Name

Joanna Saad-Sulonen (She/her)

**Education & degrees** 

Doctor of Arts, Aalto University, New Media, 2014.

Title of the dissertation: "Combining Participations. Expanding the Locus of Participatory E-Planning by Combining Participatory Approaches in the Design of Digital Technology and in Urban Planning.'

Master of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki, New Media, 2005.

Bachelor of Architecture, American University of Beirut, Architecture, 1997.

Research interest

My research interest lies at the intersection of design, digitalization, and participation. I am interested in expanding the understanding of design and participation in design by inquiring into existing and emerging creative digital practices of collectives and people not trained as professional designers, in the way they undertake intrinsic-service-design-asinfrastructuring. Empirically, I study the way groups of citizens self-organize around topics of interest, how they use information technologies and digital services for that purpose, and what type of design work is at hand in such configurations. I follow an ethnographic approach, often combined with participatory design interventions, to collect rich qualitative data. My theoretical and conceptual framework draws from Scandinavian participatory design, design research, civic participation, the commons, service design and computer supported collaborative work. I have always integrated my research interests in participation and design to my teaching, but I also refine my own research scope thanks to my students' curiosity and questions.

**Teaching** 

Service design, Qualitative research, New media design (project based)

**Current position** 

Associate professor, IT University of Copenhagen, Department of Digital Design since

Key work experience

Assistant professor, IT University of Copenhagen Postdoctoral researcher (University of Oulu, Finland) Postdoctoral researcher (Aarhus University, Denmark) Project manager / researcher, Aalto University, Finland Researcher, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland, Researcher, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland Web designer, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland Architect, Iliya Stevenson Consultants, Lebanon

**Impact** 

Total number of citations: 914, h-index: 17 (on 25.04.2022 / Google scholar)

Key own projects

CommIT: Community IT design. Academy of Finland.

A Citizen Toolkit as Urban Commons: towards a sustainable service for and by self-organized communities. Aalto Service Factory funding.

Urban Media Prototyping. Aalto Media Factory funding.

CoMeUp: Collaborative Media content creation for Urban Planning. Aalto Media Factory funding.

Relevant publications

Botero, A. and Saad-Sulonen, J. (in press). Scalar trajectories in design: The case of DIY cloth face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Artifact: Journal of Design Practice.

Karasti, H., Botero, A., Saad-Sulonen, J. and Baker, K. S. (2021) Visualizing devices for configuring complex phenomena in-the-making. Science & Technology Studies.

Saad-Sulonen, J., de Götzen, A., Morelli, N, and Simeone, L. (2020). Service design and participatory design: time to join forces? In Proceedings of the 16th Participatory Design Conference 2020 - Participation(s) Otherwise - Volume 2 (PDC '20). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 76-81. DOI:https://doi.org/10.1145/3384772.3385133

Botero, A. & Saad-Sulonen, J. (2018). (Challenges and Opportunities of) Documentation Practices of Self-Organized Urban Initiatives. In Oswald Devisch, Liesbeth Huybrechts and Roel De Ridder (eds). Participatory design theory: using technology and social media to foster civic engagement. UK: Routledge.

Saad-Sulonen, J., Eriksson, E., Halskov, K., Karasti, H. & Vines, J. (2018) Unfolding participation over time: temporal lenses in participatory design, CoDesign, 14:1, 4-16, DOI: 10.1080/15710882.2018.1426773

Bødker, S., Korsgaard, H., Lyle, P. & Saad-Sulonen, J. (2016). Happenstance, Strategies and Tactics: Intrinsic Design in a Volunteer-based Community. In Proceedings of the 9th Nordic conference on Human-Computer Interaction: Game-Changing Design (NordiCHI '16). New York: ACM.

Bødker, S., Korsgaard, H. & Saad-Sulonen, J. (2016). 'A Farmer, a Place and at least 20 Members': The Development of Artifact Ecologies in Volunteer Based Communities. In Proceedings of the Computer Supported Collaborative Work Conference, CSCW'16.

Horelli, L., Saad-Sulonen, J., Wallin, S. & Botero, A. (2015) When Self-Organization Intersects with Urban Planning: Two Cases from Helsinki. Journal of Planning Practice & Research, 30:3, 286-302, DOI: 10.1080/02697459.2015.1052941

Marttila, S., Botero, A. & Saad-Sulonen, J. (2014). Towards commons design in participatory design. In Proceedings of the 13th Participatory Design Conference: Short Papers, Industry Cases, Workshop Descriptions, Doctoral Consortium papers, and Keynote abstracts -Volume 2 (PDC '14), Vol. 2. 9-12. New York: ACM.

Botero, A. & Saad-Sulonen, J. (2013). Peer production in public services? Emerging themes for design research and action. In Ezio Manzini, Eduardo Staszowski (Eds.) Public and Collaborative - Exploring the Intersection of Design, Social Innovation and Public Policy, 1-12. DESIS network.