

# The long road to women's suffrage in Switzerland – And future challenges: three film screenings and a Q & A session

In celebration of both international women's day (08.03.2021) and the 50 year anniversary of women's suffrage in Switzerland (07.02.2021), Equal! – The Office for Equal Opportunities and Diversity is screening three films. The film screenings will be concluded by a Q&A session with Dr. Isabel Rohner, author and women's movement expert.

The theme of this year's international women's day is #ChooseToChallenge. The first two films depict how women in Switzerland chose to challenge the status quo leading up to and after the day that Swiss women finally gained the right to vote in federal elections on the 7th of February 1971. The third and final film challenges traditional family roles and inspires us to change our perspective.

With these three films and the concluding Q&A session, we encourage all ETH members to reflect on the challenges of the past and the challenges that lie ahead, both in Switzerland and in society at large. We want to celebrate the strength and courage of those who dared to challenge in the past and those who choose to challenge today.

## The divine order (original title: Die göttliche Ordnung)

(CH 2017, Petra Volpe) (original language: Swiss-German/subtitles: English)



In 1971, a young housewife organizes the women of her town to petition for the right to vote. A very popular and internationally awarded film.

The film is available for screening from 01.03.21 to 03.03.21. To register, please use the following [link](#). Registered participants will receive a link to an online platform and a password.

## Enemies in Love (original title: Verliebte Feinde)

(CH 2013, Werner Schweizer, Katja Früh) original language: Swiss-German/  
subtitles: English)



The passionate and unconventional relationship and marriage between Iris von Rothen (1917-1990, Swiss writer, feminist icon, lawyer) and Peter von Rothen is shown in a mix of fictional scenes, interviews with friends, and footage material.

The film is available for screening from **08.03.21 to 13.03.21**. To register, please use the following [link](#). Registered participants will receive a link to an online platform and a password.

## Disordered (original title: Von der Rolle)

(CH 2019, Verena Endtner) (original language: Swiss-German/subtitles: English)



The film gives an insight into three Swiss families where the fathers do more of the family work than the mothers do. An intimate milieu documentary spanning three years.

The film is available for screening from **15.03.21 to 28.03.21**. To register, please use the following [link](#). Registered participants will receive a link to an online platform and a password.

## Q & A Online session with Dr Isabel Rohner

16th March 2021, 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm



Isabel Rohner is a cultural scientist and an expert in women's movement in Switzerland and Germany. She recently published a book on the topic of the 50 years anniversary of women's suffrage in Switzerland. In the Q+A we will talk about the long way of women's suffrage in Switzerland and also about today's situation concerning equal opportunities of women and men in Swiss society.

To register, please use the following [link](#). Only registered participants will receive the Zoom link.

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