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Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) Global Research Update July 2019

This Update was issued on 26 July 2019. It is based on new publications and suggestions from users of the Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) resource,

Global Research Updates should be read in conjunction with the main bibliography on DEM-DEC (issued 24 June 2018).

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DEM-DEC will be on hiatus
for August 2019



It's been an extraordinarily busy year for all of us here at DEM-DEC. We will be on hiatus for August, which means that the next Global Research Update will be issued in September 2019. It will cover research from both August and September 2019.

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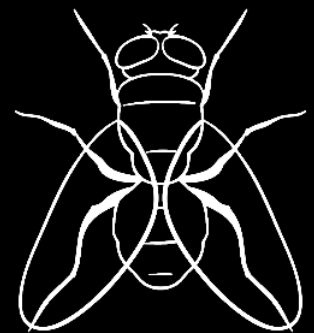
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Created by Dr Tom Gerald Daly and supported by a range of leading academic and policy organisations, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) is an online resource aiming to provide useful information on the deterioration and re-thinking of democratic rule worldwide through a mixture of curated, collaborative, and user-generated content including a Bibliography, Concept Index, Experts Database, Events Database, Teaching Materials, and Links.

DEM-DEC's core purpose is to bring scholars and policymakers together in a collaborative project to pool expertise on democratic decay and democratic renewal, in a context where many experts are talking in silos, or past one another, where the literature is rapidly expanding, and events and projects are proliferating across the world.

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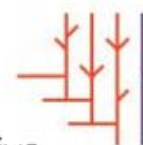
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[Parliamentarians for Global Action](#) is the largest worldwide network of more than 1,300 individual parliamentarians in 130 legislatures united in their commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. PGA works through action-oriented campaigns, mobilizing member-parliamentarians on issues of global importance.

Campaign for Democratic Renewal and Human Rights

PGA's latest campaign, launched in 2018, is for Democratic Renewal and Human Rights, which aims to empower, equip, and enlist parliamentarians as democracy defenders. This furthers PGA's core mandate to contribute to the creation of a "rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world" by working to:

1. Promote norms, regulations and best practices reinforcing and protecting civil and political democratic space.
2. Protect the human rights of democracy activists, especially parliamentarians in opposition, women in politics, minorities and vulnerable groups.

History

PGA was established in 1978 in Washington, D.C. by a group of concerned parliamentarians from around the world to take collective, coordinated and cohesive actions on global problems, which could not be successfully addressed by any one government or parliament acting alone. Founded during the Cold War era, an early focus and priority of the organization was mobilization of Parliamentarians worldwide in support of nuclear disarmament. Today, and reflecting the more complex and interconnected world in which it now lives, PGA and its members worldwide devote their time and energies to promoting human rights, international justice and accountability, advocating for conflict prevention mechanisms and security sector reform as well as promoting gender, equality and non-discrimination.

Structure

The PGA's 15-member Executive Committee is elected by a 40-member International Council which represents all the regions of the world. PGA also works closely with the UN system through the advisory body of the UN Committee for PGA - comprising senior UN ambassadors, high-level UN officials, and some leading NGO representatives.

PGA also has had an extremely effective track record with intergovernmental agencies such as the UNFPA, UNDP, UNODA, UNICEF, UN Women, UNESCO, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and International IDEA.

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Introduction

The DEM-DEC Bibliography

The DEM-DEC Bibliography is provided on Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) at www.democratic-decay.org, which was launched on 25 June 2018 and which aims to provide useful information to academics and policymakers concerned with the creeping deterioration of democratic rule worldwide and on re-thinking democratic governance.

The [main Bibliography](#) (finalised on 24 June 2018) presents a global range of research on democratic decay. It has a strong focus on research by public lawyers – spanning constitutional, international and transnational law – but also includes key research from political science, as well as policy texts.

Twelfth monthly update since DEM-DEC was launched

Updates to the Bibliography are issued every month. This is the twelfth monthly update provided and was issued on Friday 26 July 2019. All updates should be read in conjunction with the main DEM-DEC bibliography.

Comprehensiveness

It is impossible to be comprehensive given the broad scope of the subject. However, the updates here have been collated from suggestions by scholars and experts worldwide, a broad search of publisher websites and academic journals worldwide, as well as information collated on leading blogs. Blog posts, media articles, and (with some exceptions) policy documents are not covered.

Period covered by this update

As this is a monthly update, the main items here are from late June-late July 2019. Items suggested by DEM-DEC users include earlier material. In addition, the 'Forthcoming Research' section provides a growing list of future publications.

Global Coverage

The Global Research Updates aim for global coverage. However, it should be borne in mind that the Bibliography and Updates, at present, collate information exclusively in the English language.

Hyperlinks

Every effort is made to provide hyperlinks to access each text listed, or at least information on the text. Please remain mindful that some links may be broken over time.

Acknowledgments

Sincere thanks to all who have suggested additions and sent key information for this Update. A particular thanks to DEM-DEC's Research Editors, Kuan-Wei Chen and Anant Sangal, who have provided highly valuable assistance in compiling information for this Update.

Key Themes from this Update

Identifying Themes

In each monthly Update DEM-DEC Director Dr Tom Gerald Daly selects key themes. The aim is simply to provide ‘added value’ by helping users to navigate the Update, and to provide some limited commentary, especially on very recent research. Although it is impossible to capture every dimension of the issues covered in this Update, six key themes can be picked out.

1 Remembering Agnes Heller

On 19 July the Hungarian philosopher Agnes Heller passed away at the age of 90. A survivor of the Holocaust, Heller and her husband moved to Australia in 1977 to escape political persecution, returning after the collapse of Communism in 1989. In recent years, Heller was a vocal critic of the dismantling of liberal democracy in her home country. Her article [‘Hungary: How Liberty Can Be Lost’](#), published in Spring 2019, rewards a close read. As Heller put it:

A story is always a story of choices. It was not written in the stars that Hungary would fare worst among all post-Soviet states or that it would be the most radical in its elimination of freedom of the press or balance of power in government and wind up with a system I call tyranny. Tyranny is not a form of state (like democracy or fascism or communism) but a type of rule, where a single person (generally male) decides everything that happens in a country and nothing can happen against this single person's will. (...)

