



FEBRUARY 23-24

New Authoritarianisms in the Contemporary World

Workshop

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A spectre is haunting the world - the spectre of new authoritarianisms. From Brazil to Hungary, from Poland to the Philippines, from India to the United States, a new wave of authoritarian leaders, parties and movements has been undermining democracy from within and threatening its existence. Until quite recently, authoritarianism was a phenomenon identified with the South. Today, however, authoritarian ideologies, movements, and parties, and the threat they pose to democracy, are also very much a feature of politics in the West. The workshop aims to bring together interested graduate students and post-docs to explore this phenomenon from multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives.

With perspectives from researchers around, this workshop aims to share perspectives on current authoritarian regimes, the events that lead to authoritarianism and the impact of the same on states. The workshop brings specific examples of research conducted in countries around the world exploring the conditions that foster a variety of authoritarian sentiments, the links between various ideologies and the current scenario, and finally the strategies and tactics of these regimes.

DAY 1 - 23 FEBRUARY 2022

11:00 – 11:15 WELCOME

OPENING WORDS

GRAZIELLA MORAES DIAS DA SILVA,
GOPALAN BALACHANDRAN, Albert
 Hirschman Centre on Democracy, the Graduate
 Institute Geneva

SHALINI RANDERIA, President and Rector of
 the Central European University, and Former
 Director of the Albert Hirschman Centre on
 Democracy

11:15 – 12:45 **PANEL: GOVERNING THROUGH CONTRADICTIONS?
SOFT AUTHORITARIANISM IN FRANCE, POLAND AND TURKEY**

Moderator **RICARDO REGATIERI**, Albert Hirschman
 Centre on Democracy, the Graduate Institute Geneva

HAGEN STEINHAEUER, **JENS ADAM**, **ULRIKE
 FLADER**, Research Group Soft
 Authoritarianisms, University of Bremen

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 **SESSION 1: CONDITIONS AND VARIETIES OF
AUTHORITARIANISMS**

Moderator **RAFAEL SÁNCHEZ**, Department
 Anthropology and Sociology, the Graduate Institute
 Geneva

REBECCA TAPSCOTT, the Graduate Institute Geneva
 > The Rule of Law and State
 Capacity: Exploring Varieties of
 Authoritarianism

VISHNU VARATHARAJAN, the Graduate Institute
 Geneva
 > Why Tolerate? Cognitive Mapping of Elites' Use of
 Threat

DANIEL R. QUIROGA-VILLAMARIN, the Graduate
 Institute Geneva
 > Honor, Technology, and Labor: Fujimori, Uribe, &
 other Pioneers of Right-wing Populism in Latin America

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:30 **SESSION 2: AUTHORITARIANISMS AND
NEOLIBERALISM**

Moderator **YANINA WELP**, Albert Hirschman Centre
 on Democracy, the Graduate Institute Geneva

ARMANDO CHAGUACEDA, el Colegio de Veracruz
 AND **RAUDIEL PEÑA BARROS**, el Colegio de Mexico
 > Local Power and Deliberative Authoritarianism. An analysis
 of the Cuban, Nicaraguan and Venezuelan experiences

AGUSTÍN LUCAS PRESTIFILIPPO, University of
 Buenos Aires
 > The I in We. Paradoxes of the current neoliberal
 communitarism

SIMONE GOMES, State University of Rio de Janeiro
PEDRO BORBA, Federal University of Pelotas
 > Political crises and authoritarian setbacks: comparative
 insights from El Salvador and Paraguay

DAY 2 - 24 FEBRUARY 202210:00 – 12:00 **SESSION 3: STRATEGIES AND TACTICS OF
AUTHORITARIANISMS**

Moderator **MATIAS LOPEZ** Albert Hirschman Centre
 on Democracy

VARTIKA NEERAJ, the Graduate Institute
 Geneva
 > Exploring Populist Communicative Tools

ADÉLIE CHEVÉE, the Graduate Institute Geneva >
 Mobilizing Against Authoritarian Uncertainty:
 Documentation in Syrian Revolutionary Newspapers

DANIEL KOVAREK, Central European University
GÁBOR DOBOS, University of Public Service
 > Masking the Strangulation of Opposition Parties as
 Pandemic Response: Austerity Measures Targeting the
 Local Level in Hungary

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch break

12:30 – 13:15 **CLOSING CONFERENCE: THE POLITICS OF THE
IRRATIONAL: THE GLOBAL PHENOMENON OF
CONTEMPORARY FAR-RIGHT WING AND ITS
BRAZILIAN BRANCH**

RICARDO REGATIERI Professor at the
 Federal University of Bahia, and Former
 Visiting Research Fellow at the Albert
 Hirschman Centre on Democracy