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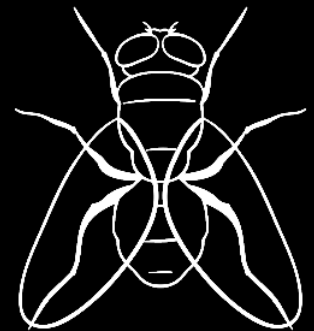
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Created by Dr Tom Gerald Daly (Melbourne Law School) and supported by a range of leading public law and policy organisations, the Democratic Decay Resource (DEM-DEC) focuses on the global challenge of the incremental deterioration of democratic rule and is primarily pitched at public lawyers, i.e. those working on constitutional, international and transnational law.

The resource is aimed at providing key information in one place, to frame the research area, to address conceptual confusion, and to bring scholars together in a collaborative project to drive the field forward, in a context where a lot of scholars are talking in silos, or past one another, where the literature is rapidly expanding, and research events and projects are proliferating across the world.

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Recent publications include *The Alchemists: Questioning Our Faith in Courts as Democracy-Builders* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) and a chapter on 'Democratic Decay in 2016' in International IDEA's *Annual Review of Constitution-Building* for 2016.

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Introduction

The DEM-DEC Bibliography

The DEM-DEC Bibliography is provided on the Democratic Decay Resource (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.

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.

Second monthly update since DEM-DEC was launched

Updates to the Bibliography will be issued on the first Monday of each month. This is the second monthly update provided and was issued on 3 September 2018, based on new publications and suggestions from users of DEM-DEC. All updates should be read in conjunction with the main bibliography on DEM-DEC.

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 worldwide, a broad search of academic journals worldwide, as well as information collated on leading public law blogs, including the weekly round-up 'What's New in Public Law' on the [I-CONnect Blog](#) (blog of the International Journal of Constitutional Law), which is a DEM-DEC Partner. Blog posts, media articles and policy documents are not covered.

Period covered by this update

As this is a monthly update, the main items here are from August 2018. Items suggested by DEM-DEC users are broadly from earlier in 2018 and late 2017. In addition, a number of items from recent months, which were not covered in the August Update, have been included in this update.

Global Coverage

The Bibliography updates aim for global coverage. However, it should be borne in mind that the Bibliography, at present, collates information exclusively in the English language.

Hyperlinks

For full collections of articles, the hyperlink to the collection is provided rather than individual hyperlinks for each article. Where a small number of articles from a particular journal are provided, a specific hyperlink is generally provided for each item.

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Sincere thanks to all who have suggested additions and sent me key information for this update.

Key Themes from this Update

Identifying Themes

Each monthly bibliography update will include a section identifying themes from the update. 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 emerge from this update.

1 Global Takes on Democratic Decay

[‘Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?’](#), a new edited collection produced by Mark Graber, Sandy Levinson and Mark Tushnet (published 23 August 2018 and discussed by Graber in a recent [Verfassungsblog post](#)), examines whether liberal democracy is under threat, and the nature of the threats it faces. With almost 40 chapters, the collection has a broad thematic and geographic range. The introduction and Part I present broad theoretical, conceptual, and historical analysis. Part II addresses specific countries and regions, ranging from long-established democracies (e.g. USA, France), to younger democracies (e.g. Hungary, South Africa), to entire world regions (e.g. Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa). Parts III and IV focus on selected themes, including religion, populism, the climate crisis, and the crumbling of European democracy. It is a highly useful collection, which also sets the scene for potential future collections (for instance, states such as Japan and Brazil, sub-regions such as Scandinavia, and themes such as religion deserve additional attention). [‘Democracy Under Threat’](#) – an edited collection from 2017 produced by Surendra Munshi, and suggested for addition to this Update by a DEM-DEC user – provides a similarly expansive take on global threats to democracy from the perspective of sociologists, political scientists, and policymakers. The two collections can be read as companion pieces, and in their considered, evidence-based approach, present useful correctives to the more sensationalist takes on the subject (see e.g. [a recent book on the ‘suicide of the West’](#) (April 2018) by Jonah Goldberg).