Although it was not written in the stars that this would happen, the possibility of relapse into a kind to tyranny was nevertheless there from the beginning. How did it happen and why?

An [abridged version of the article](#) was published by the Public Seminar website in Heller’s memory. A useful companion piece is [David Andersen’s review essay](#) (of three key books on democratisation and democratic backsliding) in *Comparative Politics* (July 2019), in which he proposes a framework for a more comprehensive understanding of the most well-known backsliding experiences in the United States, Venezuela, Hungary, and Turkey.

2 Forthcoming Books on the Far Right

Heller’s escape from Hungary to Australia in the 1970s reflected the Cold War geopolitical division of the globe into the NATO-aligned democratic ‘First World’, Communist ‘Second World’, and unaligned ‘Third World’. We now inhabit a world where the poles of full liberal democracy and hard authoritarianism (never themselves fully reflective of reality) are giving way to a growing ‘grey zone’ of states that lie somewhere between these poles. While governmental threats to extant liberal democracy are often discussed under the rubric of populism, or authoritarian populism, many scholars focus on the notion of the ‘far right’, which is a broader and more prevalent phenomenon. A range of forthcoming books are of note. [Cas Mudde’s *The Far Right Today*](#) (due out in November) promises to be a landmark work. Two further books focus on the far right in the [UK](#) and [Australia](#). A useful companion read is Mark Sedgwick’s recent book on [16 key thinkers of the radical right](#), suggested for

addition by a DEM-DEC user. Take a look too at [DEM-DEC's Anniversary Research Compilation](#) for more research on the far right in Europe, Brazil, and the USA; and at research resources on the far right in the DEM-DEC [Links](#) section. That said, the [recent UN report on human rights in Venezuela](#) (5 July 2019) underlines that not all enemies of liberal democracy hail from the right side of the political spectrum.

3 Cities and Democratic Decay

Categorising any state as lying within one monolithic category (liberal democratic, authoritarian, or otherwise) is further complicated by the sometimes-stark disparities between cities and surrounding populations, which can dictate who wins power. [Jonathan Rodden's new book, *Why Cities Lose: The Deep Roots of the Urban-Rural Political Divide*](#) (June 2019) investigates the historical roots of the urban-rural divide in the US, revealing the extent to which the urban vote is increasingly diminished by a variety of structures that magnify the rural vote and prevent even clear electoral majorities translating into political power. In Hungary today, as [Theresa Gessler and Anna Kyriazi discuss in a new book chapter](#), we see a clear urban-rural divide in support for the Fidesz government. In Turkey, the ruling AKP's loss in the recently [re-run Istanbul elections](#) have punctured President Erdoğan's aura of invincibility. While extreme divides in urban-rural political preferences are far from a universal phenomenon, this area requires greater attention, especially from a comparative perspective.

4 Optimism on Investigative Journalism

As well as investigating new frontiers in this area, we see scholars casting their eyes on core features of the democratic state to address contemporary assumptions about their operation and health. In this vein, [Andrea Carson's new book *Investigative Journalism, Democracy and the Digital Age*](#) (July 2019) focuses on the role such journalism plays as a check on power, tracing its development into the digital age. Drawing on a wealth of empirical evidence, Carson makes the unexpected argument that, despite multiple disruptions to the profession and its business model, fears that investigative journalism is in decline in developed economies is not supported by the evidence.

5 Are We at a Hinge in History?

[Larry Diamond's new book is finally out](#), with the title clearly staking out his approach: *Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency*. Diamond discusses the deterioration of Western democracies and the decline of the West's 'soft power' alongside the rise of 'sharp power' employed by authoritarian states such as Russia and China. Although many global readers may chafe at his apparent call for a return to the US's role as the "indispensable nation", Diamond's note of hope will resonate widely, suggesting that we are suspended between the end of one era and the beginning of the next:

We are at a hinge in history, between a new era of tyranny and a new age of democratic renewal. Free governments can defend their values; free citizens can exercise their rights. We can make the internet safe for liberal democracy, exploit the soft, kleptocratic underbelly of dictatorships, and revive America's degraded democracy. *Ill Winds* offers concrete, deeply informed suggestions to fight polarization, reduce the influence of money in politics, and make every vote count.

In 2019, freedom's last line of defense still remains "We the people."

6 Imagining a Future Beyond Liberal Democracy

Diamond's analysis speaks to the idea that liberal democracy is not merely one choice among many forms of government, but the *only* legitimate form of government – a topic addressed at length by two pieces in this Update, both suggested for addition by DEM-DEC users: Alessandro Ferrara's book from 2014, [*The Democratic Horizon*](#); and [Christian Pippan's 2012 book chapter](#) on whether democracy had emerged as a global norm. That moment of seemingly growing global liberal democratic hegemony has passed, and whereas Diamond might be understood as preoccupied more with the restoration or revival of liberal democracy worldwide, others have turned their minds to the possibilities of new thinking, models and forms of democratic practice. Ferrara urges the need for liberal democrats to emphasise the spirit of democracy and embrace an imaginative openness in conceiving of multiple versions of democratic culture rooted in diverse civilizational contexts.

More recently, in the journal [*Jurisprudence: An International Journal of Legal and Political Thought*](#) (July 2019) Eugénie Mérieau provides an excellent review of Michael Dowdle and Michael Wilkinson's 2017 edited collection, *Beyond Liberal Constitutionalism*, observing that, while a highly valuable exercise, the collection's attempt to conceive of constitutionalism *beyond* liberalism (as opposed to *against* it) itself meets serious worldview and epistemic limitations. Finally, in his paper for the workshop 'Alternatives to Liberal Constitutionalism: Popular, Political, Deliberative' at the IVR (Law & Philosophy) World Congress in July 2019, Akritas Kaidatzis discusses ['populist', 'popular' and 'political' constitutionalism](#) as purported alternatives that have failed to replace the dominant model of liberal constitutionalism but which can enrich our understanding of democratic constitutionalism.

