

**Future-Ready Society Conference Series:  
Learning Journey 1 – Participatory Budgeting**

Tuesday, 25 June 2024 (Singapore Time)  
Online via Zoom

**PROGRAMME**

8.45 am – 9.00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>  Dr Suhaila Zainal Shah Research Fellow Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities
9.10 am – 10.10 am	<b>Evolution of Participatory Budgeting from Porto Allegra to Now</b>  Prof Brian Wampler Professor of Political Science School of Public Service, Boise State University
	<b>Practicing Participatory Budgeting: Tools, Tricks and Guiding Sensibilities</b>  Ms Anita Dos Santos Advocacy Manager Participatory Budgeting Project
10.10 am – 10.30 am	<b>Sharing by Discussants</b>
10.30 am – 11.00 am	<b>Question-and-Answer</b>
11.00 am	<b>End</b>

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## SYNOPSIS

The panel on participatory budgeting delves into the process of inclusive decision-making for the allocation of public funds within communities. It explores innovative methods and best practices for engaging citizens in determining how financial resources are distributed. Participants will discuss the principles and benefits of participatory budgeting, highlighting its potential to enhance transparency, accountability and community empowerment. Through case studies and interactive discussions, the panel aims to showcase successful examples of participatory budgeting initiatives from around the world, illustrating how these have positively impacted local governance and fostered greater citizen involvement in public affairs.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**Brian Wampler** is Professor of Public Scholarship and Engagement, Office of the President at Boise State University, and Professor of Political Science in the School of Public Service. Professor Wampler's influential work draws from eight Brazilian municipalities to analyse the success and challenges of participatory budgeting. Through his research, he illuminates the factors influencing participatory budgeting outcomes, particularly in advancing governmental accountability and citizen empowerment for marginalised communities, contributing to the advancement of social justice and effective democratic governance. He earned his PhD at the University of Texas, Austin, and his BA in Politics at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He currently lives in Boise, Idaho with his family.

**Anita Dos Santos** currently serves as Advocacy Manager at Participatory Budgeting Project. She works with government agencies, schools and community-based organisations to develop strategies for implementing participatory budgeting in their contexts. Prior to this role, she was an advocate for affordable housing and tenants' rights, providing holistic services to housing-insecure families and training partners to provide the same quality of care. Drawing on her community engagement work, Ms Dos Santos works to centre and amplify community voice as the starting point for transformation within our democracy. She holds a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Queens College and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Social Work at Fordham University. She is a lifelong resident of New York City.