

PETER P. HOUTZAGER

Curriculum Vitae (Summary)

Personal Details: *Date of Birth:* 1 September 1964
 Nationality: Dutch

Qualifying Experience:

Peter Houtzager is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. Originally trained as a political scientist focusing on social movements and comparative institutional analysis, his recent work is a political sociology of the interplay between citizenship formation, associational life, and state-building in middle-income democracies. These governance-related processes are explored in recent work that examines socio-economic rights strategies, innovations in democratic governance, and accountability of public services 'from below.'

Houtzager has specialised in comparative research methods, and developed mixed method strategies that increase the validity of findings from multi-country studies. Recent work, for example, combines multiple paired case studies, network analysis, and simple statistical methods. Methodological innovations have been accompanied by organisational ones in multi-national research teams, including in capacity building, to meet the challenge of ensuring systematic comparability across different country contexts.

He has led a number of multi-country studies, including the *Modes of Service Delivery, Collective Action and Social Accountability in Brazil and India* (Centre for the Future State 2005-2010, £583,103); *Rights, Representation and the Poor: Comparing Large Developing Country Democracies – India, Mexico and Brazil* (DFID-SSRU 2001-2005, £250,170, Centre for the Future State £226,396); and *When is Law a Source of Progressive Social Change?: Comparisons across Brazil and the Philippines* (DFID-SSRU 2001-2003, £236,862). He was one of the co-applicants of the Development Research Centre for the Future State housed at the IDS (Phase-I 2001-2005, £2.5 million, and Phase-2 2006-2010, £2.5 million). He has also collaborated with legal professionals on research concerning socio-economic rights, including in the project led by Lucy White (Harvard Law) and Mahatma Ayariga (Presidential Spokesperson, Ghana), *Hewing Stones of Hope: African Lawyers Reclaim Human Rights to Challenge Global Poverty*.

Recent policy work includes coordinating a research methods capacity building project supported by the European Union – ACP Group of States Secretariat, *Creating African Networks of Excellence for Qualitative Research in the Social Sciences* (EDULINK 2009-2011, £412,276). The project has three training hubs: Ashesi University College (Ghana), Witwatersrand University (South Africa), and University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).

Academic Qualifications:

1997 Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Political Science.
1990 MA, University of California, Berkeley, Political Science.
1987 BA, University of California, Los Angeles, Political Science.

Employment History:

Oct 1999 - present Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.
Fall 2008 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, Brown University
Fall 2008 Visiting Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning,
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Sep 1998 – Mar '99 Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American Studies, University
 of California, Berkeley.
Spring 1998 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Stanford University.

Selected Publications:

- 2014 'The Role of Professional in Policy Reform: Cases from the City-Level, São Paulo,' *Latin American Politics and Society* 56:3. (with Monika Dowbor)
- 2012 'Widgets or Watchdogs? Conceptual Explorations in Social Accountability.' *Public Management Review* Vol. 14, No. 2 (With Anuradha Joshi)
- 2011 'Associations, Active Citizenship and the Quality of Democracy in Brazil and Mexico', *Theory and Society* Vol. 40, No. 1 (With Arnab Acharya)
- 2011 'A Construção Política das Sociedades Cívicas.' (With Adrián Gurza Lavalle and Graziela Castello) In A.G. Lavalle, ed., *O Horizonte da Política: Questões Emergentes e Agendas de Pesquisa*. COSAC and Naify Edições: São Paulo.
- 2010 'The Long Arc of Pragmatic Socio-Economic Rights Advocacy.' (With Lucy White) In Jeremy Perlman and Lucy White, eds., *Stones of Hope: African Human Rights Advocates Challenge to Global Poverty*. Stanford University Press: Stanford.
- 2010 'Civil Society's Claim to Political Representation in Brazil,' *Studies in Comparative International Development* Vol. 44, No.3: 1-29. (With Adrián Gurza Lavalle)
- 2009 'How Society Permeates the State: Issue Networks in Health and Social Assistance, São Paulo.' (With Graziela Castello) Paper presented at the 2009 International Sociology Association Conference (ISA-RC21), São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2009 'The Paradox of Civil Society Representation: Constructing New Forms of Democratic Legitimacy in Brazil.' (With Adrián Gurza Lavalle) In Olle Törnquist et al, eds., *Rethinking Popular-Democratic Representation*. Palgrave: Hampshire, UK.
- 2008 'The Silent Revolution in Anti-Poverty Programmes: Minimum Income Guarantees in Brazil,' *IDS Bulletin* 38 (6): 57-64.
- 2008 'State Reform and Social Accountability: Brazil, India, and Mexico,' *IDS Bulletin* 38 (6). (Co-edited with Anuradha Joshi and Adrián Gurza Lavalle)
- 2006 'Representação Política mediante Organizações Cívicas: A Construção de legitimidade no contexto da pós-transição,' *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais* 21 (60): 43-67. (With Adrian Gurza Lavalle and Graziela Castello)
- 2006 'Civil Organisations and Political Representation in Brazil's Participatory Institutions. (With Graziela Castello and Adrián Gurza Lavalle) In A. Cornwall and V.S. Coelho, eds., *Spaces for Change: The Politics of Participation in New Democratic Arenas*. Zed: UK.
- 2005 'Beyond Comparative Anecdotalism: How Civil and Political Organizations Shape Participation in São Paulo, Brazil', *World Development* 33 (6): 951-964. (With A.G. Lavalle and A. Acharya)
- 2005 'The Movement of the Landless (MST) and Modalities of Legal Change in Brazil' in Boaventura de Sousa Santos and César A. Rodríguez-Garavito, eds., *Law and Globalization from Below: Towards a Cosmopolitan Legality*. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, UK.
- 2004 *Os Últimos Cidadãos: Conflito e modernização no Brasil rural (1964-1995)*. Editora Globo: São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2003(/05) *Changing Paths: International Development and the New Politics of Inclusion*. Michigan University Press. (Co-edited with Mick Moore)
Author of 'Introduction: From Polycentrism and to the Polity' and 'Coalition Building from Below'
- 2001 'Collective Action and Political Authority: Rural Workers, Church, and State in Brazil', *Theory and Society* 30 (1): 1-45.
- 2000 'The Institutional Roots of Popular Mobilization: Transformation and Rural Politics in Brazil and Chile, 1960-95', *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 42 (2): 394-424. (With Marcus Kurtz)
- 2000 'Social Movements amidst Democratic Transitions: Lessons from the Brazilian Countryside,' *Journal of Development Studies*, 36 (5): 59-88.
- 2000 'Polity Qualities: How Governance Affects Poverty.' *IDS Working Paper* 99. (With Mick Moore, Jennifer Leavy and Howard White)