(For more discussion of conceptual issues, see the [Concept Index](#) on DEM-DEC).

Additions Suggested by DEM-DEC Users

Note 1: Where possible, hyperlinks are provided directly to the text

**Note 2: A large number of suggested additions in this Update are found in the
'New Publications' and 'Forthcoming Research' sections on p.16 and p.23**

Monographs

[Andrea CASSANI & Luca TOMINI](#), Autocratization in Post-Cold War Political Regimes (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

[Alessandro FERRARA](#), The Democratic Horizon: Hyperpluralism and the Renewal of Political Liberalism (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

[Federico FINCHELSTEIN](#), From Fascism to Populism in History (University of California Press, 2017).

[Robert E. GOODIN & Kai SPIEKERMANN](#), An Epistemic Theory of Democracy (Oxford University Press, 2018).

[Henry HALE](#), Patronal Politics: Eurasian Regime Dynamics in Comparative Perspective (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

[Andrew B. HALL](#), Who Wants to Run?: How the Devaluing of Political Office Drives Polarization (University of Chicago Press, April 2019).

[Cas MUDDE](#), SYRIZA: The Failure of the Populist Promise (Routledge, 2017).

[Mark SEDGWICK](#), Key Thinkers of the Radical Right: Behind the New Threat to Liberal Democracy (Oxford University Press, January 2019).

Book Chapters

[Christian PIPPAN](#), 'Democracy as a Global Norm: Has it Finally Emerged?' in Matthew Happold (ed), International Law in a Multipolar World (Routledge, 2012).

[Michael PAL](#), 'Is the Permanent Campaign the End of the Egalitarian Model of Elections?' in Richard Albert, Paul Daly & Vanessa MacDonnell (eds), The Canadian Constitution in Transition (University of Toronto Press, 2019).

Articles

[Andrea CASSANI & Luca TOMINI](#), 'Reversing regimes and concepts: from democratization to autocratization' *European Political Science* (First Online: 04 May 2018).

[Jean-François DROLET & Michael C WILLIAMS](#), 'Radical conservatism and global order: international theory and the new right' (2018) 10(3) *International Theory* 285.

[Luca MANUCCI & Michi AMSLER](#), 'Where the wind blows: Five Star Movement's populism, direct democracy and ideological flexibility' (2018) 48(1) *Italian Political Science Review* 109.

[Kalkidan N. OBSE & Christian PIPPAN](#), 'Collectively Protecting Constitutionalism and Democratic Governance in Africa: A Tale of High Hopes and Low Expectations?' (2015) 4 *Cambridge International Law Journal* 344.

[Gerry STOKER & Colin HAY](#), 'Understanding and Challenging Populist Negativity towards Politics: The Perspectives of British Citizens' (2016) 65(1) *Political Studies* 4.

Book Review

[David M. RASMUSSEN](#), 'The Democratic Horizon: Hyperpluralism and the renewal of political liberalism' (2016) 42(7) *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 635.

Working Paper

[Alvin CHEUNG](#), 'Measuring the Measures: Creating the Conditions for Abusive Legalism' (January 2019).

Conference Papers

[Akritas KAIDATZIS](#), 'Populist Constitutionalism as a Critique on Liberal (or Legal) Constitutionalism'. Paper submitted to the Workshop 'New constitutionalism? New forms of democracy and rule of law beyond liberalism', International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati 12-13 July 2018.

[Akritas KAIDATZIS](#), 'Populist Constitutionalism: Reassessing the Relationship between Public Law and Politics'. Paper submitted to the International Conference on 'The Power of Public Law in the 21st Century', On the occasion of the inauguration of the Central and Eastern European Regional Chapter of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Budapest, 20 April 2018.

DEM-DEC Launch Podcast

Panel Discussion to Launch DEM-DEC

‘Is Democracy Decaying Worldwide? And What Can We Do About It?’

Having gone live on 25 June 2018, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) was formally launched at the University of Melbourne on Monday 22 October with a panel discussion. The panel was specifically designed to be open to the public and to be suitable for broadcast. Panellists were asked to avoid all academic jargon in their contributions and to strive for clarity.

The panel started with a global overview from DEM-DEC Creator Dr Tom Gerald Daly of the deterioration of democracy worldwide, in states such as Hungary, the USA and Brazil. This was followed by discussion of democratic decay in Poland, Venezuela and India with leading experts: Prof. Wojciech Sadurski (University of Sydney), Dr Raul Sanchez Urribarri (Latrobe University), and Dr Tarunabh Khaitan (universities of Oxford and Melbourne). The panel concluded with discussion of the robustness of, and challenges facing, Australian democracy, with Prof. Cheryl Saunders (University of Melbourne), followed by Q&A with the audience. DEM-DEC was formally launched by Prof. Pip Nicholson, Dean of Melbourne Law School, following the panel.

Podcast

On 27 and 28 November 2018 the launch panel discussion was broadcast as an hour-long programme on Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio National’s flagship current affairs programme ‘Big Ideas’. It is now available as a podcast.

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to access the panel podcast



June-July 2019: New Publications

Note: The majority of items were published in late June-late July 2019

Monograph: Henry GIROUX, The Terror of the Unforeseen (Los Angeles Review of Books, published 16 July 2019).

Monograph: Larry DIAMOND, Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency (Penguin Press, published 11 June 2019).

Monograph: Andrea CARSON, Investigative Journalism, Democracy and the Digital Age (Routledge, published 1 July 2019).

