



Yale MACMILLAN CENTER

Center for Historical Enquiry & the Social Sciences

BACK FROM THE BRINK: COUNTERING ILLIBERALISM IN LIBERAL DEMOCRACIES



Friday, April 14th: 2.45pm - 5.45pm
Saturday, April 15th: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Luce Hall, Room 203

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 14TH OF 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: David Samuels (University of Minnesota)

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): Democratic hardball:
when breaking democratic norms might 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 the German Bundestag

Discussant: David Samuels (University of Minnesota)

Conference Dinner

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 15TH OF APRIL 2023

9:00-9.30 am—Breakfast

9:30-11:00 am Session #3 –Coordination and Social Norms

Chair: Julia Adams (Yale University)

Paper #1: Ivan Ermakoff (University of Wisconsin Madison) Coordinating against authoritarian power bids

Discussant: Julia Adams (Yale University)

Paper #2: Hahrie Han (Johns Hopkins University) Civil Society as a Carrier for Democracy

Discussant: Dan Mattingly (Yale University)

11:00-11:30 am – Coffee Break

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

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: 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:

Jan Kubik (Rutgers University)

1:00-2:00 pm – Lunch

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
(CONTINUED)**

SATURDAY, 15TH OF APRIL 2023

2:00-3:30 pm Session #5 –Mobilization against Illiberalism: Civil society and Elections

Chair: Jan Kubik (Rutgers University)

Paper #1: Vicente Valentim (University of Oxford) All democrats are not alike: Social norms, preference falsification, and democratic resilience

Discussant: Milan Svolik (Yale University)

Paper #2: Susan Stokes, Erdem Aytaç, Lautaro Cella & Ipek Çinar (University of Chicago) Divisive and Unifying Campaign Messages: Do They Work? Why and on Whom?

Discussant: Maria José Hierro (Yale University)

3:30-4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00-5:00 pm –Roundtable: General discussion and next steps
Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford), Isabela Mares (Yale), David Samuels (Minnesota), Ian Shapiro (Yale)

Conference Dinner