Paolo Spada - methodology

September 2016 to March 2017	**Senior Researcher, Empatia project, CES Coimbra, PT** The Empatia project was inspired by a paper I wrote with Prof. Allegretti in 2012. Empatia won a 1.5 million euros from Horizon 2020. I work on impact evaluation.
April 2017 to April 2019	**Co-PI, Scholio Project, Westminster University, UK** I am the Co-PI of the Scholio project together with Graham Smith (Westminster) and Michael Morrell (University of Connecticut). Scholio is a re-adaptation of my 2012 experiment that investigates the impact of different e-deliberation platforms on the quality of online comments in news. The project will deploy a large scale field experiment in March 2018. We have a grant of 200.000 USD.

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Education: Ph.D. in Political Science, Yale University, USA & Ph.D. in Economics, Bologna University, Italy

Research
I specialize in multimethod research designs that combine quantitative methods and innovative data collection systems such as crowdsourcing or email experiments. Examples of my work are: 1) **Email experiments** to investigate elite behavior and in particular political candidate's allocation of scarce resources. Examples of this line of work are a piece published in the Brazilian Political Science Review in 2013 and a piece that has been just accepted by the American Journal of Political Science. 2) **Deliberation experiments**. Examples of this line of work are "Who Moderates the Moderators?" published in the Journal of Public Deliberation, and "Supporting argumentation in online political debate" published by New Media and Society. 3) **Observational studies** aimed at investigating the diffusion and impact of democratic innovations. Examples of this work are my working papers on the diffusion and impact of participatory budgeting in Brazil (available on my website) and my work on the citizens' assembly in the UK of 2015 currently with a R&R at Political Studies. 4) **Datasets:** Brazilian Participatory Budgeting Census.

Grants
Grants I helped writing: Participedia (2.5 mil Canadian Dollars) and EMPATIA (1.5 million Euros). **Grants I led:** Scholio project (200.000 USD), and I submitted in April a new Horizon 2020 called NODI that was rejected with 12 out of 15 points.

Teaching experience
2017	I conducted 3 guest lectures on experiments and variety of democratic innovations in PhDs in Coimbra.
2015	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics. Undergraduate class, University of British Columbia.
2012	Four Days Intensive Seminar: "Introduction to Experimental Design," University of São Paulo, Brazil.
2010 & 2011	I was twice the T.A. for Prof. Fox "Game Theory," graduate class, Yale University.
2009 & 2010	I was twice the T.A. for Prof. Roemer "Introduction to Formal Modeling," graduate class, Yale University.
2007 & 2008	I was twice the T.A for Prof. Vreeland "Introduction to Comparative Politics," undergraduate, Yale University.

Management & administrative experience
Almost all my work is based on large data collection efforts or field experiments or participatory action research that require research assistants and staff. For example during the 2015 Citizens' Assemblies I managed a team of 20 staff members and research assistants that deployed the two face to face deliberations, collected notes and conducted data entry. Participedia and Empatia were my first experience of large scale international project management in which I had to co-manage institutions instead of people.

Presentations
I have presented multiple times at LASA, APSA, and ECPR. This coming year I am presenting at APSA and ECPR. For a list of my dissemination activities including webinars, trainings and practitioners conferences see my CV on my website.

Impact
Practitioners: I am a consultant with various NGOS that specialize on public participation, I mostly help them with engagement and impact evaluation. The impact evaluation framework I contributed to build for the Participatory Budgeting Project in the US is used in more than 80 projects (link). **General public:** my work on democratic innovations is designed to maximize inclusion and engagement. These innovations engage a number of participants that depends on the setting and the innovations. For example the Lisbon pilot of EMPATIA is expected to engage around 20.000 participants (link), while my work with members of the Italian Democratic Party engaged 600 people. **Media:** I published a piece on Foreign Affairs (link), conducted a few interviews in specialized outlets such as blogs of civic technology developers (link), and a few local radio interviews in Brazil. That said some of my co-authors have presented results of my research in various media outlets. Raffaele Calabretta, for example, has presented my work on e-deliberation in Italian National tv (link) and in the Italian Huffington Post (link) after the publication of the News Media and Society article this year.