Monograph: Catherine FIESCHI, Populocracy: The Tyranny of Authenticity and the Rise of Populism (Columbia University Press, published 30 June 2019).

Monograph: Jonathan A. RODDEN, Why Cities Lose: The Deep Roots of the Urban-Rural Political Divide (Basic Books, published 4 June 2019).

Monograph: Amy Erica SMITH, Religion and Brazilian Democracy: Mobilizing the People of God (Cambridge University Press, published 28 March 2019) ***Note: This publication was missed in previous Updates as it was originally slated for publication in July 2019).**

Edited Collection: Swen HUTTER & Hanspeter KRIESI (eds), European Party Politics in Times of Crisis (Cambridge University Press, online publication date: June 2019).

International Journal of Constitutional Law: Volume 17, Issue 2, April 2019 (Published 28 June 2019)

Rosalind DIXON & David LANDAU, '1989–2019: From democratic to abusive constitutional borrowing' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 489.

Tom GINSBURG, 'Thirty years after the fall: An academic perspective' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 510.

Symposium: Public Law and the New Populism

Neil WALKER, 'Populism and constitutional tension' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 515.

Paul BLOKKER, 'Populism as a constitutional project' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 536.

Ming-Sung KUO, 'Against instantaneous democracy' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 554.

Tamar HOSTOVSKY BRANDES, 'International law in domestic courts in an era of populism' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 576.

Bojan BUGARIČ, 'Central Europe's descent into autocracy: A constitutional analysis of authoritarian populism' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 597.

John MORIJN, 'Responding to "populist" politics at EU level: Regulation 1141/2014 and beyond' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 617.

Robert HOWSE, 'Epilogue: In defense of disruptive democracy—A critique of anti-populism' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 641.

Book Review Symposium

Michaela Hailbronner, 'Introduction: Defending "democratic populism"?' (2019) 17(2) International Journal of Constitutional Law 681.

[ICON-S Conference Reading List \(Free Access Until 31 August 2019\)](#)

In honour of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) Annual Conference (1-3 July 2019 in Santiago, Chile), Oxford University Press curated a collection of journal articles, book chapters, and other items on the subject of this year's conference theme "Public Law in Times of Change?".

[Journal of Democracy: Volume 30, Issue 3 \(July 2019\)](#)

Articles

Maria SNEGOVAYA & Sheri BERMAN, 'Populism and the Decline of Social Democracy' (2019) 30(3) Journal of Democracy 5.

Milan W. SVOLIK, 'Polarization versus Democracy' (2019) 30(3) Journal of Democracy 20.

Jørgen ELKLIT & Michael MALEY, 'Why Ballot Secrecy Still Matters' (2019) 30(3) Journal of Democracy 61.

Book Review

Didi Kuo, 'Are Strong Parties the Answer?' Matters (2019) 30(3) Journal of Democracy 173.

A review of *Responsible Parties: Saving Democracy from Itself* by Frances McCall Rosenbluth and Ian Shapiro.

Democratization: Latest articles (June & July 2019)

Articles

Holly Ann GARNETT, 'On the front lines of democracy: perceptions of electoral officials and democratic elections' (Published online: 22 July 2019).

Rebecca E. SHIEL, 'An assessment of democratic vulnerability: regime type, economic development, and coups d'état' (Published online: 25 July 2019).

Meredith L. WEISS, 'Duelling networks: relational clientelism in electoral-authoritarian Malaysia' (Published online: 1 July 2019).

Book reviews

Peter C. CALDWELL, 'Authoritarian constitutionalism: comparative analysis and critique by Helena Alviar García and Günter Frankenberg' (Published online: 24 July 2019).

Hugo MARCOS-MARNE, 'The populist temptation. Economic grievance and political reaction in the modern era by Barry Eichengreen' (Published online: 5 July 2019).

Luca MENCACCI, 'Citizenship and contemporary direct democracy by David Altman' (Published online: 5 July 2019).

Krzysztof KASIANIUK, 'State-formation and democratization – a new classification by Thomas Denk and Sarah Lehtinen' (Published online: 27 June 2019).

Salvador Santino F. REGLIME Jr, 'Authoritarianism: three inquiries in critical theory by Wendy Brown, Peter E. Gordon, and Max Pensky' (Published online: 27 June 2019).

Saskia P. RUTH-LOVELL, 'Polity: demystifying democracy in Latin America and beyond by Joe Foweraker' (Published online: 20 June 2019).

Jeffrey HAYNES, 'Civic activism unleashed: new hope or false dawn for democracy? by Richard Youngs' (Published online: 4 June 2019).

Doreen HORSCHIG, 'Life after dictatorship: authoritarian successor parties worldwide, edited by Loxton, James, and Scott Mainwaring' (Published online: 4 June 2019).

Journal of Comparative Politics: Volume 51, Issue 4 (July 2019)

Article

Carolyn E. HOLMES, 'The Politics of "Non-Political" Activism in Democratic South Africa' (2019) 51(4) *Comparative Politics* 561.

Review Essay

David ANDERSEN, Review Article, 'Comparative Democratization and Democratic Backsliding: The Case for a Historical-Institutional Approach' (2019) 51(4) *Comparative Politics* 645.

Communist and Post-Communist Studies: Volume 52, Issue 2 (June 2019) & Articles in Press (July 2019)

Steffen KAILITZ & Andreas UMLAND, 'How post-imperial democracies die: A comparison of Weimar Germany and post-Soviet Russia' (2019) 52(2) Communist and Post-Communist Studies 105.

Journal of Common Market Studies: Volume 57, Issue 4 (July 2019)

Article

Maurits J. Meijers HARMEN VAN DER VEER, 'MEP Responses to Democratic Backsliding in Hungary and Poland. An Analysis of Agenda-Setting and Voting Behaviour' (2019) 57(4) Journal of Common Market Studies 838.

