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Professor and Metropoulos Term Chair in Innovation Management
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FULL-TIME EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Department of Management Science and Engineering, (awarded January 2006)
Dissertation: *Managing Novel Product Concepts: A Process Theory*
Committee: Robert I. Sutton, Kathleen M. Eisenhardt, and Thomas H. Byers

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

M.B.A., Cambridge Judge Business School

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

B.S. (with Distinction), Electrical Engineering

PRIMARY ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 9/2022 – | BABSON COLLEGE (FW Olin Graduate School of Business) Professor of Innovation & Operations Management Metropoulos Term Chair in Innovation Management, 2021-present |
| 8/2017 – 8/2022 | Associate Professor Peter M. Black Endowed Faculty Scholar, 2018-2021 |
| 1/2014 – 8/2017 | Assistant Professor |
| 1/2008 – 8/2013 | OXFORD UNIVERSITY (Saïd Business School & Trinity College) University Lecturer, tenured* Peter Levine Fellow of Management Studies, 2010-2013 |
| 1/2006 – 1/2008 | University Lecturer, tenure-track |
| 1/2003 – 1/2006 | University Lecturer, pre-Ph.D. |

* *At Oxford at the time of employment “university lecturer” was the term for early-career tenure-line faculty.*

VISITING AND AFFILIATE ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 8/2010 – present | Innovation Fellow, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences |
| 9/2013 – present | Associate Scholar, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford |
| 1/2022 – 8/2022 | Visiting Associate Professor, RMIT University (Australia) |
| 9/2018 – 9/2019 | Visiting Lazaridis Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada) |
| 1/2013 – 12/2013 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Northeastern University |
| 7/2009 – 8/2009 | Visiting Scholar, Santa Fe Institute |

SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION

- 2023 Best Professional Development Workshop (PDW) finalist, Academy of Management, Research Methods Division, for “Visualizing Qualitative Data”
- 2023 Best Paper Proceedings, Academy of Management Annual Meeting
- 2021 Christer Karlsson Best Paper of Conference Award, Innovation and Product Development Management Conference (IPDMC)
- 2020 Best Reviewer Award, *Academy of Management Discoveries*
- 2018 Babson Faculty Scholarship Award for Empirical Contributions
- 2017 Selected top ten most impactful articles on “Managing the Front End of Innovation” in *Journal of Product Innovation Management*
- 2016 Best Paper of Conference, 20th DRUID Innovation Conference, Copenhagen.
- 2016 Best Paper Proceedings, Academy of Management Annual Meeting
- 2016 Research profiled in *Academy of Management Journal* editorial article by Eisenhardt et al. on “Grand Challenges and Inductive Methods”
- 2013 Elected Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK
- 2008 Outstanding Service Award, Academy of Management, TIM Division
- 2008 Research profiled in *Harvard Business Review* article by Teresa M. Amabile and Mukti Khaire on “Creativity and the Role of the Leader”
- 2006 Christer Karlsson Best Paper of Conference Award, Innovation and Product Development Management Conference (IPDMC Milan)
- 2006 Best Dissertation Finalist, Academy of Management, TIM Division

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Spanjol, J, Noble, C.H., Baer, M., Bogers, M. Bohlmann, J. Bouncken, R., Bstieler, L. Luca, L., Garcia, R., Gemser, G., Grewal, D., Hoegl, M., Kuester, S., Kumar, M., Lee, R., Mahr, D., Nakata, C., Ordanini, A., Rindfleisch, A., Seidel V. P., Sorescu, A., Verganti, R., Wetzels, M., (2024) “Fueling innovation management research: Future directions and five forward-looking paths” **Journal of Product Innovation Management** 41(5), 893-948.
<http://doi.org/10.1111/jpim.12754>
- Gillier, T., Seidel, V.P., Kazakci, A., Piat, G. (2024) “Crafting future innovations: The network structure of ideas for visionary product concepts” **Academy of Management Discoveries** 10(4), 611-629.
- Pham, C. & Seidel, V.P. (2023) “How innovation teams reframe problems across two dimensions of a design space” **Academy of Management Proceedings** 2023(1), 11733.
- Seidel, V.P., Hannigan, T. R. & Phillips, N. (2020) “Rumor communities, social media, and forthcoming innovations: The shaping of technological frames in product market evolution” **Academy of Management Review** 45(2), 304-324.
- Riedl, C. & Seidel, V. P. (2018) “Learning from mixed signals in online innovation communities” **Organization Science** 29(6), 1010-1032.

