



# EDP Interactions

Newsletter #1

## Relaunch in Turbulent Times

### Dear readers,

We are happy to deliver to you our first semi-annual newsletter, the latest manifestation of a number of new and exciting developments with the German Research Network "External Democracy Promotion" (EDP). Many of you have already known us and our work for years. Our news in a nutshell: we have relaunched in May 2015 under Leibniz-sponsorship, have expanded in numbers, and have created a new web presence that will allow you to better follow our work and connect with us. And, most important of all, we have begun to focus our joint research on a long-neglected but crucial issue: interaction processes in democracy promotion.

These are turbulent times for those invested in the state of democracy and democratization around the world as well as for those studying these developments. We welcome you to follow our research and interact with us, as we endeavor to

contribute to the untangling and understanding of democracy promotion from different perspectives!

[Annika for the EDP Network](#)



The members of the EDP Network from left to right: Tina Freyburg, Annika Elena Poppe, Julia Leininger, Sonja Grimm, Johannes Gerschewski, Solveig Richter, Jonas Wolff, Vera van Hüllen

## NEWS

### 01. May 2016 | **Johannes Gerschewski awarded with Gero Erdmann-Prize**

We are happy to announce that Johannes is the recipient of the "Gero Erdmann-Preis für vergleichende Area-Forschung". The prize is awarded by the Journal *Comparative Governance and Politics* and the working group *Democracy Research* of the German Association for Political Science (DVPW). It honors the best dissertation of the years 2013 and 2014. In his dissertation, Johannes analyzes the stabilizing conditions of East Asia's autocratic regimes. He shares the first place with Dorothea Keudel-Kaiser (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder).

01. August 2016 | 10th Pan-European Conference in Turkey cancelled / EDP section to relocate to Frankfurt. »

23. June 2016 | Leuphana University Lüneburg currently hosts three network guests. »

29. April 2016 | ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops on legitimation in non-democratic contexts. »

20. April 2016 | Workshop with Professor Amitav Acharya at St. Gallen University. »

04. April 2016 | First semi-annual EDP network meeting at Konstanz University. »

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## PUBLICATIONS

SONJA GRIMM, LISA GROß | 2016

**Conflicts of Preferences and Domestic Constraints: Understanding Reform Failure in Liberal Statebuilding and Democracy Promotion.** In: Contemporary Politics, 22: 2, 125-143.

JULIA LEININGER ET AL. | 2016

**How can development policy help to tackle the causes of flight?** Briefing Paper 2/2016, Bonn: German Development Institute.

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI | 2016

**Do Ideocracies Constitute a Distinct Subtype of Autocratic Regimes?** In: Bäckes, Uwe/Kailitz, Steffen (eds): Ideocracies in Comparison, London: Routledge, 88-105.

JONAS WOLFF, ANNIKA E. POPPE | 2015

**From Closing Space to Contested Spaces. Re-assessing Current Conflicts over International Civil Society Support.** PRIF Report 137/2015, Frankfurt: Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF).

VERA VAN HÜLLEN | 2015

**EU Democracy Promotion and the Arab Spring. International Cooperation and Authoritarianism.** Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

TINA FREYBURG ET AL. | 2015

**Democracy Promotion by Functional Cooperation: The European Union and Its Neighbourhood.** London: Palgrave.

See all **Publications** [here](#).



## EDP WIRE

SONJA GRIMM | 2016

### The crisis of European Union democracy promotion

Democracy promotion is an integral component of European foreign policy. However, European democracy promotion is less effective than assumed and hoped for. Sonja Grimm offers four explanations. [read more »](#)

Read all **EDP Wire** posts [here](#).

ANNIKA E. POPPE, JONAS WOLFF | 2016

### Foreign funding restrictions: more than just „an illegitimate excuse“

Those that justify restrictions on foreign funding for civil society have strong normative arguments that cannot be dismissed lightly. A contribution to the debate on closing space for civil society.

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## OUTLOOK

### 10th Pan-European Conference in Turkey cancelled / EDP section to relocate to the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

With deep sorrow we have followed recent events in Turkey. In light of the severe repression against academia, the EISA board has decided on July 21, 2016, to cancel its annual conference originally to be held in Izmir, Turkey, from 7-10 September. The decision at that point was inevitable and yet it is very regrettable. We are currently in the process of relocating our section entitled “Democracy Promotion as Interaction: Rethinking the External-Internal Interplay in International Relations” to the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt on 8-9 September 2016, and we will keep you updated on this process on our website.

We agree with [EISA's public statement on the cancellation](#), and our thoughts are with our Turkish colleagues and with everyone currently suffering from the assault on academic freedom and other repressive measures.