2 What ‘Counts’ as Democratic Decay?

The above collections raise a key question: whether what is under discussion relates to one broad phenomenon, or various related phenomena. Looking to the collection on ‘Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?’ above, for instance, can the constitutional crisis in the UK occasioned by Brexit be set beside the sophisticated dismantling of democratic rule in Hungary, or the shift to strongman rule in Turkey? Can the diffuse threats to democratic rule in the USA – of which President Trump is but one symptom – be analogised to the executive-led assault on democracy in Poland? It is also useful to consider where the bounds of ‘democratic decay’ lie: should it be restricted solely to countries that have reached, and maintained, an appreciable and measurable level of democratic progress for a significant period of time, or should we take the more capacious approach of including any rollback of democratic freedoms in a given state? Is it always easy to draw a dividing line between a failed (or faltering) democratisation process and a decay of a functioning democracy? The DEM-DEC Bibliography tends toward a focus on states that have been considered ‘consolidated’ democracies, but also seeks to be

inclusive. For instance, among the additions suggested by DEM-DEC users include a conference paper by Abdurrachman Satrio on ‘constitutional retrogression’ in Indonesia, and a [special issue of the *Comparative Politics* journal](#) (April 2018) on the nature of governance in contemporary Russia and how democracy in Russia was eroded in that state. These additions raise a central question, as to

3 Understanding Democratic Resilience

Two central preoccupations in the emerging ‘democratic decay’ research field are, first, the attempt to identify and anatomise threats to democratic governance and, second, the fact that key sentinels designed to operate as bulwarks against such threats (e.g. courts) have either provided little safeguard, or have even been co-opted as part of the project to dismantle democracy. Somewhat less attention has been paid to how, precisely, a democratic system can effectively protect itself. A number of items in this Update address this question squarely. In their chapter on Canada in the collection ‘Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?’, Richard Albert and Michael Pal examine this question under the rubric ‘democratic resilience’. More specifically, Mihaela Șerban in the [forthcoming issue of *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*](#) (September 2018) focuses on legal mobilisation and ‘adversarial legalism’ to push back against illiberalism in Central and Eastern Europe; while in a [recent issue of *Comparative Politics*](#) (July 2018), Laura Gamboa addresses strategies against democratic erosion in Venezuela and Colombia, highlighting how the opposition in each state took different approaches to threats from problematic presidents. Finally, [Cass Sunstein’s 2017 citizen’s guide to impeachment](#), suggested for addition by a DEM-DEC user, underlines the need to marry expert knowledge and citizen education and engagement in the pushback against threats to democratic rule.

4 Taking Greater Care in Using Populism as a Concept

In a highly important article in [Comparative Political Studies \(published on 26 July 2018\)](#), Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser address the fact that scholars are increasingly employing the concept of populism to explain recent events such as the election of President Trump and the UK’s vote to leave the EU. They identify two shortcomings in the contemporary use of populism as a concept: first, that new populism scholars often fail to draw on, and build on existing populism scholarship; and second, that established comparative populism scholars tend to stay within the confines of their research field and do not attempt to link their work to other academic fields. The article is a must read for any scholar working on democratic decay, given the prevalence of the concept, and the laxity in how it is employed. As the authors state:

it is crucial that scholars work with clear definitions of populism and delimit the boundaries of the phenomenon. Instead of developing ad hoc concepts, which treat the specificities of national or regional manifestations of populism as generalizable, they should incorporate some of the lessons that the existing scholarship offers us.

(Note: For more discussion of concepts, see the [Concept Index](#) on DEM-DEC).

5 Populism and Feminism

Rob Kroes [in a recent issue of *Society*](#) (February 2018) – suggested for addition by a DEM-DEC user – focuses on the links between populism and feminism, with particular reference to the US context and the defeat of Hilary Clinton by Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election. For Kroes, it is not

helpful to see populism and feminism as mutually exclusive categories, highlighting the historical experience of what might be termed ‘good populism’ in the USA (‘good populism’ is discussed in the [DEM-DEC Concept Index](#), ‘Populism’ entry). Kroes’ piece also serves as a useful focal piece for considering the link between feminism and ‘negative’ (or authoritarian) populism; as evidenced in, for instance, attempts to roll back reproductive rights in Poland, or the recent all-male raft of 21 judicial appointments in Italy (see a [recent IACL-AIDC Blog post](#) on the subject).

