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# DEM-DEC GUIDE TO ICON-S 2019

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There are

**217 PANELS**

at ICON-S

this year

(including Keynote,

Plenary Sessions, &

Parallel panels)

We've compiled a  
user-friendly list of

**72 PANELS**

concerning  
democratic decay  
& renewal

# We're Here

DEM-DEC is an exhibitor at ICON-S.

Come by our stand and learn more about us

Created by Dr Tom Gerald Daly (Melbourne Law School) and supported by a range of leading public law 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.



## Director Dr Tom Gerald Daly

Tom is an academic and consultant in the area of democracy-building, public law, and human rights.

He is Assistant Director of Melbourne School of Government, Associate Director of the Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law (ECCL), and Co-Convenor of the Constitution Transformation Network. As a consultant he has worked on EU, Council of Europe, African Union, IDEA and Irish government projects.

Recent academic publications include an article on 'Democratic Decay: Conceptualising an Emerging Research Field' (*Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*). Policy publications include a chapter on 'Democratic Decay in 2016' in International IDEA's *Annual Review of Constitution-Building* for 2016.

He has written on democratic decay as a columnist for the ICONnect blog and tweets @DemocracyTalk.

# KEYNOTE & PLENARY SESSIONS

Monday 1 July  
& Wednesday 3 July

## MONDAY 1 JULY

12.30

Keynote Address: Luis Barroso: 'Technological Revolution, Democratic Recession and Global Warming: The Limits of Law in a Changing World'

17.00-18.30

Plenary Session I: 'Judiciary in Times of Change'

## WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

12.40-14.10

Plenary Session III: 'Public Law, Democratic Backsliding and the Erosion of Liberal Democracy'

# PARALLEL PANELS

Monday 1 July

## Panel Sessions I: 13.45-15.20

#1: 'Populism in Law, Politics, and Justice'

#2: 'Challenges to Democracy in Latin America'

#10: 'Dialogues: building bridges to protect democracy and human rights'

#12: 'Sovereignty, constitution and democracy: tensions, contradictions and convergences in the 21st Century (Part A)'

#16: 'Brazilian Constitutionalism: challenges and perspectives'

#20: 'Threats to Democracy'

#24: 'Corruption's Corrupting of Liberal Democracy'

#27: 'The demise of constitutional justice in Chile?'

## Panel Sessions II: 15.25-17.00

#35: 'Sovereignty, constitution and democracy: tensions, contradictions and convergences in the 21st Century (Part B)'

#38: 'Current Constitutional and Political Challenges in Europe'

#40: 'The Practice of Constitutional Democracy'

#41: 'Problems in the Theory and Practice of Constitutional Democracy'

#50: 'Judicial independence in hard times'

#51: 'Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendments and Abusive Constitutionalism in Latin America'

#59: 'Political Parties and the Constitution'

#61: 'Book Panel: NW Barber, The Principles of Constitutionalism (Oxford University Press, 2018)'

#62: 'Transformative Constitutionalism and Constitutional Paternalism'

# Panel #24

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## Corruption's Corrupting of Liberal Democracy

Mon 1 July  
13.45-15.20  
Room D405

Chair: Tom Gerald DALY

Donna GRESCHNER  
Tom Gerald DALY  
Leonardo MORLINI  
Justin FROSINI

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# PARALLEL PANELS

Tuesday 2 July

## Panel Sessions III: 08.20-09.55

- #64: Author meets readers: How to Save a Constitutional Democracy (Tom Ginsburg)
- #72: 'Comparative Election Law: Constructing Democratic Regimes'
- #80: 'Constitutional Theory: New and Old Challenges'
- #84: 'Courts Against or in Favor of Democratic Decay?'
- #85: 'The People in Constitution-Making and -Changing'
- #86: 'Constitutional Politics in Latin America'
- #88: 'Democratic change or democratic dissolution? The Populist challenge to Liberal Constitutionalism'

## Panel Sessions IV: 10.30-12.05

- #94: 'The Institutions of Constitutional Democracy'
- #97: 'Liberalism, Authoritarianism and the Tasks of Constitutional Theory: Making Sovereignty Popular Again?'
- #98: 'Transformative constitutionalism in Latin America: challenges in dark times'
- #103: 'Latin American constitutional reforms and constituent process in times of populism'
- #104: 'Constitutional Change and Democracy in Latin America'
- #105: 'Constitutional Experiments in Latin America: The Quest for Effective Constitutional Entrenchment Mechanisms – Part 2'
- #106: 'The Random Selection of Rulers? Ideas for the Refoundation of Modern Democracy'
- #107: 'Inequality, Instability and Constitutionalism'
- #112: 'International Law and Human Rights'
- #116: 'What doesn't kill it makes it stronger? The resilience of the Inter-American human rights system in an age of backlash'
- #118: 'Courts Under Extreme Pressures'
- #119: 'Global bust, African boom? Africa's march towards democracy and multilateralism'
- #120: 'Constitutional Democracy in Europe'

## Panel Sessions V: 16.50-18.25

#116: 'What doesn't kill it makes it stronger? The resilience of the Inter-American human rights system in an age of backlash'

#118: 'Courts Under Extreme Pressures'

#122: 'The State of Constitutional Democracy: Observations'

#124: 'La justicia constitucional en tiempos de cambio en América Latina'

#126: 'The State of Constitutional Democracy: Directions'

#128: 'Frontiers of Law and Democratization'

#132: 'Whitelash: Unmasking White Grievance in the Age of Trump'

#135: 'Populism and Decision-Making Process: Between Representative Bodies and Judicial Authorities'

#136: 'The rise of memory laws in times of contestation'

#137: 'Judicial Methodology and Decision-Making I'

#140: 'Constitutional Shocks and Transitions I'

#144: 'Authority, responsiveness and democratic checks: the challenges of public law in the new constitutional landscape'

#147: 'The Roles of the People in Law and Politics'

#151: 'The Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendment Doctrine'

# Panel #84

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## Courts Against or in Favour of Democratic Decay?

