

PSC/IR 260 Democratic Erosion

satisfy your regular participation requirement; for the classes in which you would serve as a discussion leader, please submit a 2-3 page response paper that includes both a summary of the main points of the reading, as well as three questions for generating class discussion.

Please note that if you need to miss class due to illness,

Course Schedule and Readings

Please purchase:

How Democracies Die (2018) by Levitsky, Steven and Daniel Ziblatt

What Is Populism? (2016) by Müller, Jan-Werner.

Election Meltdown-Dirty Tricks, Distrust, and the Threat to American Democracy (2020) by Hasen,
RL

Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson. 2006. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*.

Virtual Panel on Voting and Electoral Manipulation. 3-4:30pm EST (zoom invitation by email)

Week 6: Institutions Against Democracy

Tuesday, September 29

Linz, Juan J. "The Perils of Presidentialism." *Journal of Democracy* 1.1 (1990): 51-69.

Helmke, Gretchen. 2020. "Presidential Crises in Contemporary Latin America" (Chapter in Brinks, Daniel M., Steven Levitsky, and Maria Murillo, eds. *The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America*)

Thursday, October 1st

Varol, Ozan. 2015. "Stealth Authoritarianism." *Iowa Law Review* 100(4): pp. 1673-1742. Parts I, II and III.

Huq, Aziz and Tom Ginsburg. 2017. "How to Lose a Constitutional Democracy." *UCLA Law Review* 65(78): pp. 80-169. Parts 1 and 4; skim part 3.

Week 7: Accountability and Information

Tuesday, October 6

Weitz-Shapiro, Rebecca and Matthew Winters. 2016. "Can Citizens Discern? Information Credibility, Political Sophistication, and the Punishment of Corruption in Brazil." *Journal of Politics* 79(1): pp. 60-74.

Berman, Sheri. 2017. "The Pipe Dream of Undemocratic Liberalism." *Journal of Democracy* 28(3): 29-38.

Thursday, October 15th

Hahl, O., Kim, M. and Zuckerman Sivan, E.W., 2018. "The authentic appeal of the lying demagogue: Proclaiming the deeper truth about political illegitimacy." *American Sociological Review*, 83(1), pp.1-33.

Mudde, C. (2015). "Populist radical right parties in Europe today." *Transformations of populism in Europe and the Americas: History and recent trends*, 295-307.

Week 9: Polarization

Tuesday, October 20th

Mason, Lilliana. 2018. *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*. Chicago:

Week 11: Election 2020

Tuesday, November 9th

No Class. Vote.

Thursday, November 9th

Assignment #3: student presentations

Week 12: Protests and Social Movements

Tuesday, November 10th

Gamboa, Laura. 2017.