6 The Public Preference for Democracy

A number of items in this Update address public faith in democratic rule—one of the central concerns in the growing literature on democratic decay. For instance, Frank Furedi’s 2017 book on ‘Populism and the European Culture Wars’ – suggested for addition by a DEM-DEC user – captures a strong strain of thought in arguing that “the current outburst of anti-populist anxiety is symptomatic of a loss of faith in democracy and in the ability of the demos to assume the role of responsible citizens.” Other items present differing additional perspectives: [Natalia Wenzell Letsa and Martha Wilfahrt](#) in *Comparative Politics* (January 2018), on the basis of public opinion data from tens of thousands of respondents in authoritarian regimes worldwide make the case that all categories of respondent—rich and poor alike—tend to prefer democracy to autocratic rule. A separate article by [Yichen Guan in Democratization](#) (March 2018) analyses how popular demands for democracy exist under a ‘resilient authoritarian’ system such as China that produces economic development. However, [Tom Ulbricht in Comparative Political Studies](#) (May 2018) argues that the ambiguity of the term ‘democracy’ complicates assessment of public support for democracy and that popular support for representative democracy has tended to be overstated.

Additions Suggested by DEM-DEC Users

Note 1: Hyperlinks are not available for a small number of items below

Note 2: A number of book chapters suggested for addition to this Update have not been included as the edited collections in which they appear are already contained in the main DEM-DEC Bibliography

i.e. D Kochenov & Carlos Closa (eds), *Reinforcing the Rule of Law Oversight in the European Union* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) and
A von Bogdandy & P Sonnevend (eds), *Constitutional Crisis in the European Constitutional Area* (Hart Publishing, 2015).

Books

[CHEESEMAN N & KLASS B](#), *How to Rig an Election* (Yale University Press, 2018).

[DIONNE JNR. EJ, ORNSTEIN NJ & MANN TE](#), *One Nation After Trump: A Guide for the Perplexed, the Disillusioned, the Desperate, and the Not-Yet-Deported* (St. Martin's Press, 2017).

[FOWERAKER J & TREVIZO D \(eds\)](#), *Democracy and Its Discontents in Latin America* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2016).

[FRUM D](#), *Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic* (Harper Collins, 2018).

[FUREDIF](#), *Populism and the European Culture Wars: The Conflict of Values between Hungary and the EU* (Routledge, 2017).

[GOLDBERG J](#), *Suicide of the West: How the Rebirth of Tribalism, Populism, Nationalism, and Identity Politics is Destroying American Democracy* (Penguin Random House, 2018).

[GRAYLING AC](#), *Democracy and Its Crisis* (Oneworld Publications, 2017).

[MUDDE C & Rovira Kaltwasser C \(eds\)](#), *Populism in Europe and the Americas Threat or Corrective for Democracy?* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

[MUNSHI S \(ed\)](#), *Democracy Under Threat* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

[RUNCIMAN D](#), *How Democracy Ends* (Basic Books, 2018).

[SUNSTEIN C](#), *Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide* (Harvard University Press, 2017).

Book Chapters

[SCHEPPELE K](#), 'Constitutional Coups in EU Law' in M Adams, EMH Hirsch Ballin & A Meuwese (eds), *Constitutionalism and Rule of Law – Bridging Idealism and Realism* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

SCHEPPELE K, 'On the Unconstitutionality of Constitutional Change: An Essay in Honor of László Sólyom' in P Sonnevend, B Schanda & Z Csehi (eds), *Liber Amicorum in Honor of László Sólyom*, (Szent István Társulat, 2012).

[SCHEPPELE K & KOVÁCS K](#), 'Hungary's Post-Communist Administrative Law Revolutions' in S Rose-Ackerman, P Lindseth & B Emerson (eds), *Comparative Administrative Law*, 2nd edn (Edward Elgar Publishers, 2017).

[SCHEPPELE K, BÁNKUTI M & HALMAI G](#), 'From Separation of Powers to Government without Checks: Hungary's Old and New Constitutions' in G Tóth (ed), *Constitution for a Divided Nation: Hungary's Fundamental Law* (Central European University Press, 2012).

Journal Special Issues

[COMPARATIVE POLITICS](#), Volume 50, Number 3 (April 2018): Special Issue: Wither Russia? Twenty-Five Years After the Collapse of Communism – containing 10 articles on the nature of governance in contemporary Russia and how democracy in Russia was eroded in that state.

[COMMUNIST AND POST-COMMUNIST STUDIES](#), Volume 49, Issue 4 (December 2016) Special Issue: The Transformations of Far Right and Far Left in Europe.

