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1. CURRENT SECTION OFFICERS

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2. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to inform you of good news on three fronts. First, we have an outstanding set of new section officers. Ashutosh Varshney of Brown University will become Chair of the section replacing yours truly, while Juliet Johnson of McGill University will become Treasurer, replacing Marc Morjé Howard. We look forward to their inauguration at the next annual meetings.

The second piece of good news regards the annual meetings in 2010. I am delighted to report that Bo Rothstein of Gothenburg University, Sweden has agreed to be our Program Chair and build on the excellent work Omar Encarnación has done for us this year.

Finally, I am happy to announce that we have 74 new graduate student members working on an exciting array of dissertations. Their names and dissertation titles appear in a separate section of this newsletter along with the names of their advisors. The fact that over 50 faculty members from three continents nominated students for membership indicates the breadth of our section’s reach.

In an effort to expand our membership and our section’s intellectual reach even further, this year’s executive committee will be soliciting applications from members who would take responsibility for soliciting substantive articles for our newsletter. Working alongside Diego Abente and Melissa Aten, we would hope that they might add articles on debates in our field, methodological discussions, and interviews, to the features we already include. Ideally, these members would be located in a single department which could provide support for their efforts. Stay tuned for more specifics on this in the weeks to come.

See you all in Toronto.

Nancy Bermeo
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3. SECTION NEWS

ECPR, EUSA, IPSA, and Skytte Prizes for Philippe C. Schmitter

Philippe C. Schmitter, professorial fellow and professor emeritus in the department of political and social sciences at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, was recently bestowed with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the European Consortium for Political Research in September 2008 and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the European Union Studies Association in April 2009.

In July 2009, the International Political Science Association will honor Mr. Schmitter with the 2009 Mattei Dogan Award, one of IPSA’s highest honors for lifetime achievement. IPSA’s Awards Committee states that he “has made an enormous contribution to the growth and development of Political Science...[His] rigorous research, his conceptual clarity and creativity and ability to transcend the boundaries of the discipline’s subfields have pushed the notion of what political scientists do to capture the meaning of what takes place in the polis to new heights.” The award, which is given every three years, will be presented at the 21st IPSA World Congress in Santiago, Chile, in July.

In September 2009, the University of Uppsala, Sweden, will present Mr. Schmitter with the Johan Skytte Prize in political science for “his path-breaking work on the role of corporatism in modern democracies, and for his stimulating and innovative analysis of democratization.”
The Comparative Democratization Section’s Officers and Editors would like to congratulate Mr. Schmitter on behalf of the Section for all his contributions to the field.

**Comparative Democratization Section Panels Announced**
Our section is proud to present the following panels at the forthcoming APSA meeting and to thank Omar Encarnacion for organizing them.

1. Violence, Uncivil Politics and Democratization
2. China’s Third Sector: Dynamics and Consequences
3. Revisiting Regime Change: Cross-Regional Perspectives
4. The Political Economy of Democratization
5. Civil Society, Citizenship and Participatory Democracy
6. "New" Social Movements and Democratization
7. Democracy, Transitional Justice and the Memory of Dictatorship
8. Authoritarian Regime Building and Breakdown in Post-Soviet Eurasia
10. Democracy, Diffusion and Contingency: Lessons from Europe
11. The Politics of Democratic Reversals
12. Who/What Are Elections Good For? Electoral Participation and Voters' Motivation in Developing Countries
13. Post-Civil War Processes
15. Protest and Democratization in East Asia and Latin America
17. George Bush’s Democratic Promotion Legacy
18. Post-War Democratization
19. Religion and Democracy
20. Authoritarian Regime Consolidation
21. Agency under Authoritarianism
22. Democracy, Elections and Political (In)stability
23. Local Politics in New Democracies: Patterns of Democratization in the Mexican States

**Graduate Student Member Recruitment Drive**
The names of our new members along with their dissertation titles, affiliations, and advisors are listed below. Welcome to the section!


Andrew Barwig, Beyond the Ballot Box: Elections and Autocrats in the Arab World, University of Denver. Advisor: Tim Sisk.


