

DR. FRANCESCO VERI, PHD

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2014-2019 **PhD in Political Science** - University of Lucerne (as independent part time student)
[+ **MA in History & Communication Sciences** - University of Fribourg]

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

From 2022 Senior Researcher at the Centre for Democracy Studies - University of Zurich

From 2025 Senior Lecturer at the University of Lucerne

From 2022 Associate Researcher at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance - University of Canberra

2022-2025 Senior Researcher at the Department of Political Science - University of Geneva

2021-2022 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Postdoc Mobility Fellowship grantee at the University of Canberra

2019-2021 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra

PUBLICATIONS (LAST 3 YEARS)

Peer-reviewed articles (last 3 years)

- (1) **Veri, Francesco** and Stojanovic Nenad (2026). “Institutional configurations and deliberative innovation: A comparative analysis of minipublic adoption across advanced democracies.” *European Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1682098326100290>
- (2) **Veri, Francesco** and Stojanovic Nenad. (2026) “Does federalism facilitate permanent minipublics?” *Politics and Governance*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.10807>
- (3) **Veri, Francesco**. (2025) “Mapping discourses through Hierarchical Clustering on Principal Components” *Methodological Innovations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20597991251369126>
- (4) **Veri, Francesco**. (2025) “Deliberative reason and the effect of minipublic configurations.” *European Political Science Review*. OnlineFirst / doi:10.1017/S1755773925000050
- (5) **Veri Francesco** and Maier Franziska. (2025) “Migration discourses from the radical right: Mapping potential for political mobilization in Facebook.” *Political Psychology*. OnlineFirst / <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.70004>
- (6) **Veri, Francesco**. (2025) “Fostering Reasoning in the Politically Disengaged: The Role of Deliberative Minipublics”. *Political Studies Review*. 23(1), 254-275.
- (7) Niemeyer Simon, **Veri Francesco**, John Dryzek and *André Bächtiger*. (2024) “How Deliberation Happens: Enabling Deliberative Reason”. *American Political Science Review*. 118(1), 345-362.
- (8) **Veri Francesco**. (2024) “Two Sample Test for Ambivalent Subset Relationships in fuzzy set Qualitative Comparative Analysis” *Quality & Quantity*. 58(2), 1235-1253.
- (9) **Veri, Francesco**. (2023). “Transforming family resemblance concepts into fuzzy sets”. in *Sociological Methods & Research*. 52(1): 356-388.
- (10) **Veri, Francesco** and Jensen Sass (2023) “The Domestic Democratic Peace: How Democracy Constrains Political Violence” *International Political Science Review*. 44(5), 676-693.
- (11) **Veri, Francesco**. (2023). “Mapping Democratic Innovations: A Bottom-up Empirical Perspective”. *Representation*. 59(2): 356-388

Peer reviewed conference proceeding (last 3 years)

- (1) Zhang, Weiyu, Shunyi Yeo, Simon Perrault, Jiaxin Pei, Anna De Liddo, **Francesco Veri**, Maurice Flechtner, and Horacio Saggion. AI Agents and the Future of Deliberation: Designing Human-AI Collaboration for Democratic Dialogue. In CHI EA'26: Extended Abstracts of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. 2026.
- (2) Umbelino Gustavo and **Veri Francesco**. (2025). An Emergent Understanding of Human-AI Collaboration in Deliberation: A Pilot Study into Large Language Models' Deliberative Reasoning. *Proceedings of the ACM 2025 conference on Computer supported cooperative work*. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3715070.3749265>

R Packages

- (1) Umbelino Gustavo, **Veri, Francesco**. "DRI, a package for Deliberative Reason Index". *R Package*.

Bookchapters, reports, working papers series

(available on request)

RESEARCH PROJECTS AS PI OR CO-PI

- 2026-2028** **Hasler & Mercator Foundation** – Co-Investigator "Human Machine Interaction For Democracy (HMI4D)" (CHF 591'000)
- 2024-2027** **Horizon Europe** (CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-07): Working Package leader for the Swiss part of the consortium "Artificial Intelligence for Institutionalized Digital Mass Democratic Deliberations (AI4DELIBERATION)" (407'000 Euro out of 3'000'000 Euro)
- 2022-2026** **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – Bridge project**: Postdoctoral fellow: "[Swiss Citizens' Assembly: A Democratic Innovation Involving Sortition, Deliberation and Participatory Democracy](#)" together with Professors Daniel Kübler (University of Zurich) and Nenad Stojanovic (University of Geneva). (CHF 1'200'000).
- 2021-2026** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)**: Principal co-investigator: "[Strengthening Democracy by Mobilizing Knowledge of Democratic Innovations](#)" together with professor Bonny Ibhawoh (McMaster University). (CAD 2'499'895).
- 2025** **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – Spark Grant**: Principal Investigator "Triage Against the Machine: Can AI reason deliberatively" (CHF 94'100)
- 2021-2022** **Swiss National Foundation of Science (SNSF) – Postdoc Mobility (P400PS_194461)**: Principal Investigator: "[Assessing deliberation in the real world: the first systematic comparative study of deliberative practices](#)". (CHF 144'275).
- 2021-2025** **Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau (ZDA) – University of Zurich**: Principal Investigator "New forms of Participation in Democracies" together with Professor Daniel Kübler (University of Zurich).