Articles

[ALEMANNO A](#), 'Editorial: How to Counter Fake News? A Taxonomy of Anti-Fake News Approaches' (2018) 9(1) *European Journal of Risk Regulation* 1.

[ALSTON P](#), 'The Populist Challenge to Human Rights' (2017) 9(1) *Journal of Human Rights Practice* 1.

[ASLANIDIS P](#), 'Is Populism an Ideology? A Refutation and a New Perspective' (2015) 64(1s) *Political Studies* 88.

[BALDERACCHI C](#), 'Political Leadership and the Construction of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes in Latin America: Implications and Prospects for Democracy' (2018) 25(3) *Democratization* 504.

[CROOTOFF R](#), 'International Cybertorts: Expanding State Accountability in Cyberspace' (2018) 103(3) *Cornell Law Review* 565.

[DIMITRIJEVIC N](#), 'Constitutional Theory in Times of Crisis: Power, Law and Morality' (2016) 42(3) *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 227.

[GAMBOA L](#), 'Opposition at the Margins: Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Colombia and Venezuela' (2017) 49(4) *Comparative Politics* 457.

[KILOVATY I](#), 'Doxfare: Politically Motivated Leaks and the Future of the Norm on Non-Intervention in the Era of Weaponized Information' (2018) 9(1) *Harvard National Security Journal* 146.

[KLICPEROVA-BAKER & KOŠTÁL J](#), 'Post-Communist Democracy Vs. Totalitarianism: Contrasting Patterns of Need Satisfaction and Societal Frustration' (2017) 50(2) Communist and Post-Communist Studies 99.

[KROES R](#), 'Populism and Feminism: Odd Bedfellows' (2018) 55(1) Society 18.

[OHLIN JD](#), 'Did Russian Cyber Interference in the 2016 Election Violate International Law?' (2017) 95 Texas Law Review 1579. (June 2018)

[OVÁDEK M](#), The rule of law in the EU: many ways forward but only one way to stand still? (2018) 40(4) Journal of European Integration 495.

[SCHEPPELE K](#), 'Constitutional Coups and Judicial Review: How Transnational Institutions Can Strengthen Peak Courts at Times of Crisis (with Special Reference to Hungary)' (2014) 23 Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems 51.

[SCHEPPELE K](#), BÁNKUTI M & HALMAI G 'Hungary's Illiberal Turn: Dismantling the Constitution' (2012) 21(3) Journal of Democracy 138.

[SEMPILL JA](#), Law, Dignity and the Elusive Promise of a Third Way (2018) 38(2) Oxford Journal of Legal Studies 217.

[WENZELL LETSA N & WILFAHRT M](#), 'Popular Support for Democracy in Autocratic Regimes: A Micro-Level Analysis of Preferences' (2018) 50(2) Comparative Politics 231.

Book Reviews

[GARNER O](#), 'Reinforcing Rule of Law Oversight in the European Union. Carlos Closa & Dimitry Kochenov, eds. Reinforcing Rule of Law Oversight in the European Union. Cambridge University Press, 2016. Pp. 356. £69.99. ISBN: 9781107108882' (2017) 15(3) International Journal of Constitutional Law 866.

[PALESTINI S](#), 'Democracy and its Discontents in Latin America edited by Joe Foweraker and Dolores Trevizo' (2017) 25(6) Democratization 945.

Working Papers

[ARNAUDO D](#), 'Computational Propaganda in Brazil: Social Bots During Elections', Working Paper No. 2017.8, Computational Propaganda Project, University of Oxford (2017).

[MESEŽNIKOV G, GYÁRFÁŠOVÁ O & SMILOV D \(eds\)](#), Populist Politics and Liberal Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe (Institute for Public Affairs, 2008).

[EPPERLY B, WITKO C, STRICKLER R & WHITE P](#), Rule by Violence, Rule by Law: The Evolution of Voter Suppression and Lynching in the U.S. South (March 1, 2016). (under review; available on SSRN)

Conference Papers

[ABDURRACHMAN S](#), 'Constitutional Retrogression in Indonesia in the Times of Joko Widodo's Government: How the Constitutional Court Can Save Democracy?'. Paper will be presented at 2nd Indonesian Constitutional Court International Symposium, 1-3 October 2018.

