



Democracy Promotion in Times of Autocratization

Dear Readers,

Autocracy is a global trend and affects international democracy promotion – these developments deserve close scholarly attention.

The network members, Sonja Grimm, Brigitte Weiffen, and Karina Mross are collaborating with twenty-three scholars from around the world to finalize a Special Issue. This publication will delve into the dynamics between democracy promoters and autocratic challengers, exploring their motives and strategies, the overarching competition between these entities, and their responses to each other's actions.

Members of the EDP Network convened online on March 15, 2024, to discuss and collaborate on finalizing an application for funding from the German Research Foundation (DFG). The planned project aims to systemize and to theorize the effects of autocratization on international democracy promotion.

The latest developments for the network include the new membership of Marina Nord, whom we warmly welcome. Her expertise in autocratization and democratization processes, with a focus on economic (in)stability is a great addition to upcoming projects. We look forward to her contributions to the network.

For the upcoming summer break, we wish everyone a good rest and are pleased to present to you the 16th EDP Newsletter.

Sonja and Ulvi for the EDP Network

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In the Spotlight



We warmly welcome Marina Nord as a new network member. Marina is a postdoctoral researcher at the V-Dem Institute.

Her research interests cover a broad range of areas pertaining to autocratization and democratization processes, with special focus on economic

sources of regime (in)stability. Before joining the V-Dem Institute, Marina worked on several research projects at the Hertie School and the German Institute for Economic Research, where she became passionate about bridging the gap between academic research and policy domains.

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Publications (selected)

Marina Nord, Fabio Angiolillo, Martin Lundstedt, Felix Wiebrecht, Staffan I. Lindberg | 2024

[When Autocratization is Reversed: Episodes of Democratic Turnarounds Since 1900](#)

In: V-Dem Working Paper No. 147.

Benjamin Schütze | 2024

['Seizing the Moment': Arab-Israeli Normalization Infrastructure as a Means to Bypass Politics and the Promotion of an Israeli-Jordanian Transit Traderoute](#)

In: Geopolitics, 1-25.

Marina Nord, Martin Lundstedt, David Altman, Fabio Angiolillo, Cecilia Borella, Tiago Fernandes, Lisa Gastaldi, Ana Good-God, Staffan I. Lindberg | 2024

[Democracy Report 2024: Democracy Winning and Losing at the Ballot](#)

In: V-Dem Democracy Report 2024.

Isabel Lopera-Arbeláez, Solveig Richter | 2024

[Transformative Approaches for Peace-Centred Sustainable Development: The Role of Social and Solidarity Economy](#)

In: World Development Perspectives, Volume 34, 100593.

Fabio Angiolillo, Martin Lundstedt, Marina Nord, Staffan I. Lindberg | 2024

[State of the World 2023: Democracy Winning and Losing at the Ballot](#)

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Kseniya Oksamytna, Sarah von Billerbeck | 2024

[Race and International Organizations](#)

In: International Studies Quarterly, Volume 68, Issue 2.

Mónica Amador-Jimenez, Pablo Andreas Ramos Baron, Solveig Richter | 2024

[Complementary Ways of Seeing "The Nature": Integrating Varieties of Knowledge Practices in the Management of Local Environmental Conflicts in Colombia](#)

In: Environment and Security, Volume 2, Issue 1, 47-74.

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