



Jim Dratwa

Jim Dratwa holds degrees in physics, philosophy and the life sciences, and received his Ph.D. in socio-economics of innovation from the Ecole des Mines de Paris and his Ph.D. in moral and political philosophy from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, having benefited from the support of the Fulbright program, the Frank Boas Foundation, the Belgian American Educational Foundation and the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique.

He received the Fulbright Scholar Award, was Harvard Boas Fellow, Ramón y Cajal Scholar, and was pre- and post-doctoral Fellow at Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government, with the Science, Technology, and Public Policy program in the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs and with the program on Science, Technology, and Society. He is now a Global Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. Jim Dratwa has taught at the Ecole des Mines de Paris, Harvard University, and the universities of Brussels, where he is currently based.

His research and publications address the interconnections between knowledge, values and action.

Jim Dratwa has held several positions of great responsibility in that regard at the European Commission, serving as Senior Policy Analyst, joining the Commission's civil society and citizenship policy team with a special mandate to develop new political forms fostering participatory democracy, sharing his expertise as consultant for policy development and strategy, tasked with impact assessment and foresight and then with policy analysis and strategy in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, until the end of 2012, when he joined BEPA, the Bureau of European Policy Advisers to the President of the European Commission.

After leading the ethics team in the EPSC (European Political Strategy Centre), the European Commission's in-house think-tank, he now does so in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. He chairs the EC inter-service group on Ethics and EU Policies. He is the EC representative in the relevant organizations dealing with the ethical implications of science and new technologies (OECD, Council of Europe, UN agencies) and heads the secretariat of the EGE, the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies.

Jim Dratwa is a community builder, a facilitator and host, engaged in service to the community as well as academic and international public administration activities.

His involvement as facilitator and convenor also extends to the voluntary sector, in particular in inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue, social justice and peace building, locally as well as internationally. He is also an award-winning game inventor and multimedia sculptor.

His life to date has been about probing far-reaching questions and cultivating collective intelligence, bringing people together in a situation where they are able to learn from each other and to effect changes that matter.