



Global Resistance to Authoritarian Diffusion (GRAD) Workshop

September 22-23, 2023

Lubar Commons (7200 Law) and Virtual

University of Wisconsin Law School

Agenda

Overview

From South Africa and Brazil to the United States and beyond, authoritarian forces are challenging and undermining democratic norms and centralizing power, a process referred to as *autocratization*. In the past decade alone, the population living in autocracies jumped from 49% to 70% and the level of democracy enjoyed by the average global citizen in 2021 is down to levels last registered in 1989. But autocratization is not happening unopposed. On the contrary, it is being met with different forms of resistance from domestic and transnational actors across the world. The University of Wisconsin Law School, along with the Transnational Law Institute at King's College, London, and the FGV Law School in São Paulo, Brazil, is studying resistance to authoritarianism in many countries. This workshop draws on this research to look at the spread of authoritarianism and resistance to it in the United States and elsewhere.

Format:

Discussants should make a brief summary of the paper and outline comments and critiques. They will have 8-12 minutes where there are 4 papers, and 12-15 minutes where there are 3 papers. After the workshop, please send a note with your comments and suggestions to the author(s) and the Editors.

Day 1: Friday, September 22, 2023

8:30am

Breakfast and registration

9:00 am

Welcome

Sumudu Atapattu

Director, Global Legal Studies Center, UW Law School

Susannah Tahk

Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development

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9:15-10:15am	<p>Global Resistance to Authoritarian Diffusion: An Overview (Public webinar) <i>Chair: Sumudu Atapattu</i></p> <p>“Rise of Authoritarianism” <i>Fabio de Sa e Silva</i></p> <p>“Forms of Resistance to Autocracy” <i>Heinz Klug</i></p> <p>“Autocracy and Resistance in the United States” <i>Richard Abel</i></p> <p>“Lawyers in Resistance to Autocracy” <i>Leigha Crout</i></p>
10:15-10:30am	<p>Introduction to Workshop <i>Dean Dan Tokaji, David Trubek and Heinz Klug</i></p>
10:30-10:40am	Break
10:40am-12:40pm	<p>Panel 1 <i>Chair: David Trubek</i></p> <p>“Law as Resilience and Law as Roadblocks: Protest Politics and Resistance in India” Discussants: Octavio Ferraz and Gaurav Mukherjee <i>Authors: Mohsin Bhat and Aparna Chandra*</i></p> <p>“Russia Overview” Discussant: Kathryn Hendley <i>Author: Natasha Lindstaedt*</i></p> <p>“Defenders but not Resisters: The Role of Lawyers in Putin’s Russia” Discussant: Rick Abel <i>Author: Kathryn Hendley</i></p> <p>“A Group of Professors-turned-political-activists: Legal Resistance to Regime Changes in Israel 2023” Discussant: Nadav Shelef <i>Author: Ronit Levine-Schnur</i></p>
12 40pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30pm	<p>Panel 2 <i>Chair: Octavio Ferraz</i></p>

“It Can Happen Here: Resistance to Autocracy under Trump and Trumpism”

Discussants: Heinz Klug and Scott Cummings*

Author: Rick Abel

“The Supreme Federal Tribunal and the Militant Defense of the Brazilian Democracy (2019-2022)”

Discussant: Alexandra Huneeus

Author: Oscar Vilhena Vieira

“Judicial Resistance to Autocracy: South African Case Study”

Discussant: Mohsin Bhat

Authors: Heinz Klug, Dee Smythe, Nurina Ally, Mbekezeli Benjamin, Nomfundo Ramalekana**

3:30-3:45pm

Break

3:45-5:45pm

Panel 3

Chair: Raquel Pimenta

“Resistance to Authoritarianism in Brazil: the August 11, 2022 Episode”

Discussant: Bojan Bugaric

*Authors: Raquel Pimenta, Débora Alves Maciel, Marta Machado**

“Global Resistance to Authoritarian Diffusion: the People's Republic of China”

Discussant: Fabio de Sa e Silva

Author: Leigha Crout

“Autocracy and Resistance in Hungary Since 2010”

Discussant: Sofia Bordin Rolim

Authors: Bojan Bugaric and Gábor Halmai

6:30 pm

Dinner for workshop speakers, chairs, discussants and invited guests

Day 2: Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:30-9:00am

Breakfast

9:00 – 11:15am

Panel 4

Chair: Fabio de Sa e Silva

“International Human Rights Institutions and Resistance to Autocratization: What Role Can and Have They Played?”
Discussants: Oscar Vilhena Vieira and Javier Couso
Authors: *Octavio Ferraz and Nina Hart*

“The Law & Political Economy of Authoritarianism and Resistance in Brazil’s Environmental Policies (2018-2022)”
Discussant: Gábor Halmai
Authors: *Raquel Pimenta, Mario Shapiro,* David Trubek*

“Sanctions, Autocratization and Human Security”
Discussant: Mario Shapiro*
Authors: *Bojan Bugarcic and Natasha Lindstaedt**

“Repertoires of Resistance”
Discussant: Raquel Pimenta
Author: *Heinz Klug*

“Comparing Lawyer Resistance in the GRAD Countries”
Presentation: Leigha Crout
Authors: *Leigha Crout, Sofia Rolim, David Trubek*

11:15-11:30am

Break

11:30-12:30pm

GRAD Book

Editing comments, procedures, and timeline
Natasha Lindstaedt,* Octavio Ferraz, Oscar Vilhena Vieira

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch

1:30-2:30pm

Further projects

Chair: Sofia Bordin Rolim

Research on Lawyering for and against Authoritarianism
Fabio de Sa e Silva

Relationships between GRAD and Law and Development scholarship
Bojan Bugarcic

6:00pm

Dinner for those who are staying overnight in Madison

** Virtual attendance*

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