[LAYCOCK D & WELDON S](#), 'Right-wing Populism, Conservative Governance and Multiculturalism in Canada', ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop: 'The influence of radical right populist parties on policy-making in Europe' 29 April 2017.

Policy Reports & Guidelines

[BRANDEIS INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDGES](#), Oslo Recommendations for Enhancing the Legitimacy of International Courts (2018)

[DAVIES C](#), Hostile Takeover: How Law and Justice Captured Poland's Courts (Freedom House, May 2018).

[TENOVE C](#), Digital Threats to Democratic Elections: How Foreign Actors Use Digital Techniques to Undermine Democracy' (Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, January 2018). (See particularly pp.8-49).

[UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS](#), Joint Declaration on Freedom of Expression and "Fake News", Disinformation and Propaganda. FOM.GAL/3/17 (3 March 2017).

Additional Materials

[Comparative Politics Newsletter](#)

The Comparative Politics Newsletter is produced by the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Comparative Politics Section. The Newsletter publishes symposia on various substantive and methodological issues, highlights new data sets of broad appeal, and generally informs the community about field-specific developments

See e.g. [Volume 26, Issue 2 \(Fall 2016\)](#), which includes:

- I. Symposium: Populism in a Comparative Perspective
- II. Special Topic: Populism in the United States
- III. Special Topic: Populism and Brexit

[Bibliographies on the Extreme Right in Western Europe](#)

Kai Arzheimer, a Professor of Political Science at the University of Mainz, has produced a number of useful bibliographies on the extreme right in Western Europe. They can all be accessed through the above link.

August 2018: New Publications

Note: Some items listed below have not yet been published formally, but have been included here as the texts have been made available during August

Edited Collection: GRABER M, LEVINSON S & TUSHNET M (eds), *Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?* (Oxford University Press, 2018; published on 23 August 2018).

Edited Collection: MAY C (ed), *Handbook on the Rule of Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing, August 2018).

Edited Collection: FERSTMAN C, GRAY T et al. (eds), *Contemporary Human Rights Challenges: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Its Continuing Relevance* (Routledge, 27 August 2018).

Book Chapter: TASIIOULAS J, 'The Rule of Law'. Forthcoming in J Tasioulas (ed), *The Cambridge Companion to the Philosophy of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). King's College London Law School Research Paper No. 2018-21. (Posted on SSRN 8 August 2018).

Communist and Post-Communist Studies: Special Issue on Courts and the Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe

The following are listed on the *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* website as articles in press that are accepted, peer reviewed articles but not yet assigned to volumes/issues. However, they will feature in the September issue of *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, which will be a special issue on courts and the rule of law in Central and Eastern Europe. They are included here, rather than in the 'Forthcoming Research' section, because they were made available online in August and late July.

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POPOVA M & POST V, 'Prosecuting high-level corruption in Eastern Europe'. Available online 9 July 2018.

ȘERBAN M, 'Stemming the tide of illiberalism? Legal mobilization and adversarial legalism in Central and Eastern Europe'. Available online 30 June 2018

SOLOMON JR. PH & GADOWSKA K, 'Legal change in post-communist states: Contradictions and explanations'. Available online 29 July 2018.

Hague Journal on the Rule of Law: First Online Article (13 August 2018)

BUCHOLC M, 'Commemorative Lawmaking: Memory Frames of the Democratic Backsliding in Poland After 2015'

Harvard International Law Journal 443: Vol. 59 No.2 (1 August 2018)

AMIRFAR C & SINGH A, 'The Trump Administration and the "Unmaking" of International Agreements' (2018) 59(2) Harvard International Law Journal 443.

Human Rights Quarterly: Vol. 40, No.3 (August 2018)

GREAR A, 'Kathryn McNeilly, Human Rights and Radical Social Transformation: Futurity, Alterity, Power (Routledge, 2018), ISBN 9781138690219, 166 pages' (2018) 40(3) Human Rights Quarterly 710.

