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Education

- 2004-2012 Ph.D. in Political Science, Yale University, USA. Dissertation title: "Political Competition in Deliberative and Participatory Institutions." Comprehensive exams in Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Quantitative Methods and Political Theory.
- 2003-2004 M.A. in Economics, Northwestern University, USA (exchange program).
- 2002-2006 Ph.D. in Economics, Bologna University, Italy. Dissertation title: "Political Competition and Corruption." Comprehensive exams in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Econometrics and Public Finance.
- 2000-2001 M.A. in Economics, Bocconi University, Italy.
- 1995-2000 BA in Economics, summa cum laude, Bocconi University, Italy.
- 1990-1995 Liceo Classico Galileo, Firenze, Italy.

Academic Positions

- Current Postdoctoral Fellow, Empatia project, CES Coimbra, PT
- 2015 to 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Democracy Matters Project, University of Southampton, UK.
- 2013 to 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Participedia Project, Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, University of British Columbia, CA.
- 2011 to 2013 Democracy Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, USA.

Research Interests

Governance, Democratic Innovations, ICT for governance, Community Driven Development, Methodology, Public Policy, Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Communication, Urban Politics, Latin American Politics.

Publications

Driscoll, A., Guimarães, F., Cepaluni, G. and Spada, P. "Prejudice, Strategic Discrimination, and the Electoral Connection: Evidence from a Pair of Email Experiments in Brazil". *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).

Prosser, B., M., Flinders, M., Jennings, W., Renwick, A., Spada, P., Stoker, G., and K. Ghose. "Pedagogy and micro-politics: the case of pilot citizens' assemblies on English devolution." *Contemporary Politics* (forthcoming). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2017.1416259>

Spada, P., & Ryan, M. 2017. "The failure to examine failures in democratic innovations." PS: Political Science & Politics. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096517000579>

Prosser, B., Renwick, A., Sandford, Giovannini, A., M., Flinders, M., Jennings, W., Smith, G., Spada, P, Stoker, G., and K. Ghose. 2017 "Citizen Participation and Changing Governance: cases of devolution in England." Policy & Politics. Volume 45, Number 2, April 2017, pp. 251-269(19). <https://doi.org/10.1332/030557317X14895974141213>

landoli, L., Quinto, I, Spada, P., Klein, M. and Calabretta, R. 2017. "Supporting argumentation in online political debate: Evidence from an experiment of collective deliberation." New Media and Society Journal. First Published Online February 9, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444817691509>.

Spada, P, Mellon, J., Peixoto, T. and Sjoberg, J. 2016 "Effects of the Internet on Participation: a Study of the Participatory Budgeting Vote in Rio Grande do Sul". Journal of Information Technology & Politics, Volume 13, Issue 3. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2016.1162250>

Spada, P. and Allegretti, G. 2016. "Integrating Multiple Channels of Engagement in Democratic Innovations: Opportunities and Challenges." In "Citizen Engagement and Public Participation in the Era of New Media". Volume edited by Marco Adria and Yuping Mao, Canada, ISBN: 9781522510819.

Spada, P and Russon Gilman, H. 2015. "Budgets for the People: Brazil's Democratic Innovations". Foreign Affairs.

Spada, P. and Allegretti, G. 2014. "The Role of Redundancy and Diversification in Multi-Channel Democratic Innovations". In Democracy Experiments (Lýðræðistilraunir). Volume edited by Jón Ólafsson, Bifröst University, Iceland. ISBN 978-9935-23-039-3.

Spada, P. and Guimarães, F. 2013. "Investigating Elite Behavior Through Field Experiments: do candidates answer more to core or swing voters?" Brazilian Political Science Review, Volume 7, Issue 1. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/S1981-38212013000100003>

Spada, P. and Vreeland, J. R. 2013. "Who Moderates the Moderators? The Effect of Non-neutral Moderators in Deliberative Decision Making". Journal of Public Deliberation, volume 9, issue 3.