Book Review

Chris STAFFORD, 'Democratic Empowerment in the European Union, edited by D. Levi-Faur and F. van Waarden (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018, ISBN 9781788113557); xvii+292pp., £100.00 hb/£22.00 eBook.' (2019)57(4) Journal of Common Market Studies 913.

Rivista di Diritti Comparati: Vol. 1 2019 (April 2019; published online July 2019)

Gábor HALMAI, 'Dismantling Constitutional Review in Hungary' (2019) 1 Rivista di Diritti Comparati 31.

Economics & Philosophy: FirstView Articles (July 2019)

Book Review

Liam Kofi BRIGHT, 'An Epistemic Theory of Democracy Robert E. Goodin and Kai Spiekermann, Oxford University Press, 2018, xvi + 456 pages (Published online: 16 July 2019).

Jurisprudence: An International Journal of Legal and Political Thought: Latest Articles (June 2019)

Book Review

Eugénie MÉRIEAU, Constitutionalism beyond Liberalism edited by Michael Dowdle and Michael Wilkinson, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017, 365 pp., £25,99 (pbk), ISBN: 9781316285695' (Published online: 20 Jun 2019).

Forthcoming Article: Abdurrachman SATRIO, 'A Battle Between Two Populists: The 2019 Presidential Election and The Resurgence of Indonesia's Authoritarian Constitutional Tradition' (forthcoming, Australian Journal of Asian Law, Vol. 19, No. 2, article 2, 2019) (posted on SSRN 4 June 2019).

Working Paper: Akritas KAIDATZIS, 'Populist / popular / political constitutionalism'. Paper submitted to IVR World Congress 2019, Dignity, Democracy, Diversity, The 29th World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy – Workshop on Alternatives to Liberal Constitutionalism: Popular, Political, Deliberative, University of Lucerne, 11-12 July 2019

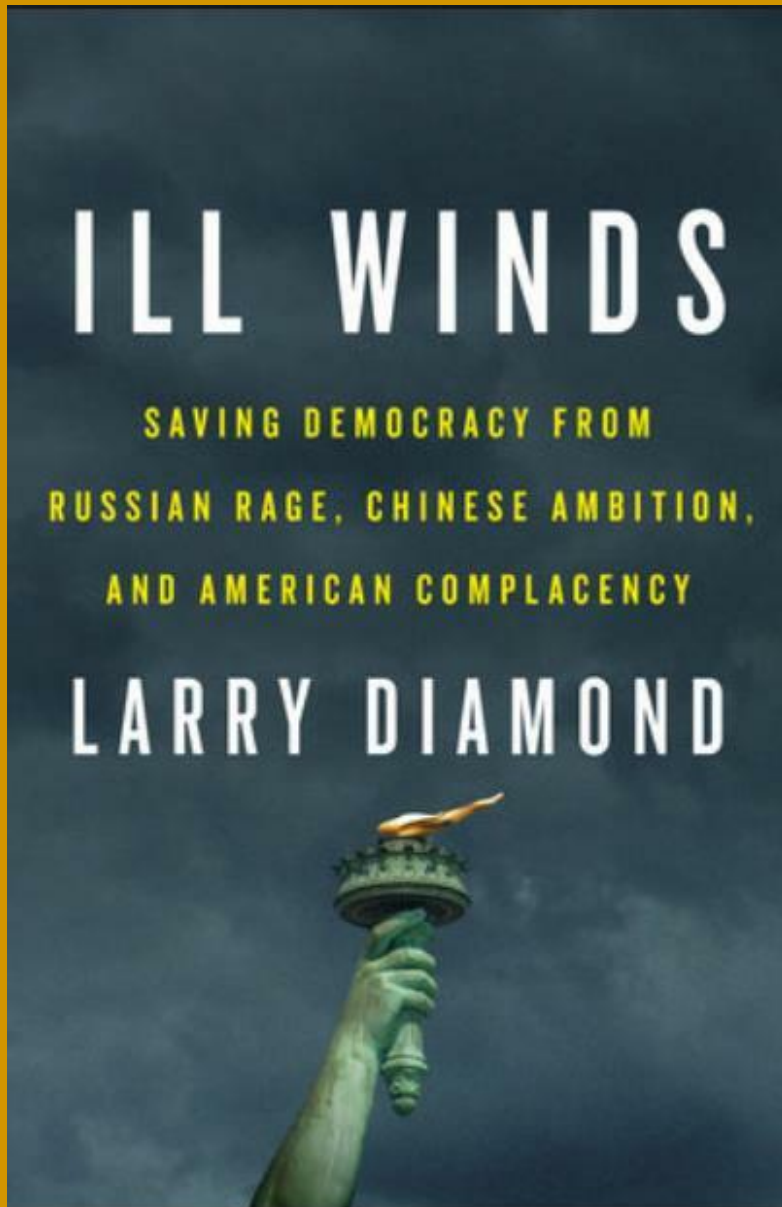
Policy Report: Hungarian Helsinki Committee & Amnesty International, A Constitutional Crisis in the Hungarian Judiciary (Budapest, 9 July 2019).

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Policy Brief: Robert Schuman Centre (EUI), 21st Century Democracy in Europe. Issue 2019/10 (2-4 May 2019, Florence). Authors: Caterina Francesca Guidi & Gaby Umbach. Data visualisation: Christian Dietrich.

Policy Report: Venice Commission, Republic of Moldova - Opinion on the constitutional situation with particular reference to the possibility of dissolving parliament, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 119th Plenary Session (Venice, 21-22 June 2019). CDL-AD(2019)012 (24 June 2019).

DEM-DEC Recommended Read



“Diamond laments the erosion of the west’s “soft power” – by which he means the declining allure of the way the west governs itself. He contrasts that with China and Russia’s “sharp power” – the use of money, corruption and false information to undermine western self-confidence. (...) Diamond’s solution is to launch a concerted – though not warlike – promotion of global democracy. His case is well made. Alas, such a plan will have to await another administration.”

