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Bio

BIO

James S. Fishkin holds the Janet M. Peck Chair in International Communication at Stanford University where he is Professor of Communication, Professor of Political Science (by courtesy) and Director of the Deliberative Democracy Lab.

He received his B.A. from Yale in 1970 and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale as well as a second Ph.D. in Philosophy from Cambridge.

He is the author of Democracy When the People Are Thinking (Oxford 2018), When the People Speak (Oxford 2009), Deliberation Day (Yale 2004 with Bruce Ackerman) and Democracy and Deliberation (Yale 1991).

He is best known for developing Deliberative Polling® – a practice of public consultation that employs random samples of the citizenry to explore how opinions would change if they were more informed. His work on deliberative democracy has stimulated more than 100 Deliberative Polls in 28 countries around the world. It has been used to help governments and policy makers make important decisions in Texas, China, Mongolia, Japan, Macau, South Korea, Bulgaria, Brazil, Uganda and other countries around the world.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, and a Visiting Fellow Commoner at Trinity College, Cambridge.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Communication
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Professor (By courtesy), Political Science
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of Communication, Stanford University, (2003- present)
- Professor of Political Science, Stanford University, (2003- present)
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California, (2001-2002)
- Professor of Government and Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, (1984-2003)
- Guggenheim Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, (1984-1985)

- Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., (1981-1981)
- Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University, (1979-1984)
- Mellon Fellow, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies,, Aspen, Colorado, (1979-1979)
- Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale University, (1978-1979)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University, (1975-1979)
- Lecturer in Political Science, Yale University, (1974-1974)
- Graduate Fellowship, Yale University, (1972-1974)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Eyes of Texas Award, University of Texas at Austin (1996)
- Visiting Fellow Commoner, Trinity College, Cambridge, England (1992-1993)
- Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California (1987-1988)
- Erik H. Erikson Prize, International Society of Political Psychology (1985)
- Ehrman Studentship, Yale University (1970-1972)
- Jacob Cooper Philosophy Prize, Yale University (1968)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Academic Advisor, What's Next California
- Member, Editorial Board, Social Philosophy and Policy
- Academic Advisor, Northern Ireland Deliberative Poll in Omagh (2007 - 2007)
- Academic Advisor, National Bulgarian Deliberative Poll (2007 - 2007)
- Academic Advisor, MacNeil/Lehrer Productions National Online Deliberative Poll (2007 - 2007)
- Academic Advisor European Wide Deliberative Poll, European Wide Deliberative Poll (2007 - 2007)
- Academic Advisor, Italian Deliberative Poll for Regione Lazio (2006 - 2006)
- Chair, Dept of Communication, Stanford University (2005 - present)
- Chair, Journalism Advisory Committee, Dept of Communication, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Director, Center for Deliberative Democracy, Stanford University (2003 - present)
- Janet M. Peck Chair, International Communication, Stanford University (2003 - present)
- Graduate Advisor, Dept of Communication, Stanford University (2003 - 2009)
- Academic Advisor, MacNeil/Lehrer Productions (2001 - present)
- Director, Special Project, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford (2001 - 2002)
- Patterson-Banister Chair in Government, Law and Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin (1999 - 2003)
- Fellow, Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard Law School (1999 - 2002)
- Member, Editorial Board, American Journal of Political Science (1998 - 2001)
- Director, Center for Deliberative Polling, University of Texas at Austin (1996 - 2003)
- Member, Penn National Commission on Society, Culture and Community (1996 - 1999)
- Executive Director of the National Issues Convention broadcast, PBS (1996 - 1996)
- Academic Advisor, Britain's Channel 4 "Power and the People" (1994 - 2000)
- Member, The Democracy Project, Public Broadcasting Service (1994 - 1998)
- Chair, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin (1988 - 2001)

- Darrell K. Royal Regents Chair, Ethics and American Society and Professor of Government, Law and Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin (1988 - 1999)
- Member, Board of Directors, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green, Ohio (1987 - present)
- Associate Editor of Ethics, An International Journal of Social, Political and Legal Philosophy (1979 - 1992)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- American Studies
- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Cambridge , Philosophy (1976)
- Ph.D., Yale University , Political Science (1975)
- B.A., Magna Cum Laude , Yale College (1970)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2025-26

- Deliberative Democracy and its Critics: AMSTUD 135, COMM 135W, COMM 235, COMM 335, ETHICSOC 135F, POLISCI 234P, POLISCI 334P (Win)
- The Dialogue of Democracy: AMSTUD 137, COMM 137W, COMM 237, POLISCI 232T, POLISCI 332T (Aut)
- The Philosophy of Social Science: COMM 317 (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2024-25

- Deliberative Democracy and its Critics: AMSTUD 135, COMM 135W, COMM 235, COMM 335, ETHICSOC 135F, POLISCI 234P, POLISCI 334P (Win)
- The Dialogue of Democracy: AMSTUD 137, COMM 137W, COMM 237, POLISCI 232T, POLISCI 332T (Aut)
- The Philosophy of Social Science: COMM 317 (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2023-24

- America in One Room: Research Practicum: COMM 138A, COMM 238A (Spr)
- Deliberative Democracy and its Critics: AMSTUD 135, COMM 135W, COMM 235, COMM 335, ETHICSOC 135F, POLISCI 234P, POLISCI 334P (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Scaling Dialogue for Democracy: Can Automated Deliberation Create More Deliberative Voters?** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
  Fishkin, J., Bolotnyy, V., Lerner, J., Siu, A., Bradburn, N.
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  2024

- **Can Deliberation Have Lasting Effects?** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Fishkin, J., Bolotnyy, V., Lerner, J., Siu, A., Bradburn, N.
  2024

- **Critical considerations for public engagement in stem cell-related research.**
  Sugarman, J., Clark, A., Fishkin, J., Kato, K., McCormack, K., Munsie, M., Peluso, M. J., Rene, N., Solomon, S. L.
  2023

- **ACHIEVING PARITY WITH HUMAN MODERATORS A self-moderating platform for online deliberation** *ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE*
  Gelauff, L., Nikolenko, L., Sakshuwong, S., Fishkin, J., Goel, A., Munagala, K., Siu, A.
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- **DEMOCRATIC DELIBERATION AND THE RESOURCE CURSE A Nationwide Experiment in Tanzania** *WORLD POLITICS*
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  2022

- **Is Deliberation an Antidote to Extreme Partisan Polarization? Reflections on "America in One Room"** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Fishkin, J., Siu, A., Diamond, L., Bradburn, N.
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- **Does Deliberation Increase Public-Spiritedness?** *SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*
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- **The Dialogue of Justice**
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- **Democracy and Deliberation: New Directions for Democratic Reform**
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- **Justice Between Generations: Compensation, Identity and Group Membership** *NOMOS XXXIII Compensatory Justice*
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- **TOWARDS A NEW SOCIAL-CONTRACT** *NOUS*
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- **In Search of the Social Contract** *Individual Liberty and Democratic Order*
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- **THE COMPLEXITY OF SIMPLE JUSTICE** *ETHICS*
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- **BARGAINING, JUSTICE, AND JUSTIFICATION - TOWARDS RECONSTRUCTION** *SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY & POLICY*
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  Fishkin, J. S.
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