

Module S1

«Microeconomics & Accounting»



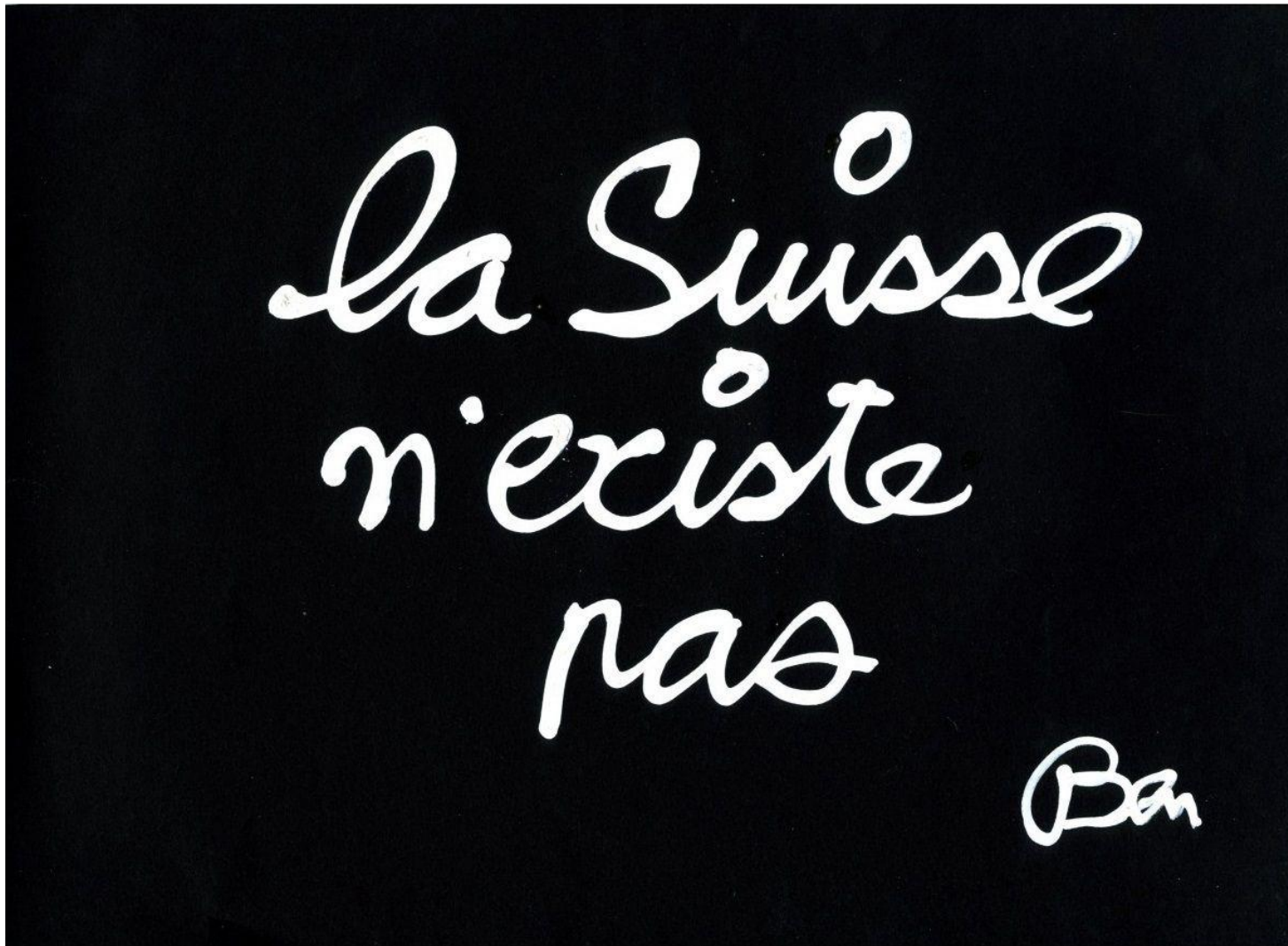
Sociopolitics

I. History and Myths

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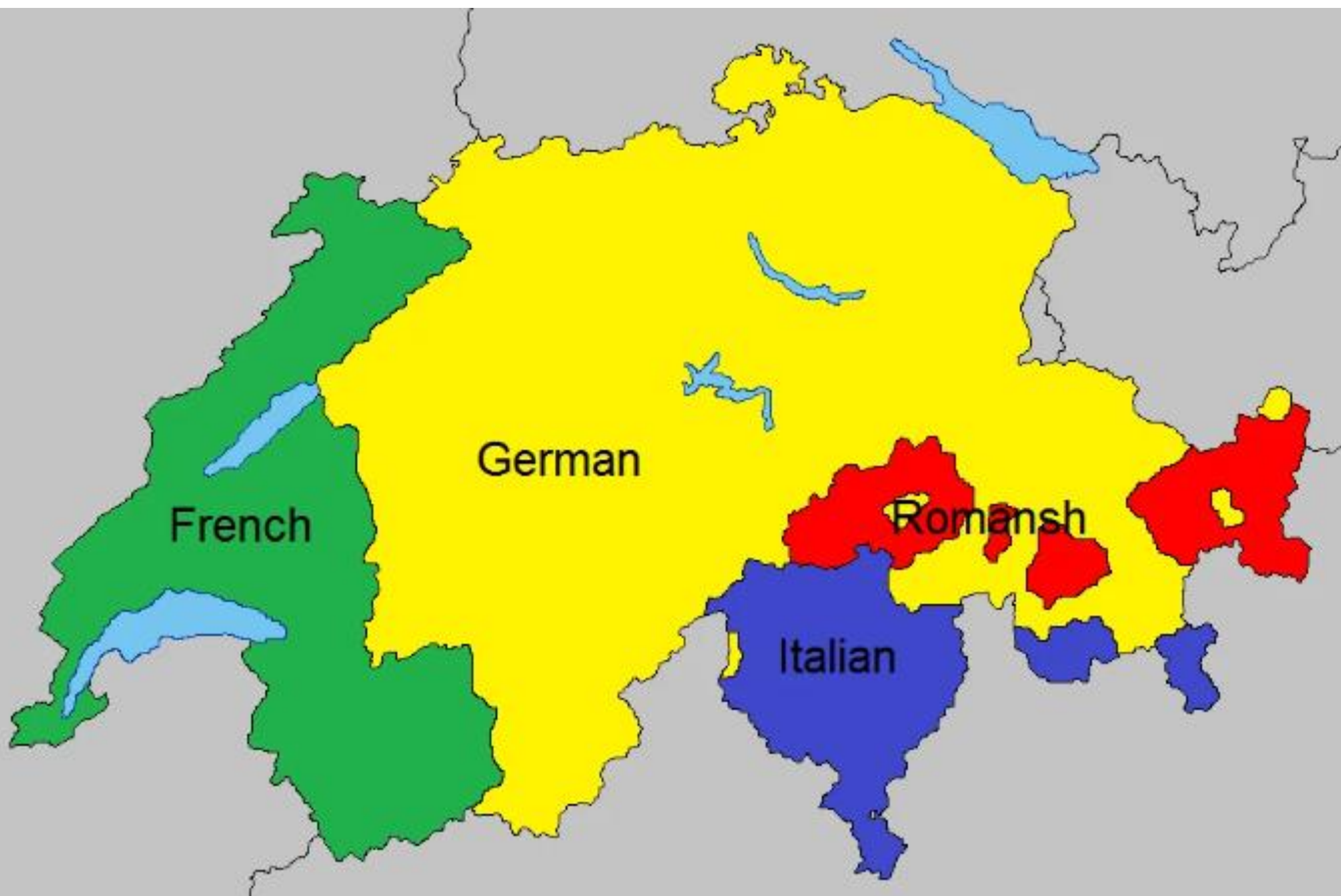
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Chappatte, «Les Suisses et les armes», 25 January 2011



French

German

Italian

Romansh

- Reformed
- Majority Reformed
- Catholic
- Majority Catholic
- Mixed Catholic and Reformed



Switzerland does not exist...



Some questions of the naturalization test canton VD (93 questions in total):

- How many federal councillors and what are their names?
- What is the judicial power of the Confederation?
- How many cantons are there in Switzerland?
- Name some of the citizen's rights guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.
- What is the capital of Switzerland and in which canton is it located?
- Which countries border Switzerland?
- Can you name the communes that make up our district
- Name a few well-known Swiss mountains.
- In which country is the southern slope of the Matterhorn located?
- What is the name of the typical Swiss form of singing?
- Name three well-known Swiss people.
- Can you name an important person in Swiss history?