— **Edward Luce**, *Financial Times*

“For Diamond, the United States remains ... “the world’s indispensable nation.” He properly highlights how the United States contributed to democratization in numerous countries. Yet “Ill Winds” does not dwell on how the United States has blighted its democratic credibility, gliding past a darker history that could reappear during future contests against China or Russia: how the Cold War drove Washington’s support for vicious anti-Communist governments [worldwide].”

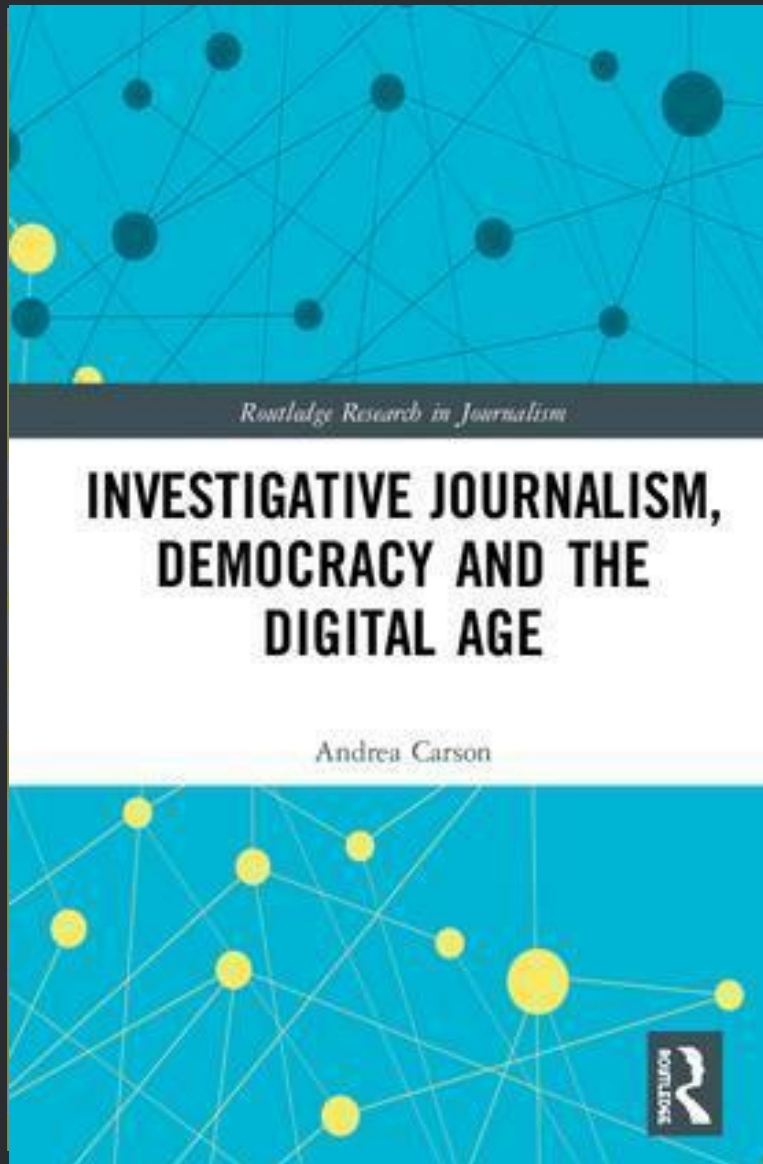
— **Gary J. Bass**, *The New York Times*

Available from Penguin Press

Hardcover \$28.00 / Also available as E-book

Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency.
Penguin Press 2019. 9780525560623. <https://bit.ly/2JRwZ83>

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Theoretically grounded and using quantitative data spanning more than 50 years together with qualitative research, this book examines investigative journalism's role in liberal democracies in the past and in the digital age. In its ideal form, investigative reporting provides a check on power in society and therefore can strengthen democratic accountability. The capacity is important to address now because the political and economic environment for journalism has changed substantially in recent decades. In particular, the commercialization of the Internet has disrupted the business model of traditional media outlets and the ways news content is gathered and disseminated. Despite these disruptions, this book's central aim is to demonstrate using empirical research that investigative journalism is not in fact in decline in developed economies, as is often feared.

Available from Routledge

Paperback AUD\$242.00 / Also available as E-book

Investigative Journalism, Democracy and the Digital Age. Routledge 2019. 9781138200524.
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Forthcoming Research

Note 1: Where possible, hyperlinks are provided to information on the text

Note 2: New additions to this section are clearly marked

Books

[Bruce ACKERMAN](#), The Rise of World Constitutionalism, Volumes Two and Three * **Note: the first volume in this three-volume series was published on 13 May 2019**

[Richard ALBERT](#), Constitutional Amendments: Making, Breaking, and Changing Constitutions (Oxford University Press, due for publication 19 August 2019).

[Carol ANDERSON](#), One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy (Bloomsbury Publishing, due for publication 17 September 2019).

[Yeşim ARAT & Şevket PAMUK](#), Turkey Between Democracy and Authoritarianism (Cambridge University Press, due for publication in September 2019).

[Julian BERNAUER & Adrian VATTER](#), Power Diffusion and Democracy (Cambridge University Press, due for publication in August 2019).

[David F J CAMPBELL](#), Global Quality of Democracy as Innovation Enabler: Measuring Democracy for Success (Palgrave Macmillan, due for publication 22 November 2019).

Catherine DE VRIES & Sarah HOBOLT, The Rise of Challenger Parties * **Note: manuscript under preparation; no publication date - announced on Twitter 12 May 2019.**

[Yiftah ELAZAR & Geneviève ROUSSELIÈRE](#), Republicanism and the Future of Democracy (Cambridge University Press, due for publication in August 2019).

[George FRIEDMAN](#), The Storm Before the Calm: America's Discord, the Coming Crisis of the 2020s, and the Triumph Beyond (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, due for publication 10 September 2019).

