

Preface

This book is based on my PhD thesis, which I successfully defended in autumn 2014 at the University of Zurich. In order to make it more readable, I re-designed and re-organized the content. The two major changes were firstly, that I deleted some background information on methods and moved others to the Appendices. Secondly, I incorporated results for Switzerland in each chapter, whereas before, they were collected and displayed in a single section. Subsequently, some country-specific information and in-depth analyses have been omitted. Readers interested specifically in the case of Switzerland should look at the original PhD version (Staubli 2014).

Even though the underlying data dates back to the year 2010, the topic has not lost its pertinence. Research on trust in justice and legitimacy increases every year and branches out into newer, related fields and topics. This book contributes to this field by comparing Eastern with Western Europe. In addition, results for Switzerland allow validation of more general results for a country marked by a high level of trust in the police.

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