



EDP Interactions

Newsletter #7

A (NOT SO CALM) TRANSITION PERIOD

Dear readers,

After four years of generous funding by the German Leibniz Association and outstanding publications by various network members, the EDP Network is currently in a transition period. Nevertheless, the network doesn't pause. Even though we are on a small-scale funding, several network members have contributed to new [publications](#). And there is enough going on to be written about. During our meeting in December we discuss new funding possibilities and plan our upcoming activities for 2020.

The recently published PRIF Report "[Preventing Civic Space Restrictions. An Exploratory Study of Successful Resistance Against NGO Laws](#)" by Jana Baldus, Nora Berger-Kern, Fabian Hetz, Annika Elena Poppe, and Jonas Wolff looks at four cases (Azerbaijan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan and Zambia) in which governmental attempts to adopt restrictive NGO laws have been frustrated, aborted or, at least, significantly

mitigated as a consequence of domestic and/or international resistance. It identifies conditions and dynamics that help understand successful resistance against legal civic space restrictions.

Two of our most recent EDP Wire contributions analyze the transformation process in Ethiopia – where after a long period of civil society repression, [a new NGO law opened up civic space](#) again and the new [Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed with his Medemer concept](#) initiated a peace process.

The EDP Network coordination is currently based at PRIF. Rebecca Wagner (introduction further below) has taken over the role of the network coordinator and Nora Berger-Kern acts as editor for the network.

We hope you enjoy our new publications and we are excited to keep you updated with our network development! You can also stay updated by following us on [Twitter @edp_network](#).

Best wishes from the PRIF EDP Team

Rebecca and Nora



NEWS

Introducing our new EDP Network coordinator

Rebecca Wagner joined PRIF as a doctoral researcher beginning of this year and the EDP Network in May 2019 as network coordinator. In her dissertation "[elections in times of shrinking civic space](#)" she looks at factors that condition civil societies' and opposition parties' ability to (re-)act, facing increasing shrinking spaces at elections. She is also involved in the research project "[Dynamics of Interaction in the contexts of shrinking civic spaces](#)".

As the EDP Network coordinator, Rebecca maintains the EDP Network activities and coordinates the public outreach.

More about Rebecca [here](#).



EDP Network coordinator Rebecca Wagner

October 17, 2019 | Book release: US Democracy Promotion after the Cold War: Stability, Basic Premises, and Policy towards Egypt. [»](#)

August 8, 2019 | Jonas Wolff joined the World Order Watch (WOW) Research Network. [»](#)

August 7, 2019 | Johannes Gerschewski joins Cluster of Excellence "SCRIPTS". [»](#)

May 9, 2019 | EDP Special Issue "The negotiation of democracy promotion. Issues, parameters and consequences" online now as open access. [»](#)

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PUBLICATIONS

TINA FREYBURG, ROBERT HUBERT,
STEFFEN MOHRENBURG | 2019

Love at First Sight? Populist Attitudes and Support for Direct Democracy. In: Party Politics, online available [here](#).

ANNIKA E. POPPE | 2019

US Democracy Promotion after the Cold War Stability, Basic Premises, and Policy toward Egypt. 1st Edition, London: Routledge, more about this publication [here](#).

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI, ANJA NEUN-
DORF, ROMAN-GABRIEL OLAR | 2019

How Do Inclusionary and Exclusionary Autocracies Affect Ordinary People? In: Comparative Political Studies, online available [here](#).

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI, WOLFGANG
MERKEL | 2019

Democratic Transformation after the Second World War. In: Kollmorgen, Raj/Merkel, Wolfgang/Wagener, Hans-Jürgen (Eds.): Oxford Handbook of Political, Social, and Economic Transformation. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 280-292, more about this publication [here](#).

JULIA LEININGER, ANNA LÜHRMANN,
RACHEL SIGMAN | 2019

Social and economic inequalities' effects on inclusive governance. In: DIE Discussion Paper 7/2019, online available [here](#).

TINA FREYBURG, HUGO MARCOS-
MARNÉ, CAROLINA PLAZA-COLODRO |
2019

Who Votes for New Parties? Economic Voting, Political Ideology, and Populist Attitudes. In: West European Politics, online available [here](#).

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

EDP WIRE

NORA BERGER-KERN, ANNIKA ELENA
POPPE, JONAS WOLFF

Preventing Civic Space Restrictions. An Exploratory Study of Successful Resistance Against NGO Laws

This contribution summarizes the PRIF Report "Preventing Civic Space Restrictions. An Exploratory Study of Successful Resistance Against NGO Laws" by Jana Baldus, Nora Berger-Kern, Fabian Hetz, Annika Elena Poppe, and Jonas Wolff. [Read more »](#)

JALALE GETACHEW BIRRU

Can the new Ethiopian CSO proclamation open space for CSOs to contribute to the 2020 election of Ethiopia?

In her post, Jalale details the major changes of the 2019 Organizations of Civil Society Proclamation No. 1113/2019 which aims to open space for CSOs to contribute to the country's democracy and human right promotion. It concludes by looking forward to the upcoming 2020 general election of Ethiopia. [Read more »](#)

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

JOHANNES GERSCHEWSKI

Regime Legitimation Strategies (RLS), 1900 to 2018

Johannes' Wire presents the V-Dem Working Paper "Regime Legitimation Strategies (RLS), 1900 to 2018" that introduces new expert-coded measures of regime legitimation strategies for 179 countries in the world from 1900 up until 2018.

[Read more »](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Vera van Hüllen is Assistant Professor (Juniorprofessorin) for International Relations at Leuphana University of Lüneburg. Her current research on international democracy promotion focuses on the role of regional organizations (including the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council) and international institutions more broadly for regime transformation

and change in the Middle East and North Africa. She investigates in particular the dynamics of transnational human rights politics and authoritarian regime survival and change and the multi-level interaction between different 'senders' and 'recipients' of (multi-directional) norm transfers.

More about Vera van Hüllen [here](#).

