



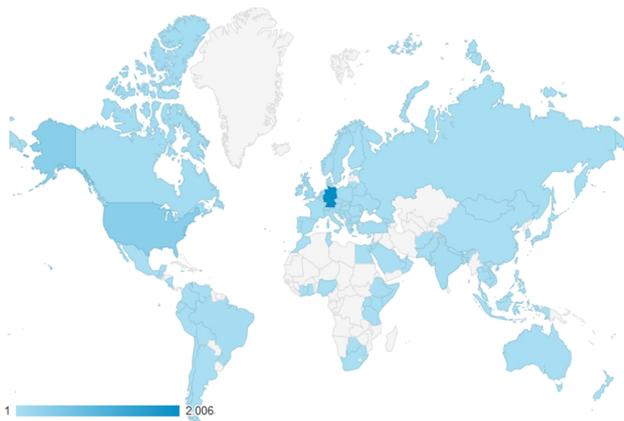
EDP Interactions

Newsletter #4

TAKING STOCK

Dear readers,

It has been almost three years since the EDP network relaunched under Leibniz-sponsorship – time to take stock. Since May 2015, our network has engaged and prospered in many meetings and workshops and network members have published a large number of articles and books. Two joint publication projects are well underway. Two years ago, we also created



Geographic distribution of visitors of the EDP's website.

our new web presence, where so far we can look back on over 30 news segments, 22 wire contributions, and four newsletters. The EDP website was visited by more than 2.500 people from all over the world. While most of our visitors come from Germany, we are also excited about many readers in the United States and a host of other countries worldwide. In total, the website has so far had over 12.000 page views and these numbers make us confident about the future development of our research network!

In June 2018, the network will publish a joint, open-access policy paper on the current state of democracy promotion. Here, the network takes stock of the current key challenges and formulates responses to them. Each network member contributes an article from his or her respective field of expertise – keep checking back for the report's release on our website in early June!

Best regards,

Jana Baldus (Editor for the EDP Network)

NEWS

December 2017 | **Workshop at DIE: „Whither the End of the Liberal Order. Do Societal Values Influence the Effectiveness of Democracy Support?“**

Based on the findings of the three-year research project “What is democracy’s value?” led by our EDP network member Julia Leininger, the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn held a workshop from 7 to 8 December 2017 entitled “Whither the “End of the Liberal Order. Do Societal Values Influence the Effectiveness of Democracy Support?”. During the two-day workshop participants discussed core values and effectiveness of international democracy support. »

November 2017 | **Young policy-makers discuss threats to liberal democracies at Bridging Gaps conference at the Willy Brandt School in Erfurt**

From November 10th-11th 2017, the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy in Erfurt held the 3rd Bridging Gaps Conference on the topic “Threats to Liberal Democracies”. The Conference aimed to provide future policy-makers with a platform to exchange ideas and discuss policies among like-minded peers. The conference was financed by the Leibniz-funded EDP Network and the Fellows & Friends Program. »

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PUBLICATIONS

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI, CHRISTOPH H: STEFES | FORTHCOMING 2018

Crisis in Autocratic Regimes. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

JONAS WOLFF | 2018

Political incorporation in measures of democracy: a missing dimension (and the case of Bolivia). In: Democratization, published online 16/01/2018

TINA FREYBURG | 2018

Democracy Promotion By Functional Cooperation. In: Tobias Schumacher, Thomas Demmelhuber, and Andreas Marchetti (eds.): Routledge Handbook of the European Neighbourhood Policy. London: Routledge.

SOLVEIG RICHTER | 2017

Wolf in Sheep's Clothing—Illegitimate rule through State Capture in post-war and transitional societies. In: Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung 6:2.

SONJA GRIMM, OKKA LOU MATHIS | 2017

Democratization via Aid? The European Union's Democracy Promotion in the Western Balkans, 1990-2010. In: European Union Politics, published online: 17 September 2017.

JALALE GETACHEW BIRRU, JONAS WOLFF | 2017

Negotiating International Civil Society Support. PRIF Working Papers 36/2017, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt.

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EDP WIRE

TINA FREYBURG, TOBIAS BÖHMELT | 2017

A model for predicting future EU enlargements

The last state to join the EU was Croatia, but when can current candidate states expect to secure their accession to the EU? This wire presents results from a study of the capacity of candidate states to meet accession criteria. Only one of the current candidate states would be projected to meet the criteria by 2023.

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JEFF BRIDOUX | 2018

Democracy Promotion: Quo Vadis?

Jeff Bridoux (Aberystwyth University) discusses the demise of international democracy promotion. He argues that the two main actors of democracy promotion, the EU and the United States, have to bear part of the blame due to rising nationalism and waning interest in external democracy promotion.

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ANNIKA E. POPPE, JONAS WOLFF | 2017

We need to understand why states object to the presence of foreign-funded NGOs

More and more countries restrict how NGOs operate, often by limiting their funding. The response is frequently to argue that these restrictions flout international law or amount to crackdowns on the opposition. Annika and Jonas argue that the objections to NGO activity need to be taken seriously.

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NICOLAS BOUCHET | 2017

The Trump administration and democracy promotion: thinking about regime change?

Nick Bouchet (German Marshall Fund) discusses the Trump administration's linking of democracy support to the pursuit of US security goals and the potential damage this could do the fledgling efforts at collective democracy-building.

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