



CURRICULUM VITAE

Arnaldo Pellini

KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

I am a co-founder of Capability Oy, a Finnish consultancy that focuses on research and advice on the use of problem-driven and adaptive approaches to support democratic governance. I am also a Research Associate at the Overseas Development Institute in London where, over the past ten years, I have led and been involved in the design, monitoring, implementation, and action research in projects seeking to strengthen governance systems and democratic participation by bringing research, analysis, and citizens' knowledge into policy processes. I hold a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Tampere (Finland) and have 18 years of work experience on governance reforms in Southeast Asia as well as other regions. My current research interests are problem-driven development and the design and management of monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems that support programmes in the ways they address complex social and governance problems. I am also interested in the effect on knowledge systems, governance, and democratic participation of digital technologies. I have published extensively on education in international development, governance and decentralisation, the demand and use of evidence in policymaking with the Overseas Development Institute, in academic articles, book chapters, blog posts and opinion pieces. I am a co-editor of *Knowledge, Politics and Policymaking in Indonesia* (Springer 2018). I am an Associate Editor with the journal *Evidence & Policy*.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 PDIA: Building Capability by Delivering Results Part I & II, Harvard Center for International Development
- 2010 Political Economy Analysis, ODI course by David Booth
- 2007 Prince 2 Project Management and MSP Programme Management APM Certificate
- 2007 PhD Education and Development, Faculty of Education, University of Tampere (Finland)
- 1997 MPhil Economic Development, Centre of Development Studies, University of Glasgow (UK)
- 1993 Laurea in Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Parma (Italy)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (Native) – **English** (fluent spoken / written) – **Spanish** (good spoken and moderate written) – **German** (good spoken) – **Finnish** (basic spoken) – **Bahasa Indonesia** (basic spoken)

Country experience

Long term: Nepal, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia

Short term: Pakistan, Somalia, Thailand, Kenya, Ethiopia, Australia, Serbia, Albania

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

2018 – current	Co-founder of Capability Oy and Research Associate with the Overseas Development Institute. Based in Finland
2013 – 2018	Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute. Based in Indonesia
2011 – 2013	Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute. Based in the Philippines
2008 – 2011	Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute. Based in Vietnam and the Philippines
2006 – 2008	Advisor for research management, UNDP Vietnam. Based in Vietnam
2001 – 2005	Advisor for Civil Society and Local Governance, GTZ Rural Development Programme, Kampong Thom, Cambodia
1999-2000	Monitoring assistant, GIZ Food for Work project, Kathmandu, Nepal
1998-1999	Researcher on international development and trainer on project cycle management and logframe design, Hegoa, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain.

SELECTED ASSIGNMENTS

Global EdTech Hub: consultant leading the design of the Monitor, Evaluate, Learn and Adapt (MELA) framework of the programme (DFID/ODI 7/2019 – 1/2020)

Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact (SEDI): team leader for the political economy analysis of the evidence systems in for policy in education, child labour, economic policy and planning in Pakistan in collaboration with three national think tanks (DFID/ODI 7/2019-3/2020)

Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disaster programme (BRACED): team leader planning, managing and delivering of policy influencing activities in six countries (Chad, Mali, Senegal, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nepal) (DFID/Itad Ltd 4-9/2019)

Polonk Chomes: Data and Dialogues for Development in Cambodia: international consultant in the diagnostic study of the knowledge systems for public policy in Cambodia (DFAT/The Asia Foundation 6-8/2019)

Programme Review: Team leader of a mid-term review of the DFAT – The Asia Foundation Strategic Partnership on Subnational Governance in Nepal (DFAT/The Asia Foundation 02-07/2019)

Feasibility study for research cooperation in Somalia: Team leader of a political economy study of the higher education and research landscape in Somalia to inform programming suggestions for a potential support by SIDA (SIDA/ODI 02-12/2019)