Laryssa Chomiak, *Rethinking Public Space and Political Participation in Tunisia and the Ukraine*, University of Maryland. Advisor: Jillian Schwedler.


Annabella Espana, *Party Systems and Democracy after the Conflicts*, University of Notre Dame. Advisor: Scott Mainwaring.

Sam Fayyaz, *Competing Governmentalities: The Subject and Power in Post-Revolutionary Iran*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Advisor: Jillian Schwedler.


Maria Agustina Giraudy, *Sub-National Undemocratic Regimes in Argentina and Mexico*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Advisor: Jonathan Hartlyn.


University of Florida. Advisor: Bryon Moraski.

Petra Hejnova, Message from the State: Uncovering Effects of Policy Coherence on Women’s Movements in Chile and the Czech Republic, Syracuse University. Advisor: Kristi Andersen.

Timothy Hildebrandt, Forging a Harmonious Middle Path: Chinese Social Organizations and the State, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Advisor: Melanie Frances Manion.


Katja Kalandadze, Electoral Revolutions and Democratization, Syracuse University. Advisor: Brian Taylor.


Ekrem Karakoc, Democracy and the Inequality Paradox: How Democracy Has Increased Income Disparities in Post-Communist and Southern Europe, Penn State University. Advisor: Michael Bernhard.


Karrie Koesel, A Belief in Authoritarianism: Religious Revivals and the Local State in Russia and China, Cornell University. Advisor: Kenneth Roberts.


Luis Felipe Mantilla, Religion in the Political Arena: Explaining the Formation of Religious Parties in the
Middle East and Latin America, Georgetown University. Advisor: Marc Morjé Howard.


Mohammad Daud Munir, Constitutionalism and Rule of Law in Pakistan, Princeton University. Advisor: Mirjam Künkler.


Assel Rustemova, Governmentality in Central Asia: Development, National Ideas and Regional Cooperation. Rutgers State University, Newark. Advisor: Peter Rutland.


Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, Minority Representation and Democratization in Indonesia and the Philippines, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Advisor: Jonathan Hartlyn.


Heather Sullivan, *Democratization and Repression in Contemporary Mexico*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Advisor: Graeme Robertson.


Haley Swedlund, *Doing Good or Doing Harm? The Role of International Actors in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Democratization*, Syracuse University. Advisor: Hans Peter Schmitz.

Bozena Welborne, *Between the Veil and the Vote: Exploring Incentives to Politically Incorporate Women Across the Middle East and North Africa*, University of Colorado at Boulder. Advisor: Sam Fitch.


4. NEWS FROM MEMBERS

**Charles H. Blake**, professor of political science, James Madison University, has been selected as the next chair of the department. He will begin his service in the 2009–2010 academic year.

**Archie Brown**, Emeritus Professor of Politics, Oxford University, has published *The Rise and Fall of Communism* (Ecco Press). The book draws on a wide range of sources, including freshly available archival materials, and covers communism worldwide, paying particular attention to the sixteen states in which consolidated communist systems existed or still exist. The book is divided into five parts: origins and development; communism ascendant; surviving without Stalin; pluralizing pressures; and interpreting the fall of communism.

**Jason Brownlee**, assistant professor of government, University of Texas at Austin, published “Portents of Pluralism: How Hybrid Regimes Affect Democratic Transitions” in the July 2009 *American Journal of Political Science*. The article reports on Mr. Brownlee’s quantitative study of breakdown and democratization during 1975–2004 and shows that competitive elections do not independently weaken authoritarian regimes but do raise the likelihood that the next regime will be an electoral democracy.

**Gretchen Casper**, associate professor of political science and Asian studies, Pennsylvania State University, will serve as section chair for the Comparative Politics: Transitions toward Democracy organized section of the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association’s annual meeting in Chicago on April 22–25. Ms. Casper encourages people to submit proposals for the conference using the MPSA’s 2010 Participation Proposal Form available at [www.mpsanet.org/](http://www.mpsanet.org/). The deadline is October 9, 2009.

**Javier Corrales**, visiting scholar at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard
University, and associate professor of political science, Amherst College, published “States, Markets, and Neighbors: Latin American 25 Years from Now” in the Spring 2009 Americas Quarterly in which he predicts the region will have a future of less economic growth—“less than previously, less than most other developing regions of the world will experience, and less than most Latin Americans will expect”—and argues that this condition is caused by the uneven development of states and markets.