- Hannigan, T. R., Seidel, V.P. & Yakis-Douglas, B. (2018) “Product innovation rumors as forms of open innovation” **Research Policy** 47(5), 953-964.
- Sims, J. & Seidel, V.P. (2017) “Organizations coupled with communities: The strategic effects on firms engaged in community-coupled open innovation” **Industrial and Corporate Change**, 26(4), 647–665.
- Seidel, V.P., Langner, B, and Sims, J. (2017) “Dominant communities and dominant designs: Community-based innovation in the context of the technology life cycle” **Strategic Organization** 15(2), 220-241
- Seidel, V.P., Packalen, K.A., & O’Mahony, S. (2016) “Help me do it on my own: How entrepreneurs manage autonomy and constraint within incubator organizations” **Research in the Sociology of Organizations**, vol. 47, 277-309
- Seidel, V. P. & Langner, B. (2015) “Using an online community for vehicle design: Project variety and motivations to participate” **Industrial and Corporate Change**. 24(3) 635-653.
- Langner, B. & Seidel, V. P. (2015) “Sustaining the flow of external ideas: The role of dual social identity across communities and organizations” **Journal of Product Innovation Management** 32(4) 522-538.
- Seidel, V. P., & O’Mahony, S. (2014) “Managing the repertoire: Stories, metaphors, prototypes and concept coherence in product innovation” **Organization Science**, 25(3), 691-712.
- Seidel, V.P. & Fixson, S. K. (2013) “Adopting design thinking in novice multidisciplinary teams: The application and limits of design methods and reflexive practices” **Journal of Product Innovation Management** 30(S1), 19-33.
- Langner, B. & Seidel, V. P. (2009) “Collaborative Concept Development Using Supplier Competitions: Insights from the Automotive Industry” **Journal of Engineering & Technology Management** 26(1-2), 1-14.
- Seidel, V. P. (2007). Concept Shifting and the Radical Product Development Process. **Journal of Product Innovation Management**, 24(6), 522-33.

PRACTITIONER AND PEDAGOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Riedl, C., Seidel, V. P., Woolley, A. W., and Kane, G. C. (2020). Make your crowd smart: A framework for tailoring your crowdsourcing approach to the complexity of your innovation challenge. **MIT Sloan Management Review** 61(4) 45-47.
- Seidel, V. P., Fixson, S. K., Marion, T. J. (2020). Innovating how to learn design thinking, making, and innovation: Incorporating multiple modes in teaching the innovation process. **INFORMS Transactions on Education**, 20(2), 73-84.

Seidel, V. P. & Fixson, S.K. (2015) “Design thinking for non-designers” in *“Design Thinking and Design,”* K. Scott Swan, Michael Luchs, and Abbie Griffin, Eds. New York: Wiley, 143-155.

Fixson, S. K., Seidel, V.P., & Bailey, J. (2015) “Creating space for innovation: The role of a “design zone” within a business school.” in Crittenden, V., Esper, K., Karst, N., and Slegers, R., Eds. *“Evolving entrepreneurial education: Innovation in the Babson classroom.”* Bingley, U.K.: Emerald Publishing, 217-234.

Seidel, V. & Pinto, J. (2005). Social Science Strategies for User-Focused Innovation and Design Management. **Design Management Review**, 16(4), 35-40.

Seidel, V. (2000). Moving from Design to Strategy: The Four Roles of Design-Led Strategy Consulting. **Design Management Journal**, 11(2), 73-79.

CASES

Seidel, V. P. and Erzurumlu S. S. (2024) “Transforming Inspiration for Environmental Sustainability into Self-Organized Action at Lam Research” Innovation Research Interchange

WORKING PAPERS

Hannigan, T., M. Ventresca, M. J. & Seidel, V. P. “Meaning in advance of a market: Applying network text analysis to study product propositions in nascent markets”

Langner, B., Seidel, V. P., and Farchi, T. E., “Recreational labor in online innovation contests”

Cattaneo, G. and Seidel, V. P. “Representations, competencies, and identity: How incumbent innovation teams use product and process representations when market logics shift.”