The Fourth Industrial Revolution and governance systems: Team leader for the production of a discussion paper on the implications of the Fourth Industrial Revolution for policy making and the use of knowledge in policy decisions in middle income countries (Helvetas 10-12/2018)

Youth Forward Initiative Learning Partnership: Senior strategic advisor of ODI's management of the programme-wide monitoring learning and evaluation framework in Ghana and Uganda (Master Card Foundation/ODI 11/2018-02/2020)

Performing and Responsive Social Sciences project (PERFORM): Lead researcher to conduct an analysis across ten stories of change produced by the project in Serbia and Albania (Helvetas 09 – 11/2018)

Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disaster programme (BRACED): leading a team of three M&E specialists designing and managing an adaptive monitoring and learning system for national policy dialogues in six countries (Nepal, Ethiopia, Kenya, Chad, Mali, Senegal) (DFID/ODI 6/2018 – 9/2019).

UNDP Indonesia: Lead researcher for the production of a discussion paper about the experimental approach and meaning of ‘impact’ of the data innovation lab Pulse Lab Jakarta (UNDP Indonesia 06 – 08/2018)

Unidos por la Justicia project: Team leader of a problem-driven political economy analysis of the security and justice sector in Honduras (USAID/DAI 02-04/2018).

Performing and responsive Social Sciences project (PERFORM): Team leader of the review of the SDC-funded programme in Serbia and Albania (Helvetas 11- 12/2017).

Knowledge Sector Initiative in Indonesia: based in Jakarta and leading planning and management of the learning and research work of the programme, knowledge production, and knowledge sharing as core activities of KSI (DFAT/ODI 2013-2017).

AusAID Indonesia’s new Disaster Risk Management Program: problem-driven political economy analysis of the use of evidence in policy processes to inform the design of the programme (AusAID/ODI 08/2012 – 02/2013).

3ie – International Impact Evaluation Initiative: M&E of policy influence specialist assisting and reviewing the policy influence of impact evaluation research project funded by 3ie in Southeast Asia and East Asia (3ie/ODI 6/2012 – 3/2013).

AusAID Urban Resilience and Natural Disaster Risk Management: team leader of a study on the political economy of the use of knowledge in urban resilience and natural disaster risk management in the Philippines (AusAID/ODI 1 – 5/2012).

AusAID Research for Policy Change Project: lead the management and coordination of ODI input to the project aimed at strengthening and expand knowledge on evidence-based policy development, monitoring of the influence of knowledge and research on policy making, and the political economy of the use of knowledge in Southeast Asia and the Pacific (AusAID/ODI 06/2011 – 12/2012).

ADB: international expert to conduct an analysis of the decentralization reforms and use of evidence for policy formulation in the basic education sector in Cambodia (ADB 05/2011 – 07/2011).

World Bank Vietnam: policy uptake assessment of the Vietnam Development Report 2010 (World Bank/ODI 02 – 03/2011).

ADB: team leader of a knowledge management taxonomy study at the Asia Development Bank (SDB/ODI 10/2010 – 01/2011).

Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in Vietnam: team leader of a UNDP-funded programme to strengthen the policy research communication capacity for researchers of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (UNDP/ODI 02/2009 – 04/2011).

Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in Vietnam: advisor for research management and policy advocacy at for a UNDP-funded Assistance to the 20 Years Review of Doi Moi in Vietnam Project (UNDP 2007-2008).

GTZ Rural Development Programme in Kampong Thom (Cambodia): advisor providing technical assistance, on-the-job training, and coordination of capacity building activities for line department staff and community-based organizations to enhance civil society participation in local governance (GTZ 2001-2005).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed scientific articles / book chapters

Smith, K. E; Pearson, Mark; Allen, William; Barwick, Melanie; Farrell, Caitlin; Hardy, Mark; Harvey, Blane; Kothari, Anita; Neal, Zachary; Pellini, Arnaldo (2019). Building and diversifying our interdisciplinary giants: moving scholarship on evidence and policy forward, *Evidence & Policy: A Journal of Research, Debate and Practice*, Volume 15, Number 4, November 2019, pp. 455-460(6)

