



International Democracy Promotion in Times of War and Economic Challenges



Dear Readers,

After two years of dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath, the world is met with a very serious and vastly different crisis: Russia's war in Ukraine that has claimed thousands of lives and has led to the loss of homes, livelihoods and to the expulsion of many Ukrainian citizens. On a global scale, politicians had to find ways to respond adequately to the aggression by re-evaluating their foreign and security policies while simultaneously seeking to deescalate the situation and providing humanitarian aid for those in need. At the same time, the levels of socio-economic development and economic performance, [that the BTI assessed to be at their lowest in 20 years](#), need to be

tackled. These challenges stand in line with the constant rise of authoritarian regimes and the dire need for democracy protection. With a wide array of new publications and projects regarding these issues, we are pleased to introduce [EDP Interactions #12](#).

For regular updates on network activities, publications and all things regarding democracy promotion, we recommend following our Twitter account [@edp_network](#).

Get in touch via email: edp@HSFK.de.

Despite all, we wish you a happy and peaceful summer,
Heinrike and Rebecca, EDP Team

News

10 June 2022

[Solveig Richter featured in Television Interview on Phoenix](#)

25 May 2022

[Benjamin Schütze moderates a joint lecture on "Renewable Energies, Renewed Authoritarianisms?"](#)

5 April 2022

[EDP Network at ISA 2022 in Nashville](#)

1 April 2022

[Jonas Wolff has been appointed as professor to Goethe University Frankfurt](#)

1 February 2022

[Tina Freyburg Elected as President of the Research Commission](#)

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EDP Wires

11 May 2022 | Benjamin Schütze

[Why "Democracy Promotion" should play no role in a values-based German foreign policy in the MENA region](#)

Benjamin Schuetze discusses why states in the MENA region have remained authoritarian despite considerable efforts in terms of democracy promotion, and suggests how meaningful German support could look like.

26 March 2022 | Jonas Wolff

[German Democracy Promotion: Change of Course under the Traffic Light Coalition?](#)

Jonas Wolff discusses the apparent reorientation of German international democracy promotion and compares the previous developmental approach to the new political approach, as outlined in the coalition agreement.

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The EDP Network meets in Bonn

After a long period of online meetings and social distancing due to the pandemic, the EDP Network members finally met in person at the DIE in Bonn, Germany. During the two-day meeting, current projects, such as a new EU Project titled "Embracing change: Overcoming Blockages and Advancing Democracy in the European Neighbourhood" by Dr Sonja Grimm, were presented. In addition, further activities and planned publications by EDP network members were discussed.



In the Spotlight: Leonie Holthaus



EDP member Leonie Holthaus joined the network in 2021. Leonie is a senior research fellow at the Department of Transnational Governance at the Technical University of Darmstadt. In her research, she focusses on Democratization and International Relations. Besides studying German and North American democracy promotion in transitory Tunisia, she currently analyzes the historical and epistemic development of democracy promotion practices. Prof. Michael Christensen (Carleton University) is among Leonie's international cooperation partners. Furthermore, in cooperation with the Schader-Stiftung, Leonie is planning on launching a discussion board on the World Cup 2022, which is set to take place in Qatar. [She recently gave an interview on this topic](#), too.

Read more about Leonie Holthaus [here](#).

Publications (selected)

Felix Haass, Caroline Hartzell, Martin Ottmann

[Citizens in peace processes](#)

In: Journal of Conflict Resolution

Vanessa Boese, Nazifa Alizada, Martin Lundstedt, Kelly Morrison, Natalia Natsika, Yuko Sato, Hugo Tai, Staffan I. Lindberg

[Autocratization Changing Nature?](#)

In: Democracy Report 2022, Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem).

Jonas Wolff

[The local turn and the Global South in critical peacebuilding studies](#)

In: PRIF Working Papers No. 57.

Sarah von Billerbeck, Corinne Heaven, Alina Rocha Menocal, Dominik Zaum

[From Elite Bargains to \(More\) Open and \(More\) Inclusive Politics](#)

In: Report, University of Reading, pp. 78.

Johannes Gerschewski, Anja Neundorf, Aykut Öztürk, Ksenia Northmore-Ball, Katerina Tertychnaya

[A Loyal Base: Support for Authoritarian Regimes in Times of Crisis](#)

In: OSF Preprints.

Inken von Borzyskowski

[Peacemaking and Election Violence](#)

In: Contemporary Peacemaking, pp.307-331.

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

Job Advertisement

The research group of Comparative Politics held by EDP member [Tina Freyburg](#) is looking for a

[Doctoral Researcher in Comparative Politics for Ukrainian scholar \(m/f/d\) at the University of St. Gallen](#)

For further information about the application process, please click on the provided link.

