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# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

*to the SACM Political Communication Division's Panel at the*

*2027 SACM Annual Meeting in Bern (April 22–23, 2027)*

Dear Colleagues,

The next SACM Annual Meeting will take place from April 22–23, 2027, in Bern. As speakers of the Political Communication Division, we would like to continue the long-standing tradition of submitting a thematic panel together.

To fit our panel into the overall conference theme, it will be held under the title

***Building Cohesion Through Conflict?***
***Deliberation, Democracy, and the Quality of Public Debates***

Accordingly, we encourage submissions that are concerned with the various facets of political disagreement, deliberation, intergroup conflict, (de)polarization, opinion-making processes, and, not least, the role of contemporary information environments for democratic processes. Although not a requirement, a submission's regional scope should preferably include Switzerland or discuss its implications for the Swiss context.

We ask you to please send us your proposals for panel contributions **via e-mail by November 10, 2026**. Proposals must not exceed **3,000** characters (incl. spaces, excl. references) and must be theoretically and empirically substantiated.

As division speakers, we will make a final selection of **4–5 submissions**, which we will subsequently compile into a panel and submit for peer review.

Please feel free to share this call with your colleagues outside of our division! While SACM membership is not a requirement for submission, we are always happy to welcome new colleagues into our association and particularly our division.

Best wishes,

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