



THE EVENT UNDER THE HONORARY PATRONAGE OF THE SWISS EMBASSY IN WARSAW

The Research Group "Helvetic Initiative " and the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, would like to extend an invitation to a seminar on

Direct Democracy in Switzerland and beyond. Experiences and prospects

The seminar will be held on Thursday, 5th December 2013, at. 11:30 a.m.
at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism (room no. 43)

The meeting will be conducted in English.

The seminar is directed to academic staff and students that are interested in the issues related to direct democratic government. The main objective of the meeting is to familiarize participants with Swiss direct democratic experiences, their consequences, prospects, and the possibilities of transferring some direct democratic tools to other countries. Special emphasis will be placed on the institution of the people's assembly – Landsgemeinde – that functions exclusively in two cantons of Appenzell Innerrhoden and Glarus. During the meeting the organizers intend to present a documentary movie and report from this year's Landsgemeinde in the canton of Appenzell.

Special guest of the seminar will be Mr. Martin Michelet – Minister of the Swiss Embassy in Warsaw. Minister Michelet will present a speech on *Direct Democracy in Switzerland*.

Chair: Tomasz R. Szymczyński, PhD, Magdalena Musiał-Karg, PhD

11:30-11:40	Opening – Tomasz Brańka, PhD, Vice-Dean WNPiD UAM
11:40-12:00	Mr. Martin Michelet (Minister of the Swiss Embassy) <i>Direct Democracy in Switzerland</i>
12:00-12:10	Ewa Myślak, PhD (Jagiellonian University) <i>Popular initiative as an element of the political game</i>
12:10-12:35	Magdalena Musiał-Karg, PhD (WNPiD UAM) <i>Landsgemeinde in Switzerland – the idea, pros & cons of the institution</i> - report from Landsgemeinde in Appenzell Innerhoden (Helvetic Initiative) – Landsgemeinde in Appenzell (movies)
12:35-12:45	Marcin Łukaszewski, MA (WNPiD UAM) <i>The end of popular assembly? Experiences of Andorra and San Marino and the questions about the future of Landsgemeinde</i>
12:45-12:55	Krzysztof Koźbiał PhD (Jagiellonian University) <i>Direct Democracy in Liechtenstein</i>
12:55-13:05	Elżbieta Kuźelewska PhD (University in Białystok) <i>Direct Democracy in Central Europe</i>
13:05-13:30	Questions and discussion