of Egalitarianism

The "Should-Earn" Ratio:
Chairman of a Large National Company vs. Unskilled Factory Worker

Bechert and Osberg, forthcoming

Fundamental Research

- Module topic: Religion
  - Concept: Religiosity

  - Dimensions: Cognitive, Affective, Behavioral
  - 7 items covering the dimensions
  - Check which religious types are revealed in the data by Latent Class Analysis

LCA Results – Believe in God

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
Cluster Size	0.25	0.30	0.27	0.18
I don't believe in God	0.67	0.04	0.00	0.01
Don't know whether there is a God, no way to find out	0.22	0.21	0.01	0.00
Don't believe in a personal God, but in a Higher Power	0.09	0.41	0.13	0.02
I find myself believing in God sometimes	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.00
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God	0.01	0.12	0.43	0.07
I know God really exists and have no doubts about it	0.00	0.03	0.32	0.90

LCA Results - Praying

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
Praying				
Never	0.95	0.47	0.07	0.01
Less than once a year – once a month	0.04	0.45	0.41	0.05
2 times a month – several times a week	0.01	0.06	0.37	0.34
Once a day – several times a day	0.00	0.02	0.15	0.60

Bechert, 2018

Method Research

Data collection modes	% usage
Face-to-face, PAPI, no visuals	7.9
Face-to-face, PAPI, visuals	13.7
Face-to-face, PAPI, respondent reading questionnaire	0.1
Face-to-face, PAPI, interpreter or translator, no visuals	0.1
Face-to-face, PAPI, interpreter or translator, visuals	5.9
CAPI, computer assisted personal interview, no visuals	6.0
CAPI, computer assisted personal interview, visuals	24.1
CAPI, interpreter or translator, visuals	5.9
Self completion, arrives with interviewer, interviewer attending	3.0
Self completion, arrives with interviewer, drops-off, picks up later	3.8
Self completion, arrives with interviewer, drops-off, mailed back by R	0.5
Self completion, mailed to, mailed back by Respondent	11.2
CASI, computer-assisted self-completion interview	3.2
CAWI, self-administered questionnaire Web-based	14.2
CATI, computer assisted telephone interview	0.3

How to access data and documentation?

ISSP Online

- General information: www.issp.org

- ISSP datasets, questionnaires, method reports, documentation:
  http://www.gesis.org/issp/home/

International Social Survey Programme

ISSP Modules by Topic

On the following pages, ISSP modules are organized by module topic. For a chronological list of ISSP modules, please, see the "ISSP Modules by Year".

Citizenship	**Environment**	**Family and Changing Gender Roles**
Health and Health Care	**Leisure Time & Sports**	**National Identity**
Religion		**Role of Government**
Social Networks	**Social Inequality**	**Work Orientation**

Role of Government

The ISSP Role of Government module series comprises four surveys conducted in 1985, 1990, 1996, 2006 and 2016. Successive surveys are always partial replications of earlier surveys.

ISSP Role of Government modules mainly deal with issues, such as attitudes towards government responsibilities and government spending, state intervention in the economy, civil liberties, political interest, trust and efficacy.

Please, note that ISSP Role of Government data (so far modules I-IV) is also available as a cumulated data file, allowing for cross-national analyses over time.

Publication

Bechert, Insa, and Markus Quandt. 2010. *ISSP Data Report: Attitudes towards the Role of Government.* GESIS Schriftenreihe Bd. 6. Bonn: GESIS.
http://www.ssoar.info/ssoar/handle/document/20006.

1985	1990	1996
2006	2016	Cumulation 1985-2006

Single variables from the ISSP 'Role of Government' modules are included in the **ONBound** project:

https://www.gesis.org/en/services/processing-and-analyzing-data/data-harmonization/onbound

ONBound provides a cumulated international cross-survey database linked with country level indicators. It allows for extensive comparative analyses of national and religious identities with harmonized survey data from 280 survey waves and a time span of 50 years.

