

Research:

Dr Roberto Foa has developed an outstanding research profile that is far above the level of an early career researcher. As well as publishing in some of the top journals in the field, Foa's work on democratic decline and fragility and the rise of populism, has had an enormous academic impact mirrored in the policy and media domains. Foa has also shown incredible initiative and entrepreneurialism in securing major funding from non-standard sources and is an excellent mentor in the research teams he is building up.

Foa has published his work in the *European Journal of Political Research*, Europe's single most prestigious political science journal, as well as *Governance*, which has a similar status in public policy. He has been just as successful in the quantity of his output, with 15 peer-reviewed articles, some of which eg his work on democratic deconsolidation, have generated very high numbers of citations (887 citations and 662 citations respectively as of 18 December 2021). These data evidence the scholarly force and originality of Foa's thinking, and the impact his writing has had on the field.

Foa has put a huge amount of effort into translating and disseminating his scholarly insights to a broad audience and the impact of his work has translated into a great deal of high-profile media and policy impact. The quality of his work has been rewarded with a very rare £250,000 grant from the Cabinet Office, and inclusion in top-level policy discussion on the future of democracy. Foa is an incredible research leader and builder, not only making impact and raising funds, but then putting together, managing and mentoring high-achieving research teams. In doing so he has injected great energy into the YouGov Institute for Public Opinion, and together with David Runciman been the driving force behind the new Centre for the Future of Democracy. In each case, Foa's absolute commitment to including and nurturing junior researchers shines through, from graduate research assistants to post-docs.

Teaching:

Foa's teaching is concentrated at the postgraduate level on the Masters for Public Policy and receives excellent feedback. Foa currently has 1 PhD student and has supervised over 20 MPhil students. As his students' comments clearly show, he is a very caring and committed supervisor who goes above and beyond the basic calls of supervision to give careful thought through help and support in applying for jobs and scholarships.

General Contribution:

Within the Department, Foa is Chair of MPP examination board and Head of the MPP work

placement programme. He is also Director of the YouGov Cambridge Centre for Public Opinion Research and along with Professor David Runciman, he is the Director of the new Centre for the Future of Democracy.

Mirroring his outstanding research successes, Foa has conducted an astonishing number of media interviews in the most well know media outlets as well as a very impressive set of invitations to discuss his research on democracy, most recently by the Biden Administration. He is also and official advisor to the UK Cabinet Office, the British Council, the OECD and House of Lords Constitution Committee. This is rare profile for any academic, let alone one so early on in his career. There is no doubt that Foa has made a major contribution to the field of politics and public policy in which he has established an outstanding reputation.