

BACKSLIDING DEMOCRACIES - THE ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY

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DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE

Across the globe, democracy is in crisis. Even longstanding democracies are showing autocratic tendencies. Independent courts are the last line of defense.

WHAT'S DRIVING THIS TREND?

Global challenges fueling backsliding are economic instability and inflation, rising irregular migration and social tensions, the threat of war and conflict, etc. The disregard of popular concerns by politicians contributes to increased polarization and populism, whereas governmental responses tend to focus on consolidating authority—often compromising fundamental rights and freedoms.

THE JUDICIARY: GUARDIAN, TARGET OR DRIVER?

In democracies, courts are meant to uphold the rule of law and protect human rights. But today, in many places, they're being manipulated - used to serve political interests and silence opposition. Beyond this instrumentalization, the judiciary also faces the growing risk of being seen as a driver of polarization in society.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

"**Backsliding Democracies – The Role of the Judiciary**" is an initiative exploring these urgent questions. Through a series of free podcasts and online discussions, we aim to show where the root causes of the problems lie, what role the judiciary plays in these developments, and what could and should be done to stop them.

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If you care about justice, freedom, and democracy - this series is for you. Democracy belongs to all — and so does the duty to protect it.



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