



Can LLMs Forecast Swiss Referendum Outcomes?

Can Large Language Models forecast Swiss referendum outcomes? Switzerland's direct democracy creates a rare real-world testbed for AI group decision-makings: repeated high-stakes votes, diverse communities, and clear official descriptions of each issue. This project explores whether modern language models can turn the official framing of a referendum into reliable forecasts—and, crucially, into explanations of why different regions may support or oppose the proposal.

The project is designed as a research-oriented thesis with clear scope for follow-up impact. Students will work on building and validating an AI-based forecasting prototype on real-world referendum data, with an emphasis on methodological rigor and transparent reporting. Strong outcomes may open opportunities to explore broader questions about collective decision-making and communication in democratic settings, and the work is expected to lead to a research publication or media report.

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Requirements: Outstanding academic performance, knowledge in Machine Learning, Statistics, LLMs, and Swiss Referendum; interest and knowledge in computational social science/political science is a strong plus.

Interested? Please contact us with your transcript and CVs for more details!

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