

Conference on “Democratic Backsliding and Electoral Authoritarianism”

Yale University, May 4-5, 2018

Location: Room A002, Institution for Social and Policy Studies,
77 Prospect St, New Haven, CT 06511

Friday, May 4, 2018

8:30-9:00 Breakfast & Opening Remarks

9:00-9:55 Daniel Treisman, *How Democracies Die: A Quick Look at the Data*

Discussants: Carles Boix, Steven Levitsky

9:55-10:50 Carles Boix, *Democratic Capitalism at a Crossroads? Technological Change and the Breakdown of Consensus Politics*

Discussants: Didac Queralt, Daniel Ziblatt

10:50-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:55 Jennifer Gandhi, *Committed or Conditional Democrats? Opposition Dynamics in Electoral Autocracies*

Discussants: Beatriz Magaloni, Steven Wilkinson

11:55-12:50 Matthew Graham and Milan Svobik, *Democracy in America? Partisanship, Polarization, and the Robustness of Support for Democracy in the United States*

Discussants: Adam Przeworski, Steven Levitsky

12:50-2:00 Lunch

2:00-2:55 Grigore Pop-Eleches, *Corruption and Electoral Fraud in Democracies: Evidence from Romania*

Discussants: Timothy Frye, Isabela Mares

2:55-3:50 Isabela Mares, *Conditionality and Coercion: Electoral Clientelism in Eastern Europe*

Discussants: Arturas Rozenas, Daniel Treisman,

3:50-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-4:55 Timothy Frye, *Economic Sanctions and Rallying Around the Flag: Evidence from Russia*

Discussants: Steven Hanson, Grigore Pop-Eleches

6:00 Dinner: Harvest Wine Bar & Restaurant, 1104 Chapel St, New Haven

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:30-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:55 Zhaotian Luo and Adam Przeworski, *Some Elementary Dynamics of Democratic Deconsolidation*

Discussants: Milan Svolik, Andrea Vindigni

9:55-10:50 Michael Miller, *A Republic, If You Can Keep It: A Formal Model of Democratic Survival*

Discussants: Jennifer Gandhi, Zhaotian Luo

10:50-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:55 Beatriz Magaloni (with Francisco Garfias), *Taking to the Streets: Political Regimes and Mass Protests*

Discussants: Elisabeth Nugent, Michael Miller

11:00-11:55 Elisabeth Nugent, *The Psychology of Repression and Polarization: Lab Experimental Evidence from Tunisia*

Discussants: Daniel Mattingly, Arturas Rozenas

12:50-3:00 Lunch & Concluding Discussion

Participants:

1. Carles Boix, Princeton
2. Timothy Frye, Columbia
3. Jennifer Gandhi, Emory
4. Matthew Graham, Yale
5. Stephen Hanson, William & Mary
6. Steven Levitsky, Harvard
7. Zhaotian Luo, NYU
8. Beatriz Magaloni, Stanford
9. Isabela Mares, Columbia
10. Daniel Mattingly, Yale
11. Michael Miller, GWU
12. Elisabeth Nugent, Yale
13. Grigore Pop-Eleches, Princeton
14. Adam Przeworski, NYU
15. Didac Queralt, Yale
16. Arturas Rozenas, NYU
17. Milan Svolik, Yale
18. Daniel Treisman, UCLA
19. Andrea Vindigni, University of Genoa
20. Steven Wilkinson, Yale
21. Daniel Ziblatt, Harvard

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