▼ Participating countries 1985, 1990, 1996, 2006, 2016

ISSP 2016 - "Role of Government V" - ZA No. 6900

Latest news on this module

The latest data set version (19.09.2018): ZA6900 (v2.0.0), doi:10.4232/1.13052

Data Access

- Download of data and documents or
- GESIS Online Study Catalogue ZACAT - (provides dataset documentation and enables online analyses)

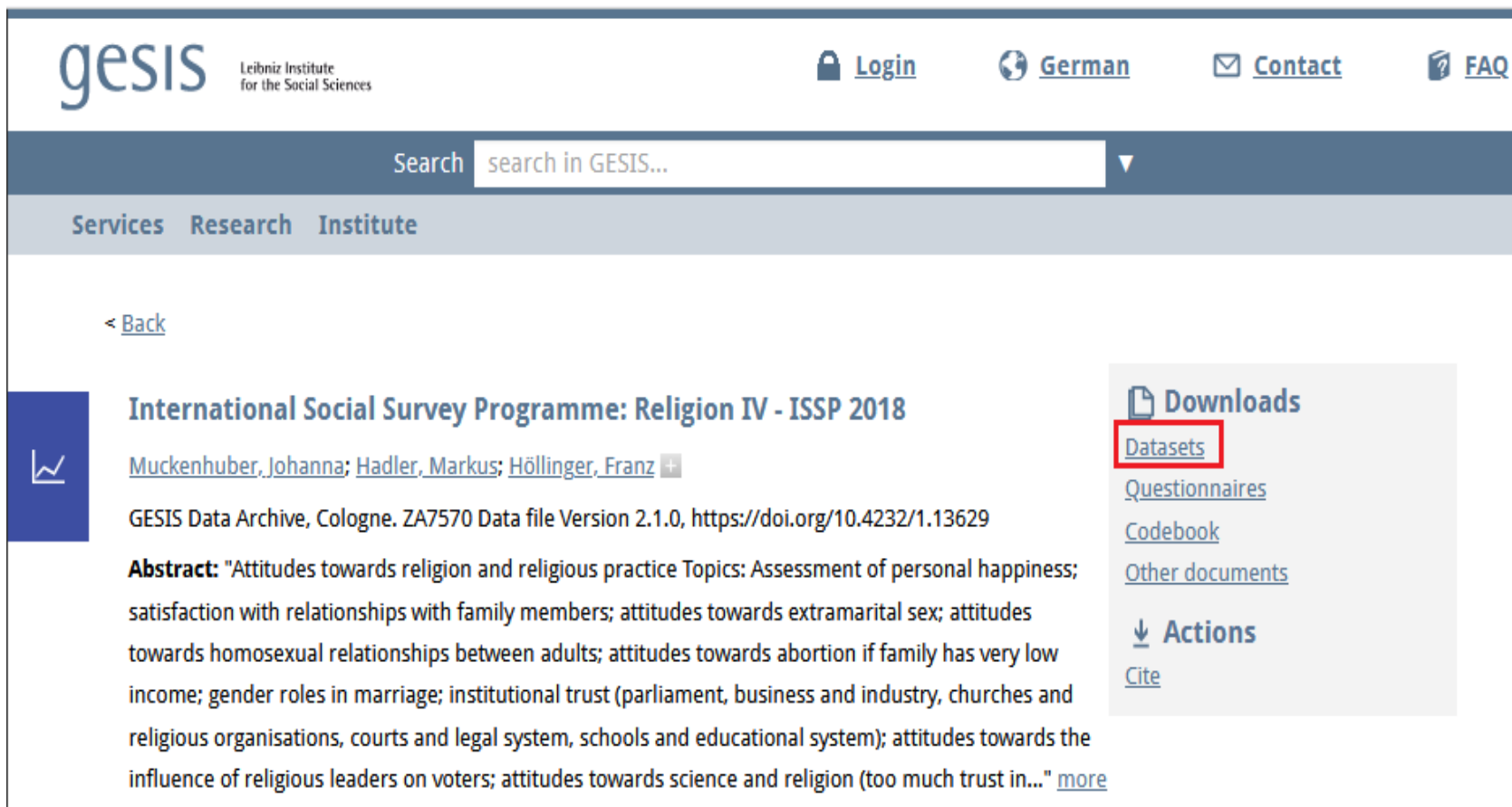Registration is required for data download.

Related Materials

- ISSP 2016 source questionnaire (PDF)
- ISSP 2016 variable report (PDF)
- ISSP 2016 study monitoring report (PDF)
- Overview of questions, variables and replications (PDF)
- Report on Questionnaire Development (PDF)
- Errata and earlier dataset versions are provided on the corresponding study page.

▼ Participating Countries, National Questionnaires and Background Variable Documentation: TABLE

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- Data Access
  https://search.gesis.org/

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The **download** of datasets generally requires a login at GESIS. Registration at GESIS is free of charge, open to all and gives you access to various GESIS services.

Downloads: ⓘ

ZA7570_v2-1-0.sav.zip (Dataset) 4.98 MB

ZA7570_v2-1-0.dta.zip (Dataset) 3.5 MB

Availability: ⓘ A - Data and documents are released for academic research and teaching.

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