Klein, M., Spada, P., & Calabretta, R. 2012. Enabling Deliberations in a Political Party Using Large-Scale Argumentation: A Preliminary Report. In Proceedings from 10th International Conference on the Design of Cooperative Systems. Marseille, France.

Spada, P. (2001). Vincoli sugli afflussi di capitale: un rimedio per le crisi finanziarie?. *Rivista di Politica Economica*, 91(9), 145-196.

Articles under review

Spada, P, Smith, G., Jennings, W., Stoker, G., Flinders, M., Renwick, A., Prosser, B., and K. Ghose. "Deliberation and Antipolitics". Revise and Resubmit Political Studies.

Spada, P., Klein, M., Calabretta, R., Iandoli, L. and I. Quinto “A First Step toward Scaling-up Deliberation: Optimizing Large Group E-Deliberation Using Argument Maps.” Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Information Technology & Politics.

B. Wampler, Touchton, M. and Spada, P. “The Digital Revolution and Governance in Brazil: Evidence from Participatory Budgeting.” Revise and Resubmit Journal of Development Studies.

Iandoli, L., Quinto, I, Spada, P., Klein, M. and Calabretta, R. “Re-Wiring information diffusion in online networks: evidence from the analysis of conversations in an experiment of e-democracy.” Under review Information Systems Research journal.

Sanchini, V., Disalvatore, D., Songhorian, S., Spada, P. and DiFiore, P. P. “Translating a deliberative democratic approach into public bioethics: a test case in reproductive genetics.” Under review, American Journal of Bioethics: Empirical Bioethics.

Working Papers

Spada, P. “The Impact of Democratic Innovations on Citizens’ Efficacy: Leveraging the Systemic Approach.”

Spada, P, Smith, G., Jennings, W., Stoker, G., Flinders, M., Renwick, A., Prosser, B., and K. Ghose. “Recruitment and Representativeness in Citizens’ Assemblies”.

Spada, P, Smith, G., Jennings, W., Stoker, G., Flinders, M., Renwick, A., Prosser, B., and K. Ghose. “An Agile Development Approach to Democratic Innovations”.

Spada, P, Allegretti, G., Secchi, M and S. Stortone. “Integrating Multiple Channels of Engagement: from Multichannel Marketing to Democratic Innovations.”

Spada, P. “The Political and Economic Effects of Participatory Budgeting.”

Spada, P. “The Diffusion of Participatory Governance Innovations: A Panel Data Analysis of the Adoption and Survival of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil”.

Michelangelo, S., Calessi, C. and Spada P. “Democratic Innovations as Serious Games.”

Spada, P. and H. Russon-Gillman “Modernizing Civic Engagement: An Integrative Framework for Democratic Governance in the Era of Civic Tech.”

Other Publications

Crick Center Policy Report “Lessons from the 2015 Citizens’ Assemblies on English Devolution.” In collaboration with Matthew Flinders, Katie Ghose, Will Jennings, Edward Molloy, Brenton Prosser, Alan Renwick and Graham Smith, April 2016.

Answers' key; "Field Experiments: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation" by Alan Gerber and Donald Green, Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc, 2012.

Book Review; "Participatory Budgeting in Brazil: Contestation, Cooperation, and Accountability" by Brian Wampler, Published in Latin American Politics and Society, 2009.

Honors and Grants

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| 2017 | Intellectual Humility in Public Discourse Grant, John Templeton Foundation (225000 USD). I wrote the grant application together with Prof. Graham Smith (University of Westminster) and Michael Morrell (University of Connecticut). The project builds upon my 2012 experiment on e-deliberation. |
| 2016 | Horizon 2020 for the Empatia Project to develop a new platform for online deliberation (1.5 million Euros). I supported the development of the grant application that is based on my 2012 article about multichannel engagement. The project develops a digital platform for multichannel engagement. The PI is Prof. Giovanni Allegretti (University of Coimbra). |
| 2015 | SSHRC grant for the Participedia Project (2.5 Million CAD). I wrote the grant application together with Prof. Mark Warren (University of British Columbia) and Patrick Scully. |
| 2015 | FAPESP grant for the implementation of a new iteration of the Brazilian Participatory Budgeting Census and a census of e-governance implementation (50000 Reais). I supported the development of the grant application. |
| 2014 | SSHRC development grant for the Participedia Project (25000 CAD). I helped reshape the frame for the Participedia Project. The PI is Prof. Mark Warren (University of British Columbia). I supported the development of the grant application. |
| 2012 | Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation Research Grant to Develop a Census of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil (\$5000). |
| 2010 | Stone Scholar Award, APSA - Urban Politics Section & Long Young Scholars Award, APSA - Urban Politics Section |
| 2010 | Field Experiments Initiative Grant, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, joint with Holger Kern (\$6000) |
| 2009 | Yale University field work grant (\$12000) |
| 2008 | MacMillan Center field work grant (\$12000) |