Mr. Corrales has also agreed to serve as program chair for the October 2010 meeting of the Latin American Studies Association.

Roman David, lecturer in politics, University of Newcastle, and Susanne Y.P. Choi, published “Getting Even, or Getting Equal? Retributive Desires and Transitional Justice” in the April 2009 Political Science, in which they examine the “effect that different policy interventions of transitional justice have on the desires of the victims of human rights violations for retribution.” The authors suggest that victims and perpetrators should “get equal” in relation to their respective statuses (which were affected by political crimes) in order to reduce victims’ retributive desires.

Bonnie N. Field, assistant professor of global studies, Bentley University, and Kerstin Hamann edited Democracy and Institutional Development: Spain in Comparative Theoretical Perspective (Palgrave Macmillan). The volume analyzes the development of political parties and institutions during the first thirty years of democracy in Spain. Two primary themes unite the book: first, institutionalization and second, the relationship between institutional design and representation. Ms. Field also contributed a chapter on “Interparty Politics in Spain: The Role of Informal Institutions” to the book.


M. Steven Fish, professor of political science, University of California at Berkeley, and Matthew Kroenig published The Handbook of National Legislatures: A Global Survey (Cambridge University Press) in which the authors assess the strength of the national legislature of every country in the world with a population of at least a half-million inhabitants. Using the Legislative Powers Survey, which was generated by an international survey of experts, extensive study of secondary sources, and analysis of constitutions and other relevant documents, they generate a list of 32 items to gauge the legislature’s sway over the executive, its institutional autonomy, its authority in specific areas, and its institutional capacity.

David J. Galbreath was recently promoted to senior lecturer in politics and international relations at the University of Aberdeen.

John Gerring, professor of political science, Boston University, Strom C. Thacker, associate professor of international affairs and director of Latin American studies program, Boston University, and Carola Moreno published “Are Parliamentary Systems Better?” in the March 2009 Comparative Political Studies. The authors use a global data set to examine the relationship between a historical measure of parliamentary rule and fourteen indicators ranging across political, economic, and human development. They find a strong relationship between parliamentarism and good governance, especially in the latter two policy areas.

Ahmet T. Kuru, postdoctoral research scholar and assistant director of the Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, Columbia University, published Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey (Cambridge University Press), a book that “provides a generalizable argument about the impact of ideological struggles on the public policy making process, as well as a state-religion regimes index of 197 countries.” Comparing the United States’ policies toward religion to those in France and Turkey, Mr. Kuru argues that the former has a dominant ideology of “passive secularism,” which requires the state to play a passive role while the latter have dominant ideology of “assertive secularism,” which demands that the state actively exclude religion from the public sphere.

Yoonkyung Lee, assistant professor of sociology and political science, SUNY at Binghamton, published
“Divergent Outcomes of Labor Reform Politics in Democratized Korea and Taiwan” in the March 2009 Studies in Comparative International Development in which he “seeks to explain the conditions that determine the divergent fates of union actors under democratic governments by examining union activism around four labor reform episodes in democratized Korea and Taiwan.”

Mr. Lee also published “Democracy without Parties? Political Parties and Social Movements for Democratic Representation in Korea” in the Spring 2009 Korean Observer, in which he argues that Korea’s unstable political parties are the result of legacies of authoritarian intervention into electoral politics.

Finally, Mr. Lee was awarded a visiting research fellowship at the University of California-San Diego’s Korea-Pacific program from January to June 2009.

James Mahoney, professor of political science and sociology, Northwestern University, Erin Kimball, and Kendra Koivu published “The Logic of Historical Explanation in the Social Sciences” in the January 2009 Comparative Political Studies in which the authors provide an inventory of the five types of causes that are normally used in historical explanations and then introduce a new method—sequence elaboration—for evaluating the relative importance of causes.

Tarek Masoud was recently appointed as assistant professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He was also named a 2009 Carnegie Scholar, which awards him a grant of $100,000 for his work on Islamist political parties in semi-authoritarian regimes.

