Is Democracy Decaying?
and what can we do about it?

Launch
Democratic Decay Resource (DEM-DEC)
www.democratic-decay.org

Are you concerned about threats to democracy in states worldwide including the USA, France, Poland, India, Japan, or Brazil, the emergence of dictatorship in states such as Venezuela — or want to know how Australia fits in this global picture?

Join us for a panel discussing the challenge posed by the global deterioration of democratic rule, to mark the launch of a new online tool developed by Dr Tom Daly to help researchers and policymakers understand and address this threat.

Forum Theatre, Arts West
University of Melbourne
6.00pm-7.30pm Monday 22 October
Followed by a reception
Panel Speakers

- **Prof Cheryl Saunders**  
  University of Melbourne
- **Prof Wojciech Sadurski**  
  University of Sydney
- **Dr Tarunabh Khaitan**  
  University of Melbourne  
  University of Oxford
- **Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri**  
  La Trobe University

Introductions & Launch

- **Prof John Howe**  
  Director  
  Melbourne School of Government
- **Dr Tom Gerald Daly**  
  Creator, DEM-DEC  
  University of Melbourne
- **Prof Pip Nicholson**  
  Dean, Melbourne Law School

Programme

**6.00-6.05**  
**Welcome**  
Professor John Howe, Director, Melbourne School of Government

**6.05-6.55**  
**Panel Discussion: ‘Is Democracy Decaying Worldwide? And What Can We Do About It?’**  
Moderator: Dr Tom Gerald Daly – Introduction & Global Overview (including discussion of the presidential elections in Brazil)  
Professor Wojciech Sadurski – Poland/Europe  
Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri – Venezuela/Latin America  
Dr Tarun Khaitan – India/South Asia  
Professor Cheryl Saunders – Australia

**6.55-7.15**  
**Audience Q & A**

**7.15-7.30**  
**Introduction to the Democratic Decay Resource (DEM-DEC)**  
Dr Tom Gerald Daly

**7.30-8.00**  
**Reception and Launch of DEM-DEC**  
Formal Launch by Professor Pip Nicholson, Dean of Melbourne Law School
The launch venue is the Forum Theatre on the University of Melbourne’s historic campus in Carlton.

- Within: Arts West - North Wing
- Street address: Professor’s Walk
- Extra directions: The Theatre is room 153, on Level 1, North Wing.

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