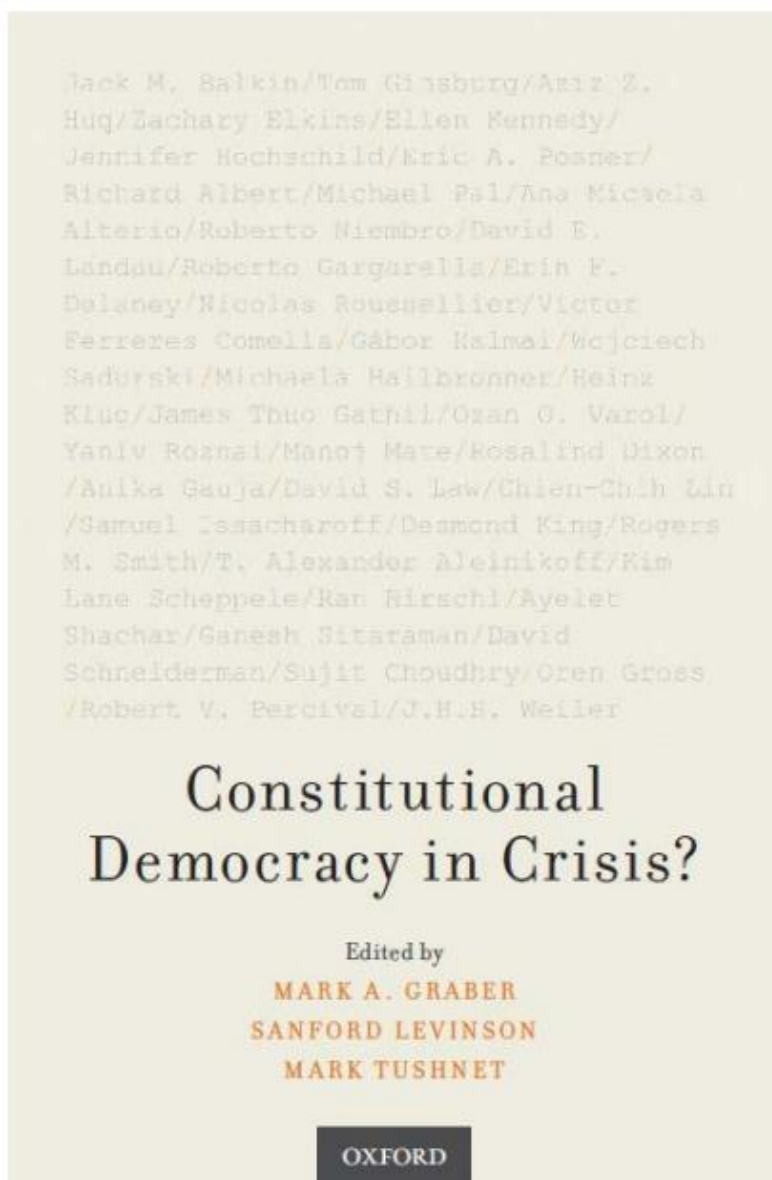
International Journal of Constitutional Law

ABEBE A, 'Taming Regressive Constitutional Amendments: The African Court as a Continental (Super) Constitutional Court'. Accepted for Publication in the International Journal of Constitutional Law (2018/2019), Forthcoming. (Posted on SSRN 22 August 2018).

Journal of Common Market Studies: Vol. 56, Issue 6 (September 2018; published 23 August 2018)

SEMSIT S, Book review: 'European Union in Crisis, edited by D. Dinan, N. Nugent and W.E. Paterson (London: Palgrave, 2017, ISBN 9781137604255); xxiii+395?pp., £29.99 pb' (2018) 56(6) Journal of Common Market Studies 1483.

DEM-DEC Recommended Read



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The essays in this book explore whether constitutional democracies around the world are in crisis or whether the apparent weakening of many constitutional democracies is simply part of the normal ebb and flow that has been ongoing since the post-war rise of constitutional democracy. Part I is devoted to background material on the nature of constitutional crises; Part II focuses on the state of constitutional democracy in specific regimes or regions; Part III examines the influence on constitutional democracy of such global forces as climate change, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, economic inequality, globalization, immigration, populism, and racism/ethnocentrism; Part IV offers the editors' thoughts on the contemporary state of constitutional democracy. The essays diagnose the causes of the present afflictions of constitutional democracies in particular regimes, regions, and across the globe, believing at this stage diagnosis is of central importance—as Abraham Lincoln said in his “House Divided Speech,” “If we could first know *where* we are, and *whither* we are tending, we could then better judge *what* to do, and *how* to do it.”