Kelly McMann, assistant professor of political science, Case Western Reserve University, will publish “Market Reform as a Stimulus to Particularistic Politics” in the July 2009 Comparative Political Studies, in which she examines how market reforms can result in individuals making particularistic demands of government officials instead of relying on nonstate actors (as market reform advocates prescribe) in countries where state economic intervention was substantial and where reforms reduced the state’s economic role but failed to develop market-enhancing institutions.

Cas Mudde, associate professor of political science, University of Antwerp, Belgium, was awarded a visiting fellowship at the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame for the 2009–2010 academic year. His book, Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe (Cambridge University Press, 2007), was named a 2008 Choice Outstanding Academic Title and was awarded the 2008 Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research.

Richard Rose, chair in politics, University of Aberdeen, and Neil Munro published Parties and Elections in New European Democracies (ECPR Press) in which they develop a model to explain how “the supply of parties by political elites shapes the responses of inexperienced electors” and show “how this creates a floating system of parties and prevents the establishment of durable party identifications.” They then apply this model to elections in ten Central and East European democracies that are now members of the European Union.

Sebastian Royo has been promoted to full professor of government at Suffolk University.

Eve Sandberg, associate professor of politics, Oberlin College, has been appointed as the director of the Oberlin Initiative in Electoral Politics. More information about the Initiative can be found at www.oberlin.edu/politics/initiative.htm.

Gwendolyn Sasse, university reader in comparative politics and professorial fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford University, has been awarded the Alexander Nove Prize by the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies. The award honors her book, The Crimea Question: Identity, Transition, and Conflict (Harvard University Press, 2007). The monograph deals with the puzzle of why a conflict did not occur in the Crimea after the break-up of the Soviet Union. Regional diversity such as Ukraine’s often embodies potential for friction and conflict, in particular when it involves territorialized ethnicity and divergent historical experiences. In the early to mid-1990s, the Western media, policymakers, and academics alike warned that Crimea was a potential center of unrest in the aftermath of the Soviet
Union’s dissolution. However, large-scale conflict in Crimea did not materialize, and Kyiv has managed to integrate the peninsula into the new Ukrainian polity. This book explores the factors that led to the largely peaceful transition and places the situation in the larger context of conflict-prevention studies, explaining this critical case in which conflict did not erupt despite a structural predisposition to ethnic, regional, and even international enmity. It argues that the key to the positive outcome lies not in any particular institutional design but in the process of constitution-making.

Carsten Q. Schneider, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracy, Central European University, has been appointed as a John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellows at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University. During the 2009–2010 academic year, Mr. Schneider will pursue his project on the impact of social inequalities on the quality of democracies.

Mr. Schneider has also been elected for a five-year term as a member of the Young Academy (www.diejungeakademie.de), a joint project of Germany’s two oldest academies: the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the German Academy of Natural Scientists Leopoldina.

Mitchell A. Seligson, Centennial Professor of Political Science and professor of sociology, Vanderbilt University, and John A. Booth, published The Legitimacy Puzzle in Latin America: Democracy and Political Support in Eight Nations (Cambridge University Press) in which they examine declining levels of citizens’ support for their regimes and the survival or breakdown of democracy in eight Latin American states. The authors find that despite dissatisfaction with their governments, citizens continue to participate in politics at high rates—in both conventional methods, such as elections, and alternative arenas, such as communal improvement and civil society—and that support for democracy remains high.

Oxana Shevel, assistant professor of political science, Tufts University, published “The Politics of Citizenship Policy in New States” in the April 2009 Comparative Politics in which she argues that national identity is a major source of citizenship policies in new states, though its impact may be different from what exiting theories posit. Using Ukraine as a case study, Ms. Shevel shows how civic citizenship laws may result from contested identity politics in states where there is no conception of dominant national identity.

Dan Slater, assistant professor of political science, University of Chicago, delivered presentations on party cartelization and democratic accountability in Indonesia at Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Princeton Universities, as well as the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies. The January–March 2009 Inside Indonesia published a version of Mr. Slater’s AAS remarks that is available at http://insideindonesia.org/content/view/1198/47.

