

## Appendix

### Descriptive Statistics on Participants

Variable	N	mean	sd	max	min	No position taken	Position taken	Reflection first	F-test	significance*
		(all sample)							$\mu 1 = \mu 2 = \mu 3$	
gender	122	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.43	0.6	0.47	1.26	ns
nationality	122	0.56	0.5	1	0	0.57	0.5	0.6	0.44	ns
age	120	23.36	4.53	41	18	22.9	23.98	23.17	0.61	ns
trust	120	5.63	2.47	10	0	5.1	6.13	5.65	1.74	ns
income scale	111	2.1	1.17	4	1	2.32	2.13	1.86	1.39	ns
left-right	121	4.21	2.48	10	0	4.92	3.93	3.83	2.43	ns
saliency	120	6.95	2.57	10	0	6.44	7	7.4	1.42	ns
information	122	0.23	0.19	0.73	-0.18	0.23	0.25	0.21	0.36	ns
attitudes	122	7.03	1.96	10	3	7.05	7.18	6.87	0.25	ns
preferences at T0	122	6.33	3.03	10	3	5.85	6.89	6.21	1.26	ns

\*ns = the null hypothesis of no differences between the three group averages cannot be rejected at 5% level of significance

### Description of Variables

#### *Information*

Average of 11 factual questions coded 1 if answer is right, -1 if answer is wrong and 0 if answer is 'I don't know'

- No canton gives foreigners eligibility rights at communal level
- No canton gives foreigners voting rights at cantonal level
- No canton gives foreigners eligibility rights at cantonal level
- Percentage of foreigners in Geneva more than 35%
- Most foreigners in Geneva have C (long-term residency) permit
- France doesn't give political rights to Swiss citizens resident in France
- Austria doesn't give political rights to Swiss citizens resident in Austria
- Percentage of foreigners in Geneva greater than in all other cantons
- Residence period for naturalization application longer than in EU27 + Norway
- Foreigner resident in Geneva for 8 years has right to vote at communal level
- Some time ago people of Geneva refused proposal to extend cantonal vote to foreigners

#### *Opinions re Political Rights of Foreigners*

Scale from 0 'do not agree at all' to 10 'totally agree'

“If 0 means “total disagreement” and 10 means “total agreement,” with reference to foreigners legally resident in the Canton of Geneva for 8 years or more, please indicate below your agreement or disagreement with the following propositions:

Foreigners should have the right to vote/eligibility at the communal/cantonal/federal level” (6 items)

Cronbach's alpha = .93 at T0 and .91 at T1.

## Speech Act Coding Rules

### ***Speech act:***

Unit of analysis: the full intervention of a participant.

### ***Position taken:*** (1-0)

1 if participant takes an explicit stance (positive or negative) concerning the extension of political right to foreigners

### ***Justification of position:*** (1-0)

Coded only if Position taken = 1.

*0: No justification:*

Participant states her position without giving any reason.

*1: Justification:*

At least one argument is given for position.

### ***Relevant factor provided:*** (1-0)

Participant brings at least one relevant factor to the debate

Coded only if Position taken = 0

0: No reference to facts or principles; no pertinent comment on the discussion.

1: Pertinent facts, principles, or considerations brought to the debate (including questions and answers)

### ***Story telling:*** (1-0)

Speech act with some personal or group story. Coded when "I" and some biographical elements appear.

### ***Arguments on extension of political rights***

0: clear statement against extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)

1: neutral statement (or un-decidedness) with regard to extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)

2: clear statement in favour of extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)

Favourable argument: 2 vs. 1 and 0; unfavourable argument: 0 vs. 1 and 2