[Dipayan GHOSH](#), Digital Democracy: A New Social Contract for Our Technological Future (publisher TBA, due for publication 5 November 2019).

[Dannagal GOLDTHWAITE YOUNG](#), Irony and Outrage: The Polarized Landscape of Rage, Fear, and Laughter in the United States Hardcover (due for publication 2 December 2019).

[Ioannis N. GRIGORIADIS](#), Democratic Transition and the Rise of Populist Majoritarianism: Constitutional Reform in Greece and Turkey (Palgrave Macmillan, due for publication 7 November 2019).

[Ignas KALPOKAS](#), A Political Theory of Post-Truth (Palgrave Macmillan, due for publication 11 September 2019).

INFORMATION UPDATE [Ivan KRASTEV & Stephen HOLMES](#), *The Light that Failed: A Reckoning* (Penguin, due for publication 26 November 2019).

[Michael LIND](#), *The New Class War: Saving Democracy from the Elite Hardcover* (Penguin, due for publication 15 October 2019).

NEW [Graham MACKLIN](#), *Failed Fuhrers: A History of the British Extreme Right - Routledge Studies in Fascism and the Far Right* (Routledge, due for publication 15 November 2020).

[Duncan McDONNELL & Annika WERNER](#), *International Populism: The Radical Right in the European Parliament* (Hurst, due for publication August 2019).

Benjamin MOFFITT, *Key Concepts in Political Theory* (Polity, forthcoming, 2020 * **No online information yet: announced on Twitter**).

NEW [Cas MUDDE](#), *The Far Right Today* (Wiley, due for publication 11 November 2019).

[John NICHOLS](#), *The Danger of American Fascism: Henry Wallace, Donald Trump, and the Democratic Party's Road Not Taken* (Penguin Random House Canada, due for publication 17 September 2019).

[Frances E. NOLAN & Nolan McCARTY](#), *Can America Govern Itself?* (Cambridge University Press, due for publication in August 2019).

[Dana OTT](#), *Small is Democratic: An Examination of State Size and Democratic Development* (Comparative Studies of Democratization; due for publication 12 October 2020).

[Merijn OUDENAMPSEN](#), *The Dutch New Right: Culture Wars in the Netherlands* (Routledge, forthcoming due for publication 28 February 2019 * **Unable to verify whether this book was published on schedule**).

Ertug TOMBUS, *Life-Cycle of a Populist: Populism and Its Trajectory in Turkey* (book manuscript under preparation * **No online information yet: announced on Twitter**).

[Alen TOPLIŠEK](#), *Liberal Democracy in Crisis: Rethinking Resistance under Neoliberal Governmentality* (Palgrave Macmillan, due for publication 16 October 2019).

[James TRAUB](#), *What Was Liberalism?: The Past, Present, and Promise of a Noble Idea Hardcover* (Basic Books, due for publication 24 September 2019).

Edited Collections

Daniele ALBERTAZZI & Davide VAMPA, *Actions & Reactions: Populism & New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe* (Routledge, due for publication in 2020 * **No concrete date yet; announced on Twitter 23 June 2019**).

[Stephen ASHE](#), [Joel BUSER](#), [Graham MACKLIN](#) and [Aaron WINTER](#) (eds), *Researching the Far Right: Theory, Method and Practice* (Routledge, due for publication 1 June 2019 * **Unable to verify whether this book was published on schedule**).

Francesca BIGNAMI (ed), *EU Law in Populist Times* (Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, publication date TBC).

[Bernhard FORCHTNER](#), *The Far Right and the Environment: Politics, Discourse and Communication* (Routledge, due for publication 23 September 2019).

[Yoichi FUNABASHI & G. John IKENBERRY](#) (eds), *The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order* (publisher TBA, due for publication 29 October 2019).

NEW [Reinhard HEINISCH, Emanuele MASSETTI & Oscar MAZZOLENI](#), *The People and the Nation: Populism and Ethno-Territorial Politics in Europe* (Routledge, due for publication 1 November 2019).

[Stéphanie HENNETTE, Thomas PIKETTY, Guillaume SACRISTE & Antoine VAUCHEZ](#), *How to Democratize Europe* trans Paul Dermine, Marc LePain & Patrick Camiller (Harvard University Press, due for publication 8 August 2019).

Gerald L. NEUMAN (ed), *Human Rights in a Time of Populism: Challenges and Responses* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, 2019).

[Daniel NILSSON DEHANAS & Marat SHTERIN \(eds\)](#), *Religion and the Rise of Populism* (Routledge, due for publication 6 August 2019).

NEW [Mario PEUCKER & Debra SMITH \(eds\)](#), *The Far-Right in Contemporary Australia* (Springer Singapore, due for publication 8 September 2019).

[Stephen SKINNER \(ed\)](#), *Ideology and Criminal Law: Fascist, National Socialist and Authoritarian Regimes* (Hart Publishing, due for publication 25 July 2019).

Book Chapters

Tímea DRINÓCZI, 'Legislation in Hungary' In Helen Xanthaki & Ulrich Karpen (eds), *Legislation in Europe – A Country to Country Guide* (Hart Publishing, forthcoming, 2019).

Shawn ROSENBERG, 'Democracy Devouring Itself: The Rise of the Incompetent Citizen and the Appeal of Right Wing Populism' in D Hur & JM Sabucedo (eds), *Psychology of Political and Everyday Extremisms* (forthcoming, 2019).

Kim SCHEPPELE & R. Daniel KELEMEN, 'Defending Democracy in EU Member States: Beyond Article 7 TEU' in Francesca Bignami (ed), *The EU at a Crossroads: From Technocracy to High Politics?* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Journal Special Issues

David KOSAŘ (ed), special issue of the *German Law Journal* on 'The Rise and Fall of Judicial Self-Government in Europe' (forthcoming, 2019).

Gila STOPLER & Iddo PORAT (eds), special issue of *Law and Ethics of Human Rights* on 'Democratic Backsliding and Human Rights' (forthcoming, 2020).