Etel Solingen, professor of political science, University of California at Irvine, contributed a chapter on “Economic and Political Liberalization in China: Implications for U.S.-China Relations” to Power and Restraint: A Shared Vision for the U.S.-China Relationship (edited by Richard Rosecrance and Gu Guoliang and published by Public Affairs Press). The book features contributions by influential Chinese and American scholars and addresses issues that affect both nations “in an attempt to stave off future confrontation.” It concludes that the US and China “can exist side by side and establish mutual understanding to cope with the common challenges they face.”

Ms. Solingen also published “The Genesis, Design and Effects of Regional Institutions: Lessons from East Asia and the Middle East” in the June 2008 International Studies Quarterly, in which she focuses “on regional organizations as productive arenas for developing contingent propositions on institutions.”

Lars Svaåsand, professor of comparative politics, University of Bergen, Lise Rakner, and Sabiti Makara, published “Turnaround: The National Resistance Movement and the Reintroduction of a Multiparty System in Uganda” in the March 2009 International Political Science Review. The authors argue that Uganda’s National Resistance Movement’s decision to reintroduce multiparty politics was “stimulated by internal conflicts between factions within the NRM and much less by international (donor) pressure. The
NRM also made the move to multiparty politics contingent on constitutional changes that allowed the central political leadership to remain in power.

Oisin Tansey, lecturer of politics and international relations, University of Reading, published *Regime-Building: Democratization and International Administration* (Oxford University Press). Using East Timor, Bosnia, and Kosovo as case studies, the author examines “regime change in the context of international administration, where the United Nations and other multilateral organizations hold temporary executive authority at the domestic level” and concludes that international organizations can have both positive and negative effects on democracy building in the countries they administer.

Maya Tudor, Pre-doctoral Fellow in the Intra-State Conflict Program at Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, was recently appointed to be the first Post Doctoral Fellow at Oxford University’s newly created Centre for the Study of Inequality and Democracy (http://ocsid.politics.ox.ac.uk/) as well as a Research Fellow at Nuffield College.

Milada Anna Vacudova, associate professor of political science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, published “Tempered by the EU? Political Parties and Party Systems Before and After Accession” in the September 2008 *Journal of European Public Policy*, in which she examines the tendency of political parties to moderate their policies and converge in the direction of domestic policy-making during the EU accession process.

Ms. Vacudova also published “Centre-Right Parties and Political Outcomes in East Central Europe” in the July 2008 *Party Politics*.

Tatu Vanhanen, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Tampere, Finland, and visiting researcher of political science, University of Helsinki, published *The Limits of Democratization: Climate, Intelligence, and Resource Distribution* (Washington Summit Publishers) in which he argues that “it is probably never possible to achieve the same level and quality of democracy in all countries of the world because of the impact of the two ultimate constraining factors—“annual mean temperature and national IQ.”

Ming Xia, professor of political science, City University of New York, was one of the producers (in collaboration with Jon Alpert, Matthew O’Neill, Peter Kwong, and Michelle Mi) for the HBO Documentary on “China’s Unnatural Disaster: The Tears of Sichuan Province.” The documentary examines the May 12, 2008, earthquake in the Sichuan Province in rural China that killed nearly 70,000 people, including 10,000 children. In many towns, poorly constructed school buildings crumbled, wiping out classrooms filled with students, most of them their parents’ only child. When grieving mothers and fathers sought explanations and justice, they faced incompetence, corruption, and empty promises. The movie had its premiere on HBO on May 7 and 12, 2009.

5. PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Panel, Roundtable, and Paper Proposals for the SPSA
The Southern Political Science Association has issued a call for proposals for its annual conference in Atlanta Georgia on January 7–9, 2010. Proposals will be considered for any of the conference’s 27 sections, which include “Elections and Voting,” “Public Opinion,” and “Political Parties.” More information about the conference and instructions for submitted proposals is available at www.spsa.net. Proposals must be received by August 5, 2009.

