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Education and Career

2016-	Lecturer in Political Science , University of Melbourne, Australia.
2010–2016	Ph.D. in Government, Harvard University. Thesis title: “Ancient Politics, Modern States” Dissertation committee: James A. Robinson (chair), Steven Wilkinson, Daniel Ziblatt, Ronald Inglehart.
2008–2010	M.A. in Government, Harvard University.
2006–2008	Extended Term Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC.
2004–2005	M.Phil, Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge.
2003–2004	Peter Martin Fellowship, Financial Times, London. Rédacteur en chef de l’édition anglaise, Café Babel, Paris.
2000–2003	BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford. Degree class: First.

Journal Publications

2017	Roberto Stefan Foa and Yascha Mounk. “The Signs of Deconsolidation”, Journal of Democracy , Vol. 28(1).
2017	Roberto Stefan Foa and Grzegorz Ekiert. “The Weakness of Postcommunist Civil Society Reassessed”, European Journal of Political Research , Vol. 56(1).
2016	Roberto Stefan Foa and Yascha Mounk. “The Danger of Deconsolidation: Democratic Disconnect”, Journal of Democracy , Vol. 27(3). Winner of the Magna Carta Prize, World Association of Public Opinion Research.
2016	Roberto Stefan Foa and Anna Nemirovskaya. “How State Capacity Varies Within Frontier States: A Multi-Country Subnational Analysis,” Governance , Vol. 29 (1).
2014	Irene van Staveren, Ellen Webbink, Roberto Stefan Foa, and Arjan de Haan. “The Last Mile in Analysing Well-Being and Poverty: Indices of Social Development.” Journal for Social Economics . Winner of the Patrick J. Welch Award .
2011	Stephen Knowles, Hari Dulal, and Roberto Stefan Foa. “Social Capital and Cross-Country Environmental Performance.” Journal of Environment and Development , Vol. 20 (2).
2008	Ronald Inglehart, Roberto Stefan Foa, Christian Welzel and Chris Peterson. “Development, Freedom, and Rising Happiness: A Global Perspective, 1981-2007.” Perspectives on Psychological Science , Vol. 3 (4).

Book Chapters and Reviews

- 2013 “Civil Society: from Myth to Reality” (with Grzegorz Ekiert). In Jacques Rupnik (ed.), *1989 as a Political World Event: Democracy, Europe and the New International System in the Age of Globalization*. New York: Routledge.
- 2013 “A Review of ‘The Capitalist Personality. Face-to-Face Sociality and Economic Change in the PostCommunist World’ by Christopher S. Swader (London, Routledge, 2013)”, *Politics, Culture and Socialization*, Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 274-7.
- 2013 “Banking on Social Institutions for Poverty Reduction” (with Hari B. Dulal). In Hari B. Dulal (ed.), *Poverty Reduction in a Changing Climate*. New York: Lexington Books.
- 2010 “Religion and Values in a Global Era” (with Ronald Inglehart). In Saskia Sassen, Peter Singer, Wallace Broecker et al. *The Multiple Faces of Globalization*. Madrid : BBVA.
- 2010 “Prospects for Democratic Consolidation in Nepal” (with Hari B. Dulal). In Surendra Devkota (ed.) *Nepal in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Nova Science.
- 2009 “Social Capital and the Rule of Law: Lessons from Contemporary Rwanda”. In *Poverty and Social Analysis in Conflict-Affected Countries*. Washington, DC: World Bank.

Invited Seminars and Presentations

- 2016 “The Return of Secularisation: New Data and Evidence”, *GESIS Seminar*, GESIS, Germany, May 28th.
- 2016 “Persistence or Reversal of Fortune? Early State Legacies, Colonialism and Decolonization”, *Workshop on Legacies of Colonialism*, Ohio State University, United States, April 30th.
- 2015 “Does Democratization Improve State Capacity - or Harm It? Examining the Time-Series Evidence”, *Workshop on State Bureaucracy and Democratic Development*, Aarhus University, Denmark, October 15th.
- 2015 “Major Social Trends: Key Findings from 30 Years of World Values Surveys Data”, *Seminar at the United Nations Headquarters*, New York, September 10th.
- 2015 “The Historical Origins of State Capacity”, *Institute for East and Southeastern European Studies*, University of Regensburg, April 14th.
- 2015 “The Visual Presentation of Data: Basic Principles and an Introduction to GIS” *Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR) and EBES Conference*, Antalya, Turkey, April 4th-7th.
- 2014 “The Precolonial Origins of State Capacity in India”. *Seminar at the Quality of Government Institute*, Gothenburg, Sweden, December 9th.
- 2014 “The Long-Term Legacies of State Formation”, Seminar at the *EU Joint Reseach Centre*, Ispra, Italy. November 25th.
- 2012 “European Shared Political Values”, afternoon workshop hosted at the *Future EU Leaders’ Academy*, Prague, July 28th to August 4th.
- 2012 “Ethnic Fractionalization, Conflict, and Public Goods Provision Across Eastern Europe and Central Asia”. Report to the *Social Development Department of the World Bank*, July 24th.
- 2011 “The Mongol Invasions as a Natural Experiment in World History”. Series of Four Invited Lectures, *Siberian Federal University*, Krasnoyarsk, Russia, November 4-6th.

Teaching Experience

University of Melbourne, Australia	Governance (masters) Comparative Politics (undergraduate)
Harvard University, United States	Sophomore Tutorial on Democracy (undergraduate) Politics of India (undergraduate, Bok Prize Winner)
Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation	Visiting Lecturer: States and State Formation (undergraduate) Head of course (two Teaching Assistants)

Memberships

Principal Investigator, World Values Survey Association (2010-)
Member, the Oxford Altius Society (2013-)
Member, International Political Science Association (2009-)
Member, American Political Science Association (2008-)
Member, American Psychological Association (2008-)
Founding President, the Washington European Society (2007-)

Newspaper Articles

2016	“Donald Trump’s Lasting Impact on U.S. Democracy”, Newsday , October 8th.
2016	“The Historiography of Medieval India Needs a Middle Way” (with Ajay Verghese), The Wire .
2015	“Losing Faith in the Process: More Voters Are Willing to Consider Alternatives to Representative Regimes” (With Yascha Mounk), New York Times .
2015	“Are Americans Losing Faith in Democracy? Charts That Might Make You Fear for Democracy’s Future” (With Yascha Mounk), Vox .
2015	“Secularism Is Not Weakened By Acknowledging Tipu and Aurangzeb Also Did Bad Things” (with Ajay Verghese), The Wire .
2012	“Will Brussels ever become Washington?” E!Sharp , January.
2011	“The Last Word: An Interview with Daniel Bell” (With Thomas Meaney), The Utopian .
2011	“Eurozone Crisis: End, Middle, or Just the Beginning?” E!Sharp .
2010	“Europe’s Democratic Surfeit”, E!Sharp .
2008	“The Key to Happiness is Freedom Not Income”, Financial Times .

Languages

English	Native language
French	Fluent
German	Conversational
Italian	Conversational

References

James A. Robinson	University of Chicago	jamesrobinson@uchicago.edu
Ronald F. Inglehart	University of Michigan	rfi@umich.edu
Daniel Ziblatt	Harvard University	dziblatt@fas.harvard.edu

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