

## **The qualitative and quantitative political science analysis of individuals: Studying politics and solidarity between generations with focus group and survey data**

Political scientists have been slow making use of non-survey measures in studying individual political behaviour and attitudes. Moreover, it is still unclear how in practice other forms of research may be fruitfully combined with survey results. In this paper, we discuss the qualitative analysis of focus groups data and its combination with quantitative survey analysis. We apply our methodological ideas to researching the political dimensions of solidarity between generations in ageing societies. We draw on ISSP Role of Government Survey for secondary and on new focus group data for primary analysis.