Seidel, V. P. and Riedl, C. “How creative versus technical constraints affect exploring a design space”

Seidel, V. P. “Effects of Sustainability Orientation and Responsible Innovation: Evidence from Global Mining Firms”

PRIMARY PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

2024 Academy of Management, Chicago; European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS), Milan; ACM Collective Intelligence [Organizing Committee and Session Chair], MIT Global Summit on Mine Tailings Innovation

2023 Academy of Management, Boston; Innovation and Product Development Management Conference, Lucco

2022 RMIT University [Distinguished Research Seminar]; Academy of Management, Seattle

- 2021 Innovation and Product Development Management Conference (IPDMC); Academy of Management; European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS); Keynote Speaker, JPIM Idea Development Workshop
- 2020 Innovation and Product Development Management Conference (IPDMC); Academy of Management; Oxford Platform Economy Seminar
- 2019 Organization Science Winter Conference, Phoenix; West Coast Research Symposium, Stanford; Seminars at: Boston College, UMass Boston, Wilfrid Laurier University.
- 2018 Academy of Management, Chicago
- 2017 Organization Science Winter Conference, Park City; EIASM Product Development Management Conference, Reykjavik.
- 2016 Academy of Management, Anaheim; UT Austin workshop on Creative Strategizing; Copenhagen Business School/DRUID; Harvard Business School “Digital Seminar”; Mines Paris Tech Design & Innovation Invited Seminar
- 2015 Academy of Management, Vancouver; Oxford “Crowds and Innovation” conference
- 2014 Academy of Management, Philadelphia; Wharton PVMI; Harvard Open & User Innovation Conference
- 2013 Academy of Management, Orlando; DRUID/Barcelona; EGOS Montreal
- 2012 Academy of Management, Boston; UC Davis Qualitative Research Conference
- 2011 Academy of Management, San Antonio, EGOS Gothenburg, EIASM Product Development Management Conference.
- 2010 Academy of Management, Montreal; EGOS Lisbon; MIT Sloan; University of Venice
- 2009 Academy of Management, Chicago; EIASM Product Development Conference
- 2008 Academy of Management, Anaheim; DRUID/Copenhagen; University of Maryland; Santa Fe Institute
- 2007 Academy of Management, Philadelphia; European Science Foundation, Milan; University College Dublin; Imperial College; ETH-Zurich; EPFL-Lausanne; London Business School; Harvard Business School
- 2006 Academy of Management, Atlanta; EIASM Product Development Conference, Milan; Stanford; Cambridge; London School of Economics; University of Tokyo

PRIMARY TEACHING

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| <i>Undergraduate</i> | <i>Institution and years</i> |
| Introduction to Management | Oxford (2003-2012) |
| Strategic Management | Oxford (2003-2012) |
| Innovation | Northeastern (2013) |
| Innovation in Science and Engineering | Harvard SEAS (2010-present) |

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| <i>Masters / MBA</i> | |
| Strategy & Innovation | Oxford (2005-2013) |
| Entrepreneurship & Technology Ventures | Oxford (2003-2007) |
| Technology & Operations Management | Babson (2014-present) |
| Product Design and Development | Babson (2014-present) |
| Leading Entrepreneurial Action Project | Babson (2015-present) |

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| <i>Executive Education</i> | |
| Strategy & Innovation Diploma | Oxford (2007-present) |

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| <i>Doctoral</i> | |
| Organization Theory | London Business School (2011) |

DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED, HOSTED, AND EXAMINED

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| Cristina Pham | Hosted | Politecnico Milano |
| Timothy Hannigan | Supervised | Oxford |
| Benedikt Langner | Supervised | Oxford |
| Giacomo Cattaneo | Hosted | U. Aarhus, Denmark |
| Basak Yakis Douglas | Examined | Oxford |
| George Chondrakis | Examined | Oxford |
| Claudio Biscaro | Examined | University of Venice |
| Jana Thiel | Examined | EPFL, Switzerland |
| Mihaela Stan | Examined | London Business School |

