



EDP Interactions

Newsletter #3

Contestation and Negotiation

Dear readers,

The past months have seen vivid discussions about and contestation of (liberal) democracy promotion by a wide range of actors. On our part, we have engaged with this pressing issue by discussing the contestation of democracy (promotion) as well as shedding new light on the role of negotiation in democracy promotion.

In this regard, our major project has become the development of a Special Issue on democracy promotion negotiation. In May 2017, the EDP Network hosted an authors workshop at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and was happy to welcome guest researchers from as far afield as Brazil and Nepal. Network members and guest researchers discussed their papers in intensive and constructive sessions which included interesting insights on democracy promotion negotiation in Nepal, Ethiopia, Morocco, Tunisia and Venezuela. These discussions once again showed us the relevance of this issue and the need to respond to the increasing criticism and expli-

cit resistance that democracy promotion is currently confronted with.

We would like to thank the researchers who participated in the workshop and we are looking forward to completing our joint special issue project!

Best regards,

Jana Baldus (Editor for the EDP Network)



The participants of the authors workshop at PRIF.

NEWS

August 2017 | **Annika Elena Poppe is awarded the Rolf Kentner Dissertation Prize 2017**

For her 2015 dissertation, Annika will be awarded the Rolf Kentner Dissertation Prize 2017 by the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) that honours outstanding works in the field of American Studies every year. In her dissertation entitled "U.S. Democracy Promotion after the Cold War. Stability, Basic Premises, and Policy towards Egypt", Annika analyzes the relationship between the puzzling stability of U.S. democracy promotion policy and the basic premises this policy is based on. The award ceremony will take place on October 19 at the HCA. More [information here](#).



01. July 2017 | Summer School at St. Gallen University: Democratization in a Globalized and Mediatized World. »

30. May 2017 | Roundtable Discussion: "Democracy under Fire?" at Willy Brandt School of Public Policy. »

22. May 2017 | EDP visiting experts at PRIF to focus on Democracy Promotion Negotiation. »

12. April 2017 | Julia Leininger and Tina Freyburg participate in panel discussion on "Possibilities and Limits of Democracy Promotion" (University of Zurich). »

03. April 2017 | EDP Network meeting at Willy Brandt School in Erfurt in late March. »

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PUBLICATIONS

TINA FREYBURG, SANDRA LAVENEX,
FRANK SCHIMMELFENNIG | 2017

Just an Illusion? Democratization in the International Realm. In: Swiss Political Science Review, published online: 25 August 2017.

ANNIKA E. POPPE, JONAS WOLFF | 2017

The contested spaces of civil society in a plural world: norm contestation in the debate about restrictions on international civil society support. In: Contemporary Politics, published online: 21/06/2017.

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI, ALEXANDER
DUKALSKIS | 2017

What autocracies say (and what citizens hear): proposing four mechanisms of autocratic legitimation. In: Contemporary Politics, published online: 16/03/2017.

ANNIKA E. POPPE | 2017

Recalibrating the interest-values-nexus. US democracy promotion in the Middle East. In: Orient 58:2, 15-22.

TINA FREYBURG, TOBIAS BÖHMELT |
2017

Forecasting candidate states' compliance with EU accession rules, 2017–2050. In: Journal of European Public Policy, published online: 12/07/2017.

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI, KRESSEN
THYEN | 2017

Legitimacy and protest under authoritarianism: explaining student mobilization in Egypt and Morocco during the Arab uprisings. In: Democratization, published online: 25/04/2017.

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EDP WIRE

DANIEL WARNER | 2017

Vladimir Putin's history lesson about democracy promotion

Dr. Warner outlines the interrelationship between democracy promotion and democracy by putting the concepts into historical perspective. By using President Putin's 2015 UN Speech as an example of Moscow's views about the post-1989 world, he defines his focus on Western democracy promotion following the collapse of the Soviet Union. [read more »](#)



JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI | 2017

How do autocracies legitimate their rule?

Johannes Gerschewski and Alex Dukalskis have edited a special issue of "Contemporary Politics" on the topic "Legitimation in Autocracies" to push forward the debate about a factor that has gone almost unnoticed by the recent wave of comparative authoritarianism: autocratic legitimation. [read more »](#)

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ANNIKA E. POPPE, JONAS WOLFF | 2017

Germany Sets a Poor Example: The Case of ATTAC in Light of Globally Closing Civic Spaces

A critical NGO receives a letter from the tax office, indicating that its public-benefit status has been revoked on the grounds of its involvement in political activities. After a court has reviewed and closed the case in favor of the NGO, the central government intervenes, insisting that the judgment should be reviewed. [read more »](#)

VERA VAN HÜLLEN | 2017

International Cooperation and Authoritarianism

After the wave of popular uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa, it is clear that the 'Arab Spring' has not put an end to the exceptional persistence of authoritarianism in the region. At the same time, it has highlighted the shortcomings of democracy promotion efforts vis-à-vis the authoritarian regimes in the region. [read more »](#)

