

Dr Francesco Gimelli, Senior Consultant

Overview of Expertise

Francesco is an experienced and passionate social scientist with a focus on sustainable and equitable development and an extensive background in applied inter-disciplinary research, which he draws on to design rigorous and fit-for-purpose methodologies suited to understanding a diverse range of complex issues.

Over the past 10+ years, Francesco has worked and facilitated learning across sectors ranging from public policy, water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH), urban planning, natural resource management, social research, and international development. This experience has endowed Francesco with both the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills required to successfully design and implement impactful monitoring, evaluation and learning frameworks.

Francesco is a highly capable learning and teaching professional, with extensive group facilitation experience in both education and research. He has leveraged this experience to successfully work with Australian and international partners and clients on achieving their monitoring, evaluation and learning goals, including with the Australian Water Partnership, Murray-Darling Basing Authority, WorldVision International, World Bank, UK Department for International Development, and WaterAid, among others.

Qualifications & Training

2019 Doctor of Philosophy (Human Geography), Monash University

2011 Master of Environment, University of Melbourne

2007 Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours), University of Queensland

Project Experience

International projects:

- Evaluation and learning project for the Australian Water Partnership's capacity building program in the Pacific (2019)
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning project on climate change resilience of urban utilities in low-income settings for the World Bank and UK Department for International Development (2016-17)
- Original participatory research on expanding criteria for monitoring and evaluating complex development initiatives in urban slums in India, in partnership with WorldVision, WaterAid, Pani Haq Samithi and Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (2015-19)

Australian projects:

- Evaluation of the Australian Capital Territory's Healthy Waterways strategy (2019)
- Biodiversity Action Plan evaluation and learning project for Melbourne Water (2019)
- End-of-program evaluation of Cane Changer, a behaviour-change program targeting farming practices in far north Queensland contributing to runoff into the Great Barrier Reef for Behaviour Change Consulting (2018-19)

- Participatory review and evaluation of Chapter 7 of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan or the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (2019)

Academic Publications

- Gimelli, F. M., B. C. Rogers and J. J. Bos (2019), Linking water services and human well-being through the Fundamental Human Needs framework: the case of India. *Water Alternatives*, 12 (2):715-733.
- Gimelli, F. M., J. J. Bos and B. C. Rogers (2018), Fostering equity and wellbeing through water: a reinterpretation of the goal of access. *World Development*, 104, 1-9.
- Gimelli, F. M., B. C. Rogers and J. J. Bos (2018), The quest for water, rights, and freedoms: urban informal settlements in India. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 42 (6), 1080-1095.
- Gimelli, F. M., Rogers, B. C., & Bos, J. J. (2016). *Do urban water development initiatives engage participants in the development of their capabilities? Reflections from India*. Proceedings of the 22nd International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference, 13-15 July, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Gimelli, F. M., Rogers, B. C., & Bos, J. J. (2017). *Fostering political participation for better water services: evidence from three cities in India*. Proceedings of the 23rd International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference, 14-16 June, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Gimelli, F. M., Rogers, B. C., & Bos, J. J. (2017). *Understanding the role of non-state driven urban water development initiatives in informal settlements*. Presentation at the International Sustainable Development Conference, 18-20 September, New York City, USA.
- Barron, N. J., Kuller, M., Yasmin, T., Castonguay, A. C., Copa, V., Duncan-Horner, E., Gimelli, F. M., Jamali, B., Nielsen, J. S., Ng, K., Novalia, W., Shen, P. F., Conn, R. J., Brown, R. R. and Deletic, A. (2017) Towards water sensitive cities in Asia: An interdisciplinary journey. *Water Science and Technology* 76 (5), 1150–57.

Positions held

- 2018 – 2020 Teaching Associate, School of Social Sciences, Monash University
- 2018 – 2019 Social Research Consultant, Alluvium
- 2016 – 2017 Visiting Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK
- 2014 – 2015 Research Associate, School of Social Sciences, Monash University
- 2014 – 2019 Teaching Associate, Research Training Unit, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University
- 2009 – 2010 Teaching Associate, Melbourne School of Design, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

Memberships

Australian Evaluation Society