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## Education and Career

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- 2016- **Lecturer (Assist. Professor) in Political Science**, University of Melbourne, Australia.
- 2016 **Ph.D. in Government, Harvard University.**  
Extended Term Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC.  
Peter Martin Fellowship, Financial Times, London.  
BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford. Degree class: First.

## Journal Publications

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- 2018 Roberto Stefan Foa. "Modernization and Authoritarianism," **Journal of Democracy**, Vol. 29(3).
- 2018 Yascha Mounk and Roberto Stefan Foa. "The End of the Democratic Age," **Foreign Affairs**, May/June.
- 2017 Roberto Stefan Foa. "Persistence or Reversal of Fortune? Early State Inheritance and the Legacies of Colonial Rule", **Politics and Society**, Vol. 45(2).
- 2017 Roberto Stefan Foa, Ronald F. Inglehart, Tatiana Karabchuk and Eduard Ponarin. "Set-Point Theory and Societal Collapse: The Case of Russia", **Journal of Happiness Studies**, Vol. 18(3).
- 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." **Forum 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

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- 2018 “Youth and the Populist Wave,” (with Yascha Mounk). Forthcoming in *The Democratic Challenge* (eds. Martin Mejstrik and Iveta Radikova). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2017 Roberto Stefan Foa and Yascha Mounk. “The End of the Consolidation Paradigm: A Response to Our Critics,” *Journal of Democracy*, “Web Exchange on Democratic Deconsolidation,” 26 June.
- 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 Post-Communist 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.

## Background Papers

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- 2015 “Creating an Inclusive Society: Evidence from Social Indicators and Trends”, *Expert Group on Social Development and Agenda 2030*. New York, NY: United Nations.
- 2014 “Indices of Social Development and their Application to Africa” (with Arjan de Haan). *United Nations University/World Institute for Development Economics Research*, WP/2014/132.
- 2013 “Household Risk Preparation Indices: Construction and Diagnostics.” *World Development Report 2014 Background Papers*. Washington, DC: World Bank.
- 2012 “Methodology of the Social Development Indices” (with Jeffery Tanner). *International Institute for Social Studies Working Paper # 2012-04*. The Hague: International Institute of Social Studies.
- 2012 “The Role of Social Institutions in Determining Aid Effectiveness.” *International Institute for Social Studies Working Paper # 2012-02*. The Hague: International Institute of Social Studies.
- 2011 “The Economic Rationale for Social Cohesion.” *Perspectives on Global Development*, OECD Development Centre. Paris: OECD.
- 2011 “Social Institutions as a Form of Intangible Capital.” *International Institute for Social Studies Working Paper 2011-01*. The Hague: International Institute of Social Studies.
- 2009 “Social and Governance Dimensions of Climate Change: Implications for Policy.” *World Development Report 2010 Background Papers*. Washington, DC: World Bank.

## Teaching

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University of Melbourne	<b>Governance</b> (Masters) <b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> (Undergraduate) <b>Approaches to Comparative Politics</b> (Honours)
Harvard University	Sophomore Tutorial on Democracy (TA, undergraduate) Politics of India (undergraduate, TA Bok Prize Winner)

## Memberships

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Principal Investigator, World Values Survey Association (2012-)  
Member, the Oxford Altius Society (2013-)  
Member, International Political Science Association (2009-)  
Member, American Political Science Association (2008-)  
Founding President, the Washington European Society (2007-)

## Journal Reviews

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Reviewer for: American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Perspectives on Politics, International Studies Quarterly, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Happiness Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Democracy, Comparative Sociology, Social Indicators Research.

## Recent Media (Selected)

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2017	Interview with <b>ABC Radio</b> on Political Trust.
2016	Interview with <b>ABC Radio</b> on Populism and Liberal Democracy.
2016	“Yes, People Are Really Turning Away from Democracy” (with Yascha Mounk) <b>The Washington Post</b> , December 8th.
2016	“It’s the Globalization, Stupid”, <b>Foreign Policy</b> , December 7th.
2016	Interview with <b>ABC Radio</b> on Youth and Democracy.
2016	Interview with <b>ABC News 24</b> on Trump and the U.S. Election.
2016	“The Historiography of Medieval India Needs a Middle Way” (with Ajay Verghese), <b>The Wire</b> .
2015	“Losing Faith in the Process: More Voters Are Willing to Consider Alternatives to Representative Regimes” (With Yascha Mounk), <b>New York Times</b> .
2015	“Are Americans Losing Faith in Democracy? Charts That Might Make You Fear for Democracy’s Future” (With Yascha Mounk), <b>Vox</b> .

## References

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