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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|-------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1998 – 1999 | IBM European Marketing & Sales Headquarters Manager, European Tactical Marketing, Custom Logic Products | <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> |
| 1988 – 1997 | IBM Microelectronics Manager, Business Planning Department (1996-1997) Technical Advisor to the Director of ASIC Logic Products (1995) Product Development Engineer and Product Qualification Engineer (1988-1995) | <i>Vermont, USA</i> |

PART-TIME EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Master of Liberal Arts (A.L.M.), Extension Studies. Field: Sustainability (February 2025)
 Thesis: *Effects of Sustainability Leadership and Innovation on Responsible Mining*

Ten course graduate program, including: *Life Cycle Analysis, Product Stewardship, Product Social Metrics, Environmental Systems Analysis, Environmental Law, and Natural Resource Materials.*

Graduate Certificate, Philosophy and Ethics (May 2019)

Four course graduate program, consisting of: *Ethical reasoning, Existentialism, Enlightenment Philosophy and Classical Western Thought, Philosophy of Comparative Economic Systems*

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Post-Graduate Diploma (PGDip.) in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (February 2013)

Thesis: *Designing Higher Education Curricula in Innovation & Entrepreneurship*

One-year program, supported by the Oxford Learning Institute and Faculty of Education.

RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Master of Science (M.S.) in Engineering Science. Concentration: Manufacturing Systems

Engineering. Studies funded and supported while employed by IBM

PATENTS

“Apparatus for testing circuits and/or burning-in chips” US Patent 5,635,847 (and related method patent: 5,530,375).

“Field Programmable Memory Array” US Patent 5,914,906 (and five related US and further international patents), with Joseph Iadanza, Ralph Kilmoyer, Michael Laramie, and Terrance Zittritsch.

REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

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| 2006 | Chair of Examinations Board for Economics & Management |
| 2007-2008 | Founding academic co-director, Oxford Entrepreneurship Center |
| 2009-2010 | Doctoral Admissions Committee |

Babson College

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| 2015-2020 | Senator, Faculty Senate |
| 2015-2016 | Task Force Co-chair, Academic Master Plan |
| 2016-2020 | Faculty representative, Board of Trustees Committee on Campus Planning |
| 2016-2018 | Faculty representative, Weissman Foundry Advisory Committee |
| 2018 | Babson Graduate School Service Award |
| 2018-present | Weissman Foundry Faculty Fellow |
| 2018-2019 | Senate Executive Committee |
| 2022-present | Babson Faculty Research Fund Committee |
| 2024 | Provost Search Committee |

Harvard College

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| 2010-2021 | Judging Panelist, Annual i3 Innovation Competition |
| 2013-2019 | Judge and Presenter, Harvard Synergy Social Incubator Conference |
| 2014-present | Judging Panelist, Annual Harvard/National Collegiate Research Conf. |

EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEES

- 2013 Harvard University, Winthrop House
As commissioned by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 2018 Brown University, Business, Entrepreneurship & Organizations program
As commissioned by the Office of the Provost

REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Associate Editor *Journal of Product Innovation Management (2025-present)*
- Editorial Boards *Journal of Product Innovation Management (2008-present)*
Academy of Management Discoveries (2020-present)
Strategic Organization (2022-present)
- Representative journal reviewing *Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal, Academy of Management Review, Organization Science, Strategic Management Journal*
- Funding reviewing National Science Foundation (NSF), 2021
French National Research Agency (ANR), 2021
- Representative Academy Service Elected Member of Executive Committee, Technology & Innovation Management Division, Academy of Management (2006-2008)
- TIM Doctoral Consortium Faculty Mentor (2021)
- Co-organizer (with S. Fixson and T. Marion), Semi-Annual Professional Development Workshops on “Innovating how we teach innovation,” Technology & Innovation Management Division, Academy of Management (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024)
- PDMA Dissertation Proposal Award Reviewer (2020), ACM Collective Intelligence CI’24 Program Committee (2024)
- Memberships Academy of Management (USA)
Product Development Management Association (USA)
- Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce (UK)
Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy (UK)