Chronology

Some dates...

1291

1815

1848

1874

1971

2000



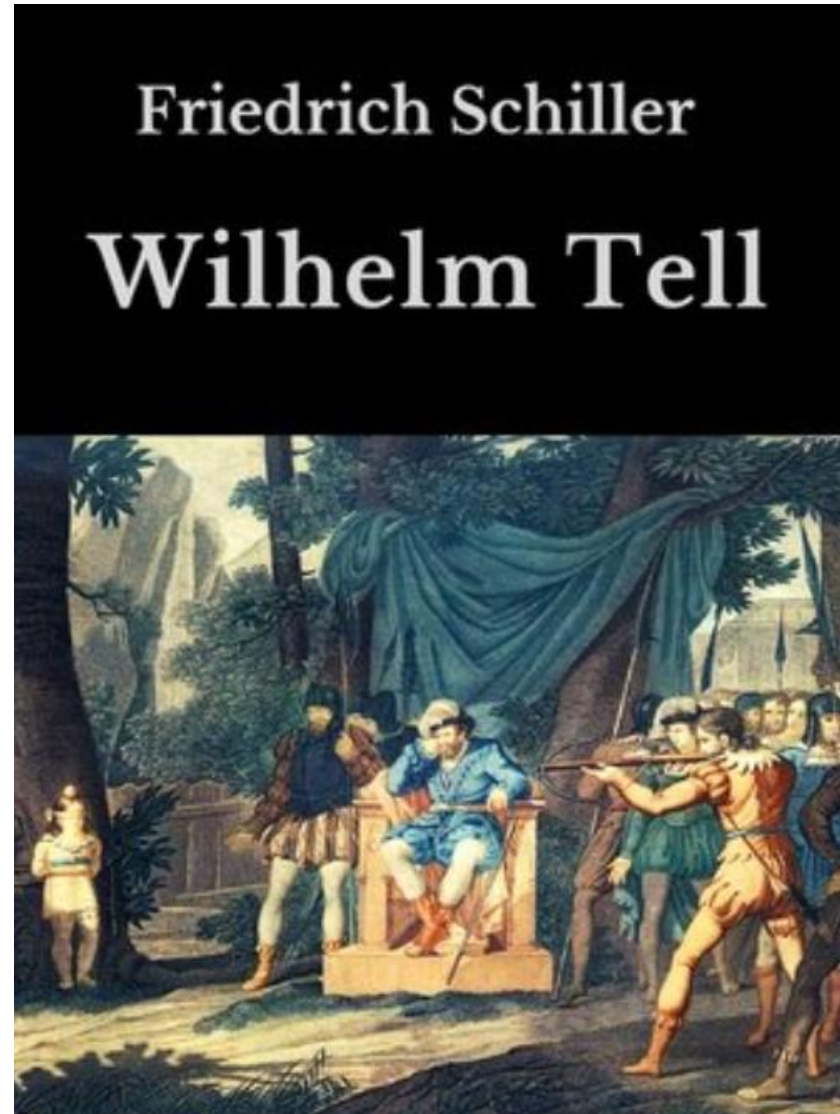
Chappatte, «L'identité suisse»,
3 October 2015

Myths

Swiss landscapes in the romantic opera:

Gioachino Rossini, William Tell Overture, 1829:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7O91GDWGPU>

Richard Strauss,
Alpensinfonie,
Sonnenaufgang, 1915:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m71fabkDYIk>



Myths

Arnold von Winkelried in the
Battle of Sempach (1386)

(19th-century painting of
Winkelried's deed by Konrad
Grob)



Myths

- The Lost Paradise
- Civic Culture
- Consensus

"We must picture this, as far as possible, as a kind of play, or rather as something more respectable, as an assembly of free men, meeting to discuss matters affecting their common interest, on that little piece of land which saw them born, which feeds them, and which they have defended against the appetite for domination", William Coxe (1782).

"According to estimates, less than 200,000 people in the whole of the former Federation enjoyed, theoretically or practically, the rights of sovereignty. The rest, that is, more than a million people in 18th century Switzerland, did not participate in the exercise of power", Kurt Imhof (translation) (Geschichte der Schweiz und der Schweizer, 1982).

Further information

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Critique and discussion

Some ideas for consideration

- Common political culture or mutual ignorance?
- Decline in values?
- Current cleavages?



Mix & Remix