Ongoing projects

[Empatia](#)

[Scholio \(just starting\)](#)

[The Participedia Project](#)

[The Participatory Budgeting Census](#)

[Democracy Matters](#)

[OIPD pilot crowdsourcing](#)

Teaching Experience

- 2017 I designed together with Francoise Montambeault the 2017 Participedia summer school in Montreal Canada. In the summer school I taught for one day, and supported facilitation in the exercises each afternoon.
- 2017 Empaville: Empaville is a 2 hour simulation that I have deployed two times in 2017 to teach students and practitioners the integration between technology and participation. Empaville is an Empatia project designed in collaboration with the Empatia team. I deployed it in the UK at Southampton university in March and in Canada in Montreal during the summer school previously described.
- 2017 One day intensive seminar (6 hours): "The Variety of Participatory Governance Innovations," University of Coimbra - Master's Degree in Social Work.
- 2017 One day intensive seminar (6 hours): "Experimental Design & Participatory Action Research," Center for Social Studies, Coimbra, Portugal.
- 2017 One day intensive seminar (6 hours): "Introduction to Experimental Design," Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, Italy.
- 2015 Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics: Participatory Governance Innovations. Undergraduate class, University of British Columbia.
- 2012 Four Days Intensive Seminar: "Introduction to Experimental Design," University of São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2010 & 2011 T.A. for Prof. J. Fox "Game Theory," graduate class, Yale University.
- 2009 & 2010 T.A. for Prof. J. Roemer "Introduction to Formal Modeling," graduate class, Yale University.
- 2007 & 2008 T.A for Prof. J. Vreeland "Introduction to Comparative Politics," undergraduate class, Yale University.

Mentoring

- 2017 I am mentoring the PhD students at Coimbra University that are working for the Participedia project. Marco Meloni, Zelalem Tesfaye, Sergio Barbosa, and Luisa Valle. The students are tasked to write case studies.

Recent Invited Talks and Conference Activity

- 2017 "The Rise and Decline of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil." Presented at APSA, September.
- 2017 Party Internal Democracy and Participatory Practices: the missing link. Presented at UFMG, Brazil, August.
- 2017 "Citizens' Assemblies in Barcelona." Presented at an internal seminar of the city of Barcelona, June.
- 2017 "Multichannel Democratic Innovations." Presented at the OIDP conference in Montreal, June.
- 2017 "Multichannel Engagement." Presented at the Digital Democracy Day, University of Southampton, March.
- 2017 "The Rise and Decline of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil." Presented at The Subnational State in Latin America workshop, University of Amsterdam, March.
- 2016 "Challenges and Opportunities of Participatory Monitoring and Mapping." Collective Intelligence for Democracy workshop, Medialab Prado, Madrid, November.
- 2016 "The failure to examine failures in democratic innovations." European Consortium for Political Research, September.