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Constitutional Democracy in Crisis? Edited by Mark A. Graber, Sanford Levinson, and Mark Tushnet, Oxford University Press 2018. 9780190919719. <http://www.oup.com>

Selected Earlier Publications

Note: The following are additional items that were not included in the August Update but which are of clear relevance to democratic decay

Journal of Comparative Politics: Vol. 50, Issue 4 (July 2018)

FISHMAN RM, 'Review article: What Made the Third Wave Possible? Historical Contingency and Meta-Politics in the Genesis of Worldwide Democratization' (2018) 50(4) Comparative Politics 607.

Comparative Political Studies: May and July 2018

MUDDE C & ROVIRA KALTWASSER C, 'Studying Populism in Comparative Perspective: Reflections on the Contemporary and Future Research Agenda' Comparative Political Studies 1-27 (2018). First Published 26 July 2018; full citation pending.

ULBRICHT T, 'Perceptions and Conceptions of Democracy: Applying Thick Concepts of Democracy to Reassess Desires for Democracy' (2018) 51(11) Comparative Political Studies 1387.

Democratic Theory Journal: Vol. 5, Issue 1 (June 2018)

GAGNON J-P & CHOU M, 'Editorial' (2018) 5(1) Democratic Theory v.

STANDBRINK P, 'Epistocracy and Democratic Participation in a Post-Truth World' (2018) 5(1) Democratic Theory 1.

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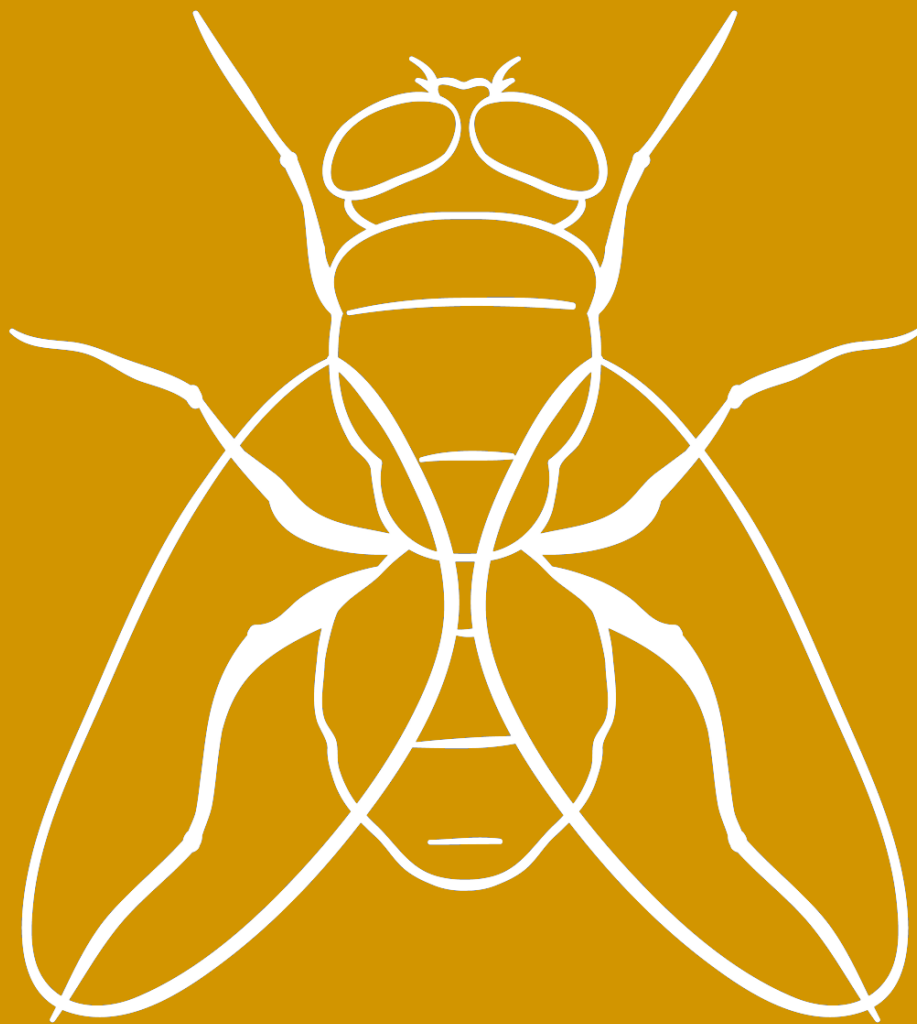
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