Call for Applications: Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowships
The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowship Program at the Washington, D.C.-based National Endowment for Democracy invites applications for fellowships in 2010–2011. The program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. Dedicated to international exchange, this five-month, residential program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on
their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates. The program is intended primarily to support activists, practitioners, and scholars from developing and aspiring democracies; distinguished scholars from established democracies are also eligible to apply. A working knowledge of English is required. All fellows receive a monthly stipend, health insurance, travel assistance, and research support. The application deadline for fellowships in 2010–2011 is Monday, November 2, 2009. For more information and application instructions, please visit www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html or contact fellowships@ned.org.

**Master’s Degree in Democracy and Democratization at University College London**

The Master’s Degree in Democracy and Democratization at University College London focuses on the design and operation of democratic institutions in new and old democracies. More information about the program is available at www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/masters-programme/msc-democracy-democratisation or by contacting Sherrill Stroschein at s.stroschein@ucl.ac.uk.

### 6. RECENT CONFERENCES

On February 15–18, 2009, the **International Studies Association** held its 50th annual meeting in New York City. The theme of this year’s convention was “Exploring the Past, Anticipating the Future” and featured panels included “Regions, Borders, and Democracy,” “Democracy and Legitimacy,” and “The Resource Curse and Democracy.” A preliminary program is available at www.isanet.org/newyork2009/.


On April 7–9, 2009, the **Political Studies Association** held its 59th annual conference in Manchester, England. The theme of this year’s conference was “Challenges for Democracy in a Global Era.” Panel topics include “Comparative Democracy,” “Social Democracy and Political Economy,” and “Media and European Democracies.” The conference program and full text of the papers presented are available at www.psa.ac.uk/2009/index.html.

### 7. FUTURE CONFERENCES

On July 12–16, 2009, the **International Political Science Association** will hold its XXI IPSA World Congress of Political Science in Santiago, Chile. The theme of this year’s conference is “Global Discontent? Dilemmas of Change.” More information about the Congress is available at http://secure.santiago2009.org/.

On September 3–6, 2009, the **American Political Science Association** will hold its annual meeting in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this year’s conference is “Politics in Motion: Change and Complexity in the Contemporary Era.” More information is available at www.apsanet.org/content_2665.cfm?navID=193.

### 8. NEW RESEARCH

**Journal of Democracy**

The April 2009 (Volume 20, no. 2) issue of the *Journal of Democracy* features a cluster of articles on Reading Russia, as well as individual articles on religion and democracy, Singapore, Venezuela, Ghana, Kosovo, and NATO. The full text of selected articles and the tables of contents of all issues are available
on the Journal's Web site.

“Religion and Democracy” by Jean Bethke Elshtain

The secularization hypothesis has failed, and failed spectacularly. We must find a new paradigm to help us understand the complexities of the relationship between religion and democracy.

“Singapore: Does Authoritarianism Pay?” by Marco Verwij and Riccardo Pelizzo

The same policies that fostered decades of prosperity in Singapore have also led to longer-term economic ills that might have been averted in a freer society.

Reading Russia

There is no consensus about the name of the political system in Moscow today. Yet how one understands the motivations propelling Russian policy abroad depends on how one understands its regime at home.

I. “The Wounds of Lost Empire” by Ghia Nodia
II. “It’s No Mystery” by Garry Kasparov
III. “Tools of Autocracy” by Vitali Silitski
IV. “Forms Without Substance” by Archie Brown
V. “The Dying Mutant” by Andrei Piontkovsky
VI. “Is There a Key?” by Nadia Diuk
VII. “The Return of Personalized Power” by Lilia Shevtsova
VIII. “The Merger of Power and Property” by Leon Aron
IX. “The Siloviki in Charge” by Andrei Illarionov
X. “The Rules of Survival” by Ivan Krastev

“Hugo Chávez’s ‘Petro-Socialism’” by Manuel Hidalgo

Will Hugo Chávez’s victory in the 15 February 2009 vote to end term limits enable to drive Venezuela toward “Bolivarian socialism”? There are reasons to doubt this, but for now democracy’s prospects do not look encouraging.

The 2008 Freedom House Survey

“A Third Year of Decline” by Arch Puddington

Although 2008 was marked by democratic setbacks as well as authoritarian “pushback” against reformers, democracy remains the only system of government that commands global respect.

“NATO at Sixty” by Zoltan Barany

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization played a key role in safeguarding Western democracy during the Cold War. With that conflict over, NATO must continually adapt and evolve in a fast-changing world.

