

# Digest of Current Publications and Events

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- < [Call for Papers: Gramsci in the Middle East and North Africa](#), 9-10 May 2022, LSE
- < [Call for Papers: 'Counterterrorism' and Human Rights, Twenty Years after 9/11](#), Rowaq Arabi
- < [Call for Papers: Perspectives on Governance by Non-State Armed Actors](#), May 24, 2021

- < [What's wrong with Jordanian media?](#), Open Democracy
  - < [Happy is the one who says 'I am a Turk': the story of an oath](#), Open Democracy
  - < ['Palestinians must be protected': UN warns of rise in Israeli settler attacks](#), Middle East Eye
  - < [Biden urged by lawmakers to pressure Saudi Arabia into ending Yemen blockade](#), Middle East Eye
  - < [Italy's senate votes to give citizenship to jailed Egyptian activist Patrick Zaki](#), Middle East Eye
  - < [Turkish writer Ahmet Altan released from prison: Lawyer](#), Al Jazeera
  - < [Rights advocates: Patriarchy governs new personal status bill](#), Mada Masr
  - < [The Bread and Freedom Party: A leftist opposition party in post-coup Egypt](#), Mada Masr
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- < [Associate Professorship in the History and Politics of Iran](#), University of Oxford
  - < [Visiting Assistant Professor in the Arabic Language, Middle East and South Asia Studies Program](#), Wake Forest University, North Carolina

CfC: PRESENTERS FOR BERLIN IPB/DVPW COLLOQUIUM ON "POLITICS FROM BELOW" -  
SUBMISSION OF IDEAS UNTIL: 20 APRIL

Dear all, at the Institute for Protest Research in Berlin (ipb) we are in the process of planning the Spring/Summer 2021 "Politics from below" colloquium. The biannual colloquium was created in 2011 by the DVPW Working Group on Social Movements and has been organized as a cooperative project by different institutions since then. It provides a space to discuss research projects, article drafts and manuscripts with a focus on collective political action. This includes the topics of political mobilization, protest, social movements, and revolutions. Thereby, we intend to create a forum for peer exchange among the scattered researchers of politics from below and to provide a space for disciplinary discussion. Due to the pandemic situation, the colloquium is currently held via videosoftware BigBlueButton/Zoom

I will be chairing a session on 31 May 2021 on the meta topic of *"movement/protest/revolution research a decade after the 2011 upheavals"*. What lessons can be drawn for the study of mobilisation processes from the last decade of protest in the MENA region? What premises have to be rethought? And where does this leave us as regards understanding the more recent popular protests in Lebanon, Algeria, Sudan or Iraq?

Should you have ongoing or recently published work related to these or neighbouring questions and would like to discuss your work within the frame of the colloquium, please feel free to reach out! (jj.grimm@fu-berlin.de) Presented texts may be draft chapters or articles, book manuscripts or recently published books, as well as research proposals at the post-doctoral level.

CALL FOR PAPERS: AUTHORITARIAN MOMENTS: CONFIGURATIONS, FORMS, AND PRACTICES  
OF AUTHORITARIANISM

Part of the MANCEPT Workshops 2021, which will be held online from Sep. 7-10, 2021

*Convenors:* Verena Frick (Goettingen) and Felix Petersen (Jerusalem)

*Confirmed Key Note Speakers:* Jan-Werner Müller (Princeton), Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht), William Scheuerman (Indiana)

Twentieth-century political thought was built on the fundamental consensus of a deep ideological and systematic opposition between democracy and authoritarianism. Thinkers from different theoretical backgrounds, including Karl Popper, Judith Shklar, Isaiah Berlin, Hannah Arendt, or Karl Loewenstein, agreed on the basic assumption that liberal society can be defined ex negativo from its confrontation with authoritarianism. By contrast, recent diagnoses surrounding the ubiquitous crisis of democracy – for instance, concepts such as illiberal democracy, authoritarian liberalism, authoritarian constitutionalism or electoral authoritarianism – nurture the impression that this demarcation line becomes increasingly blurred.



- ◁ Authoritarianism and democracy: Democracy is always at risk to collapse into authoritarianism. Contributions can focus on the intersection of authoritarianism and democracy by exploring borderline phenomena like militant democracy or state of exception, exploring seemingly a-democratic institutions like bureaucracy and their relationship to democracy, taking so-called authoritarian liberalism to address the impact of neoliberalism on democracy, or examining current contestations of the liberal script more broadly.

To submit a paper, please send a 300-