Jackson, E., Pellini, A., and Prasetiamartati, B. (2018). Improving the enabling environment for evidence-informed policymaking: an example from Indonesia, *Evidence & Policy: A Journal of Research, Debate and Practice*, October 2018. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1332/174426418X15394255863408>

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- Rahwidiati, D., Pellini, A., Hodge, G. (2018). Data Innovation for Policymaking in Indonesia, in Pellini, A.; Prasetyamartati, B.; Nugroho, K. P.; Jackson, E. and Carden, F. (Eds.), Knowledge, Politics and Policymaking in Indonesia, Singapore: Springer.
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- Pellini, A. and Bredenberg, K. (2015). Basic education clusters in Cambodia: looking at the future while learning from the past, *Development in Practice*, Volume 25, Number 3, April 2015, pp. 419-432 (14).
- Pellini, A., Bachtar, P. P., Alician, M. D., and Nguyen Thi Thu Hang (2011). Governance Reforms in three South East Asian countries: the Role of Research-based Evidence in Promoting Innovations, in A.-V. Anttiroiko, Stephen J. Bailey and P. Valkama (Eds.) *Innovation in Public Governance in Asia*. Amsterdam: IOS Press.
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- Pellini, A. (2005). “Decentralisation of Education in Cambodia: Searching for Spaces of Participation between Traditions and Modernity,” *Compare*, Vol. 35, No. 2, May, pp. 205-216.

Books

- Pellini, A.; Prasetyamartati, B.; Nugroho, K. P.; Jackson, E. and Carden, F. (Eds.) (2018). *Knowledge, Politics and Policymaking in Indonesia*, Singapore: Springer.
- Pellini, A. (ed.) (2012). *Engaging for the Environment: The Contribution of Social Capital to Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Cambodia*. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: The Learning Institute.

Publications for professional communities

- Pellini, A. and Weyrauch, V. (2019). The 4IR Is Here. Do We Need to Design Development Initiatives Differently?, *Helvetas Mosaic*, Bern: Helvetas. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2Ox05dv>
- Pellini, A., Malho, M., Weyrauch, V., Carden, F. (2019). *State Capability, Policymaking and the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Do Knowledge Systems Matter?*, Discussion paper, Bern: Helvetas Available at: <https://bit.ly/2DbRus5>
- Pellini A. and Rahwidiati, D. (2019). *Measuring Impact for Development Mutants*, An Ongoing Conversation, *Pulse Lab Jakarta* blog, 28th January. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2X33nlu>
- Pellini, A. (2018). What it takes for Indonesia to create, share and use knowledge to grow its economy, *The Conversation Indonesia*, 12th October. Available at: <https://goo.gl/kyLFjp>
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- Pellini, A and Carden F. (2017). Learning about Learning in an Adaptive Programme, Better Evaluation blog. Available at <http://www.betterevaluation.org/en/blog/adaptive-management-ksi-fred-carden-and-arnaldo-pellini>
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- Jackson, E., Prasetiamartati, B., Sadikin, M. C., Sugiyanto, and Pellini, P. (2017). Commissioning Knowledge for Policy Reforms in the Procurement of Research in Indonesia, Working Paper 23, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.
- Rakhmani, I., Pellini, A. and Nurhidayat, Y. (2017). Linking Values and Research Evidence for Policy Advocacy: The Journey of the Indonesian Forum for Budget Transparency, Working Paper 19, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.
- Pellini, A., Tanty Nurhayati Djafar, and Ni Wayan Suriastini (2017). Is Measuring Policy Influence Like Measuring Thin Air? The Experience of SurveyMETER in Producing Three Episode Studies of Research-based Policy Influence, Working Paper 18, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.
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- Fatonie, I., Pellini, A., Smidt, H., and Apriliyanti, I. (2016). Using Citizen Evidence to Improve Public Services: Lessons from the UPIK Program in Yogyakarta, Working Paper 11, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.
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