

Project G3-Fapesp

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Title:

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP TRAJECTORIES: CITIZENS, MILITANTS AND BUREAUCRATS

Abstract:

The aim of this project is to analyze the outputs of participation, i.e. the impact of Participatory Budgets on the construction of citizenship and political trajectories for citizens, militants and bureaucrats in Brazil. Do PB institutions contribute to restructure the citizenship practices? At the individual level, how these experiences influence the political trajectories of the participants? Does the integration in a BP process encourage other forms of political commitment (party adhesion, electoral competition, etc.)? In which condition are the PB used by the actors as a step in the political career? Our samples are grounded in three case studies in the state of São Paulo: the cities of Guarulhos, São Bernardo and Diadema. Two main hypotheses will be tested: (1) a positive influence of the participative budgets in the linkage between State and society, through an empowerment of the local democratic citizenship; (2) a densification of the politicization of the actors having been directly involved in experiences of PB, with a reorientation towards other forms of political commitment. The study of these post-participation trajectories will allow a better understanding of the linkage between democratic participation and representation.

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