Tues 2 July

8.20-9.55

Room R510

Chairs: Emilio MEYER & Thomas BUSTAMANTE

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Mariana OLIVEIRA  
Diletta TEGA  
Tom Gerald DALY

Estefânia BARBOZA &  
Adriana INOMATA  
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Thomas BUSTAMANTE &  
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# Panel #126

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## The State of Constitutional Democracy: Directions

Tues 2 July  
16.50-18.25  
Room D402

Chair: Tom Gerald DALY

Mattias KUMM

Marcela PRIETO RUDOLPHY

Vicki JACKSON

Rosalind DIXON &

David LANDAU

Sujit CHOUDHRY

Heinz KLUG

'Populist ideology: Democracy as Anti-constitutionalism'

The Dangers of Over-using the Term 'Populism'

'Knowledge Institutions in Constitutional Democracies'

'Abusive Judicial Review: Courts Against Democracy'

'Opposition Rights'

'State Capture or Institutional Resilience: Is There a Crisis of Constitutional Democracy in South Africa?'

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# PARALLEL PANELS

Wednesday 3 July

## Panel Sessions VI: 08.20-09.55

#152: 'Courts and Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes'

#153: 'Challenges to Freedom of Expression I'

#158: 'Constitutional politics and comparative institutional design'

#160: 'Comparative Impeachment: Removing Executives'

#161: 'Challenges to Constitutional Democracy in Latin America'

#162: 'The Relationship between Constitutional Democracy and a Janusfaced Civil Society'

#167: 'Rise and Fall of Constitutions: Promises and Challenges'

#171: 'Constitutionalism, Democracy and Constitutional Change'

#174: 'Constitutional Shocks and Transitions II'

## Panel Sessions VII: 10.30-12.05

#183: Poland's Constitutional Breakdown - Book Discussion

#184: 'Challenges to Freedom of Expression II'

#187: "Authoritarian Constitutionalism" - Authors meet Critics

#188: 'Times of Change?: Views from Political Theory'

#191: 'Constitutional Present Challenges' (Brazil focus)

#194: 'Hate Speech in the Digital Era: a comparative analysis'

#196: 'Religion in the Crisis of Constitutional Democracy?'

#206: 'Populism, Fear of the People and Constituent Power'

#208: 'Participatory democracy: a suitable solution to cope with the public law changes'

# Panel #183

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## BOOK DISCUSSION Poland's Constitutional Breakdown

Wed 3 July

10.30-12.05

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Chair: Rosalind DIXON

Wojciech SADURSKI  
Martin KRYGIER  
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Samuel ISSACHAROFF  
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Constitution Transformation Network (Melbourne Law School)

Constitutionally Speaking (blog – South Africa)

Democracy Reporting International (DRI)

Democratic Erosion: A Cross-University Collaboration (USA)

Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law

ICON-S-Israel

International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) Blog

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

International Journal of Constitutional Law (I-CONnect) Blog

School of Transnational Governance (European University Institute)

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)

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# DEM-DEC Launch Podcast

## Panel Discussion to Launch DEM-DEC

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

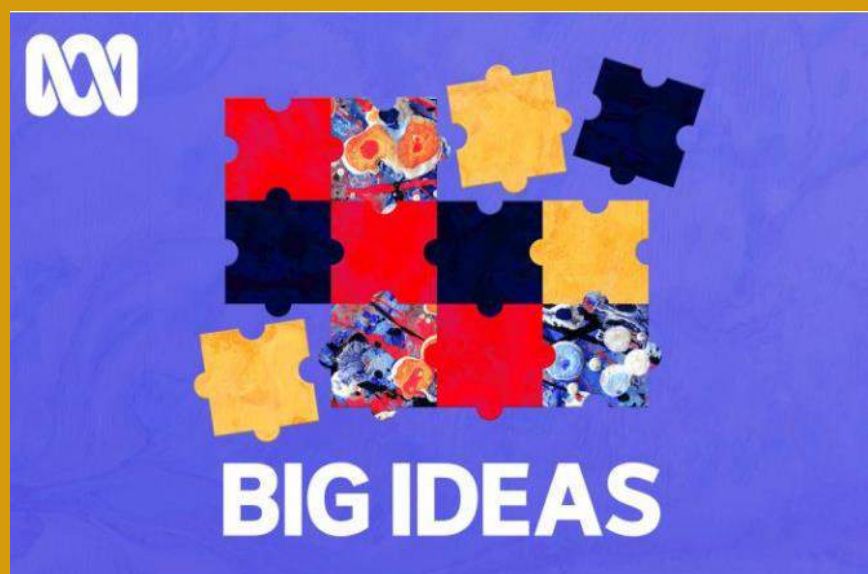
Having gone live on 25 June 2018, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) was formally launched at the University of Melbourne on Monday 22 October with a panel discussion. The panel was specifically designed to be open to the public and to be suitable for broadcast. Panellists were asked to avoid all academic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

Click CTRL and this symbol  
to access the panel podcast





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