

Back from the Brink: Countering Illiberalism in Liberal Democracies

Conference

Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford) and Isabela Mares (Yale)

Yale University, 14-15 April 2023

Macmillan Center Room 203

Schedule

Friday, 14 April 2023

2:45-3:00 pm: Welcome/Introductory Comments –Giovanni Capoccia, Isabela Mares

3:00-4:30 pm Session #1: Actors and Strategies; Constitutional Hardball

Chair: Isabela Mares (Yale University)

Paper #1: Giovanni Capoccia (University of Oxford), **Countering Illiberalism in Liberal Democracies: Actors, Strategies, Temporalities**

Discussant: Ian Shapiro (Yale University)

Paper #2: David Bateman (Cornell University): **Democracy-Reinforcing Hardball: Can Breaking Democratic Norms Preserve Democratic Values?**

Discussant: Milan Svobik (Yale University)

4:30-4:45 pm Coffee Break

4:45-6:15 pm Session #2 – Formal and Informal Responses

Chair: Ian Shapiro (Yale University)

Paper #1: Antonis A. Ellinas (University of Cyprus) **Continuity and change in restricting right-wing extremism: The United States and Greece**

Paper #2: Isabela Mares and Qixuan Yang (Yale University) **Parliaments as sites of democratic erosion: evidence from contemporary Germany**

Discussant: David Samuels (University of Minnesota)

Conference dinner: Olea Restaurant, 39 High Street, New Haven. 7pm.

Saturday, April 15

9:00-9.30 am—Breakfast

9:30-11:00 am Session #3 –Coordination; Civil Society Organizations

Chair: Giovanni Capoccia (University of Oxford)

Paper #1: Ivan Ermakoff (University of Wisconsin Madison) **Coordinating against legal authoritarian offensives.**

Discussant: Julia Adams (Yale University)

Paper #2: Hahrie Han (Johns Hopkins University) **Sustaining Racial Pluralism in Civil Society Organizations: The Role of Governance of Social Networks**

Discussant: Dan Mattingly (Yale University)

11:00-11:30 am Coffee Break

11:30-1:00 pm Session #4 – Political Parties; Social Norms

Chair: Maria José Hierro (Yale University)

Paper #1: Rob Lieberman (Johns Hopkins University) Daniel Schlozman (Johns Hopkins University) **Ethnic Parties and Democratic Backsliding: The Case of the United States**

Discussant: Kate Baldwin (Yale University)

Paper #2: Vicente Valentim (University of Oxford) **Norm Robustness and Democratic Resilience**

Discussant: Milan Svobik (Yale University)

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm Session #5 –Sites of Opposition; Campaigning

Chair: David Samuels (University of Minnesota)

Paper #1: Melis Laebens (University of Oxford) Marcin Ślarzyński (Polish Academy of Sciences) **The Opposition to the United Right Governments in Poland: Finding New Political Identities After Realignment**

Discussant: Fernando Bizzarro (Harvard University)

Paper #2: Susan Stokes (University of Chicago) **Trash-Talking Democracy and Other Strategies of Democratic Erosion**

Discussant: Maria José Hierro (Yale University)

3:30-4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00-5:00 pm –Roundtable: General discussion and next steps

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Dinner, South Bay, 228 College Street, New Haven. 7 pm