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## ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND POLITICAL RIGHTS:

### Neoliberal Challenges to Democracy

Next year, 2023, will mark fifty years of the bloody US-supported coup d'état in Chile that overthrew the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende and installed a brutal military dictatorship under General Augusto Pinochet. The Pinochet regime's logic of 'usurping' and 'economizing' the democratic has been enacted in the decades since in many countries, including Western democracies. Subordinating political rights to economic freedom and identifying democratic legitimacy with passive consent, some of them have also responded to movements like Black Lives Matter and Extinction Rebellion with laws and regulations virtually outlawing public protests.

This international workshop is a collaborative effort to map the genealogies and trajectories of neoliberal governance between dictatorship and democracy. It will be a prelude to talks, workshops, conferences, and other events over the next 18 months to help place in perspective the profound implications of the 1973 coup and the dictatorship for our rights, freedoms, and democratic aspirations, both in Chile as well as in the wider world.

More information [here](#)

TUESDAY 31 MAY 2022

Maison de la Paix, Room S2, Petal 2, Ground Floor

*This session is hybrid and open to the public with prior registration. [Please register here.](#)*

17:00 - 17:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

17:15- 19:00 PANEL 1: OPENING ROUND TABLE: THE CHILEAN COUP AND ITS GLOBAL IMPACT: 1973 - 2023

ROSSANA CASTIGLIONI, University Diego Portales

CLAUDIA HEISS, University of Chile

PATRICIO SILVA, Leiden University

RAFAEL SANCHEZ, Geneva Graduate Institute, Chair

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022

Maison de la Paix, Room 862, Petal 1, 8th Floor

*These sessions are by invitation only. Please contact us at the email below for an invitation.*

10:30 - 12:30 PANEL 2: NEOLIBERAL PUBLIC POLICIES

MAIN PANELISTS:

ROSSANA CASTIGLIONI, University Diego Portales

NICOLAS PONS-VIGNON, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland

MODERATOR

MATIAS LÓPEZ, Geneva Graduate Institute

14:00 - 16:00 PANEL 3: POLITICAL MOBILIZATION AND NEO-LIBERAL GOVERNANCE

MAIN PANELISTS:

CLAUDIA HEISS, University of Chile

PATRICIO SILVA, Leiden University

MODERATOR

YANINA WELP, Geneva Graduate Institute

16.30 - 18.00 WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

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