András JAKAB & Howard SCHWEBER, Special Edition of *Constitutional Studies*: 'The Role of Constitutional Design in Preventing or Contributing to Constitutional Decline'.

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NEW [Bojan BUGARIČ](#), 'Could Populism be Good for Constitutional Democracy?' (2019) 15(25) *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 1.

[Ryan CALO & Madeline LAMO](#), 'Regulating Bot Speech' 66 *UCLA Law Review* (forthcoming, 2019).

[Bruno CASTANHO SILVA](#), "'He's Not One of Them!' Anti-establishment Supporters of Populist Governments in Bolivia and Ecuador' (forthcoming, The Journal of Politics).

Tímea DRINÓCZI & Agnieszka BIEŃ-KACAŁA, 'Constitutions and Constitutionalism Captured: Shaping Illiberal Democracies in Hungary and Poland', German Law Journal (forthcoming, summer 2019).

Tímea DRINÓCZI & Agnieszka BIEŃ-KACAŁA, 'Extra-legal Particularities and Illiberal Constitutionalism - The Case of Hungary and Poland', Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies (forthcoming, 2019).

[Sarah C. HAAN](#), 'The Post-Truth First Amendment' 94 Indiana Law Journal (forthcoming, 2019).

[Luke Dimitrios SPIEKER](#), 'From Moral Values to Legal Obligations – On How to Activate the Union's Common Values in the EU Rule of Law Crisis', German Law Journal (forthcoming, 2019).

New Resources in DEM-DEC Links

Note: Think something could be added to the DEM-DEC Links section? E-mail the information to democraticdecay@gmail.com

New resources added to the [Links](#) section on DEM-DEC since the last Research Update include the following resources:

New Populism Database

[Team Populism](#)

Team Populism brings together renowned scholars from Europe and the Americas to study the causes and consequences of populism. They seek to answer why some populist parties, leaders or movements are more successful than others.

Citizens' Assemblies Database

[Involve.org](#)

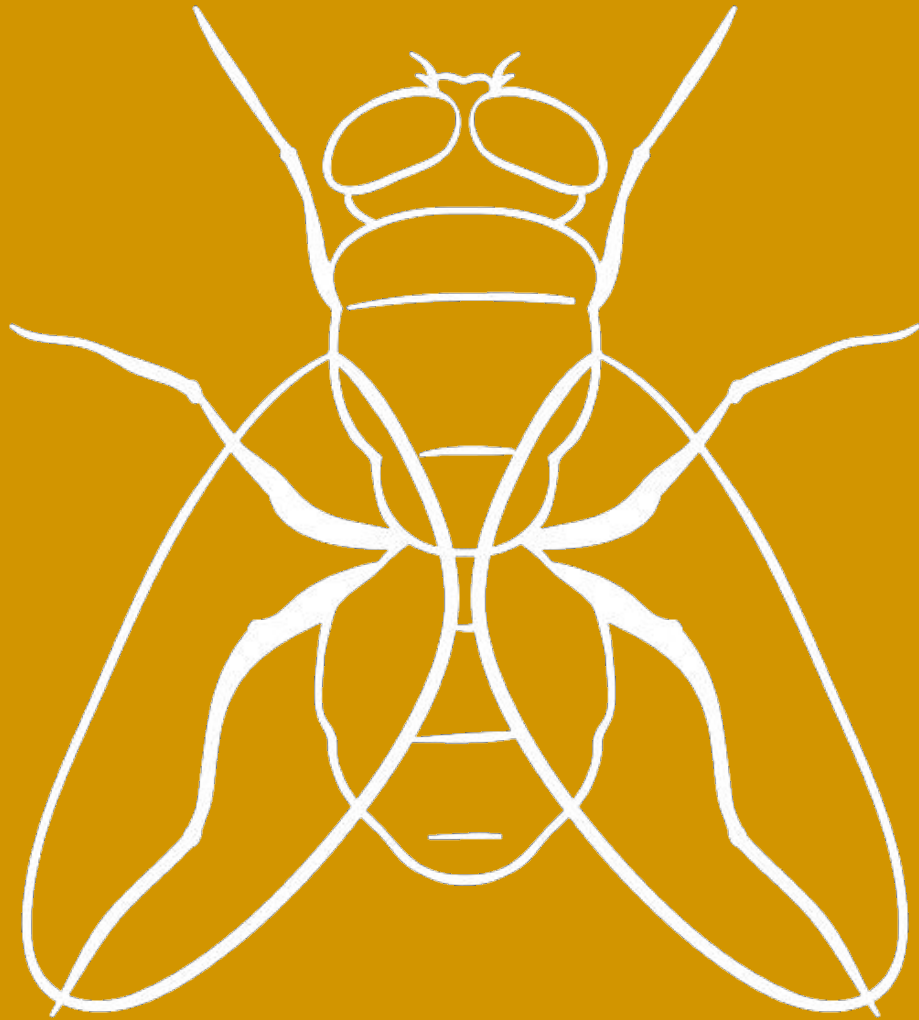
Involve is the UK's leading public participation charity, "on a mission to put people at the heart of decision-making". Their website is a very useful source for information on a variety of citizens' assemblies working on diverse issues.

Parliamentarians' Global Advocacy Group

[Parliamentarians for Global Action \(PGA\)](#)

PGA is a group of concerned parliamentarians from around the world established in 1978 to take collective, coordinated and cohesive actions on global problems, which could not be successfully addressed by any one government or parliament acting alone. In 2018, PGA launched the Campaign for Democratic Renewal and Human Rights as part of its core mandate to contribute to the creation of a "rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world".

We are delighted that PGA is now our newest partner and look forward to collaborating with them on key projects. You can now find Rebecca Shoot, Director of PGA's International Law and Human Rights Programme, in the [Experts Database-Policy Actors](#) section on DEM-DEC.



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