“The Consequences of Democratization” by Giovanni Carbone

For the past few decades, scholars have been focusing on the causes of democratization. It is now time to devote systematic attention to analyzing the costs and benefits that democracy brings.

“Another Step Forward in Ghana” by E. Gyimah-Boadi

Ghana held its fourth successful elections in late 2008 and subsequently witnessed the peaceful handover of power from ruling party to opposition. The country’s leaders must now reform its institutions of governance.
“Kosovo: Independence and Tutelage” by Oisin Tansey

In February 2008, Kosovo broke away from Serbia and declared its independence. But to what extent is it making progress toward its goals of sovereignty and democracy?

Democratization


“The EU's Democratization Agenda in the Mediterranean: A Critical Inside-Out Approach” by Michelle Pace, Peter Seeberg, and Francesco Cavatorta

“Political Islam in the Mediterranean: The View from Democratization Studies” by Frederic Volpi

“Paradoxes and Contradictions in EU Democracy Promotion in the Mediterranean: The Limits of EU Normative Power” by Michelle Pace

“Hamas in Transition: The Failure of Sanctions” by Are Hovdenak

“The EU as a Realist Actor in Normative Clothes: EU Democracy Promotion in Lebanon and the European Neighbourhood Policy” by Peter Seeberg

“Constraints on the Promotion of the Rule of Law in Egypt: Insights from the 2005 Judges’ Revolt” by Sarah Wolff

“Egypt’s Moment of Reform and Its Reform Actors: The Variety-Capability Gap” by Thomas Demmelhuber

“Divided They Stand, Divided They Fail:’ Opposition Politics in Morocco’ by Francesco Cavatorta

“Islamist Moderation without Democratization: The Coming of Age of the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development?” by Eva Wegner and Miquel Pellicer

“Promoting Democracy in Algeria: The EU Factor and the Preferences of the Political Elite” by Ayse Aslihan Celenk

“A Clash of Norms: Normative Power and EU Democracy Promotion in Tunisia” by Brieg Tomos Powel

The April 2009 (Volume 16, no. 2) issue of Democratization includes articles on democratization after Iraq, democratic reform in the Netherlands, three worlds of post-communism, Ukraine after the Orange Revolution, and lustration programs in Romania and Poland.

“Losing ‘the Force?’ The ‘Dark Side’ of Democratization after Iraq” by Laurence Whitehead

“Democratic Reform between the Extreme Makeover and the Reinvention of Tradition: The Case of the Netherlands” by Frank Hendriks

“Leaders or Laggards: Engendering Sub-National Governance through Women’s Policy Machineries in Spain and Poland” by Meg E. Rincker and Candice D. Ortbals

“The Three Worlds of Post-Communism: Revisiting Deep and Proximate Explanations” by Jørgen Møller and Svend-Erik Skaaning

“Problems of Post-Post-Communism: Ukraine after the Orange Revolution” by Paul Kubicek

“Late Lustration Programmes in Romania and Poland: Supporting or Undermining Democratic Transitions?” by Cynthia M. Horne

“Popular Perceptions of Political Regimes in East and Southeast Asia” by Matthew Carlson and Mark Turner

“How to Classify Hybrid Regimes? Defective Democracy and Electoral Authoritarianism” by Matthijs Bogaards

SELECTED JOURNAL ARTICLES ON DEMOCRACY

This section features selected articles on democracy that appeared in journals received by the NED’s Democracy Resource Center, February 1–June 1.

American Political Science Review, Vol. 103, no. 1, February 2009
“Shaping Democratic Practice and the Causes of Electoral Fraud: The Case of Nineteenth-Century Germany” by Daniel Ziblatt

“Do Electoral Quotas Work after They Are Withdrawn? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India” by Rikhil R. Bhavnani

“The Electoral Implications of Candidate Ambiguity” by Michael Tomz and Robert P. Van Houweling

Central Asian Survey, Vol. 28, no. 1, March 2009
“Centre-Periphery Relations in Afghanistan: Badakhshan between Patrimonialism and Institution-Building” by Antonio Giustozzi and Dominique Orsini

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