- 2016 "Can Citizens' Science Rescue Participatory Budgeting?" European Consortium for Political Research, September.
- 2016 "Deliberation and Antipolitics". Presented at the Political Science Association conference, Brighton, April.
- 2016 "Six Lessons on Civic Technology". National Workshop on Multichannel engagement Lisbon, January.
- 2015 "The Participedia Project". Roundtable at the American Political Science Association conference. San Francisco, September.
- 2015 "The Diffusion of Participatory Governance Innovations: A Panel Data Analysis of the Adoption and Survival of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil". Presented at the International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, June.
- 2015 "The Political and Economic Effects of Participatory Budgeting: an Update". Presented at the Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, May.
- 2015 "Participatory Budgeting in Vancouver?" Presented at the School of Community and Regional Planning Symposium, Vancouver, January.
- 2014 "What are we Learning about the Impact of Democratic Innovations?" Presented at the 3rd International Participatory Budgeting Conference. Oakland, September 2014.
- 2014 "The Diffusion of Democratic Innovation and the Challenges of Finding a Unit of Analysis." Presented at the American Political Science Association. Washington D.C., August.
- 2014 "A First Step toward Scaling-up Deliberation: Optimizing Large Group E-Deliberation using Argument Maps" Presented at the American Political Science Association. Washington D.C., August.
- 2014 "The Role of Redundancy and Diversification in Multi-Channel Democratic Innovations." Presented at the International Political Science Association. Montreal, July.
- 2014 "The Adoption and Abandonment of Democratic Innovations: Investigating the Rise and Decline of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil." Presented at the Latin American Studies Association. Chicago, May.
- 2013 "The Adoption and Abandonment of Democratic Innovations: Investigating the Rise and Decline of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil." Presented at the Comparative Politics Seminar, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, December.
- 2013 "The Role of Redundancy and Diversification in Multi-Channel Democratic Innovations" Presented at the American Political Science Association. Chicago, August.
- 2013 "Political Competition and the Diffusion of Policy Innovations in Local Government: the Case of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil". Presented at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation. Cambridge, February.
- 2012 "Participatory Research vs Deception in Randomized Field Experiments." Presented at Inequalities, Democracies and the Politics of Transition, University of Iceland. Reykjavík, June.
- 2012 "Investigating Candidates's Office Seeking Behavior: A Field Experiment in Brazil". University of São Paulo, CAENI. São Paulo, May.
- 2012 "Applying the Deliberatorium to Online Participatory Budgeting." Presented at Participatory Budgeting in the US and Canada: International Conference. New York City.

Service to Profession

Reviewer for *Public Administration, Governance, the Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Politics & Policy, Latin American Politics and Society, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Information technology and Politics, Canadian Journal of Political Science.*

Selected Professional, Research and Field Experiences

2017-ongoing	Designing and implementing crowdsourcing solutions for the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD).
2016-ongoing	Member of the Empatia research team supporting the design and implementation of multichannel democratic innovations in Lisbon, Milan, Wuppertal and more than other 10 smaller cities across Europe adopting the Empatia platform.
2016-ongoing	Member of the Participedia Communication and Knowledge Mobilization Committee.
Spring 2016	Support of the design of the Qualitative Transparency Deliberation project, by the QMR section of APSA.
2015-2016	Member of the Democracy Matters research group, designing, implementing Citizens' Assemblies in the UK.
2014-2015	Consultant and facilitator for the city of Vancouver for the implementation of the Citizens' Assembly in the Grandview-Woodland project.
2014-ongoing	Member of the North American Participatory Budgeting Project Research Board.
2013-2015	Member of the core development team of the Participedia project.
2012-2014	Consultant to the World Bank ICT4GOV projects in Brazil, Congo, Cameroon and Dominican Republic.
Spring 2012	Field Research funded by Ash Center: Follow-up Impact Evaluation of Three Cases of Brazilian Participatory Budgeting (1 month).
2011-2012	Member of the steering committee and impact evaluation team of Participatory Budgeting Project in New York City (PBNYC).
2011-2012	Design and implementation of an internet based field experiment on scaling up deliberation in collaboration with the Italian Democratic Party.
2008 and 2009	Field research in Brazil funded by Yale University (total 14 months).
Fall 2007	Support to the design and implementation of "By the People" deliberative experiment in New Haven (Support in designing the telephonic survey, and monitoring the moderators).

Languages

Italian: native English: fluent Portuguese: intermediate Spanish: basic

Statistical and Data Visualization Software

R, Stata, GIS