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Created by Dr Tom Gerald Daly and supported by a range of leading academic and policy organisations, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) is an online resource aiming to provide useful information on the deterioration and re-thinking of democratic rule worldwide through a mixture of curated, collaborative, and user-generated content including Research, Experts, Events and Resources databases, a Concept Index, Teaching Materials, and Campaigns.

DEM-DEC’s core purpose is to bring scholars and policymakers together in a collaborative project to pool expertise on democratic decay and democratic renewal, in a context where many experts are talking in silos, or past one another, where the literature is rapidly expanding, and events and projects are proliferating across the world.

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Introduction

The DEM-DEC Bibliography

The DEM-DEC Bibliography is provided on Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) at www.democratic-decay.org, which was launched on 25 June 2018 and which aims to provide useful information to academics and policymakers concerned with the creeping deterioration of democratic rule worldwide and on re-thinking democratic governance.

The main Bibliography (finalised on 24 June 2018) presents a global range of research on democratic decay. It has a strong focus on research by public lawyers – spanning constitutional, international and transnational law – but also includes key research from political science, as well as policy texts.

Fifteenth monthly update since DEM-DEC was launched

Updates to the Bibliography are issued ordinarily every month. This is the fifteenth monthly update provided and was issued on Thursday 19 December 2019. It covers both November and December. All updates should be read in conjunction with the main DEM-DEC bibliography.

Comprehensiveness

It is impossible to be comprehensive given the broad scope of the subject. However, the updates here have been collated from suggestions by scholars and experts worldwide, a broad search of publisher websites and academic journals worldwide, as well as information collated on leading blogs. Blog posts, media articles, and (with some exceptions) policy documents are not covered.

Period covered by this update

As this is a bi-monthly update, the main items here are from late October-late December 2019. Items suggested by DEM-DEC users include earlier material. In addition, the ‘Forthcoming Research’ section provides a growing list of future publications.

Global Coverage

The Global Research Updates aim for global coverage. However, it should be borne in mind that the Bibliography and Updates, at present, collate information exclusively in the English language.

Hyperlinks

Every effort is made to provide hyperlinks to access each text listed, or at least information on the text. Please remain mindful that some links may be broken over time.

Acknowledgments

Sincere thanks to all who have suggested additions and sent key information for this Update. A particular thanks to DEM-DEC’s Research Editors, Kuan-Wei Chen, Ibrahim Genc, and Anant Sangal, who have provided highly valuable assistance in compiling information for this Update.
Editorial: The UK Elections and the Future of Democracy

Identifying Themes

In each monthly Update DEM-DEC Director Dr Tom Gerald Daly writes an editorial based on key themes in the Update. The aim is simply to provide ‘added value’ by helping users to navigate the Update, and to provide some limited commentary, especially on very recent research.

1 The UK has Voted: What does it Mean for Democracy?

On 12 December the UK voted in what has rightly been viewed as a pivotal election that will shape the UK for a generation. The result confirms that Brexit, in some form, will happen. It also sets the Scottish and Westminster governments on a collision course regarding the holding of a second Scottish independence referendum – how many more constitutional crises can the UK take? More broadly, the elections might be viewed as a case-study for a variety of ills affecting democracies worldwide, including the polarisation and fragmentation of the party system, the intensifying issue of ‘fake news’ in election campaigns, resurgent nationalism, and winner-takes-all politics. Regarding the latter, it is striking that despite the landslide in terms of seats won, as many eligible voters simply didn’t vote (just over 30%) as voted for the Conservatives (again, some 30%). That should, ideally, engender some humility in how the new government approaches its work, but that remains to be seen.

Lawyers will long mull over other aspects of the period before the UK elections and the contents of the parties’ manifestos. Considering the road that other states have travelled away from recognisable liberal democracy, concerns remain as to whether the new ‘Johnson era’ augurs an open season on institutions. Of course, the attempt at prorogation of Parliament before the election still looms large, but we also see in the Conservative manifesto the promise to establish, in the government’s first year, a Constitution, Democracy & Rights Commission to review everything from the prerogative to the courts, and just a few days after the election, Johnson’s renewed attacks on the BBC – suggesting, for some, the objective of diminishing scrutiny of the government. While in no way suggesting Johnson is a mirror image of Orbán in Hungary or Modi in India, this aspect of the elections raises a perennial of the discussion of democratic decay worldwide: the use of law to concentrate power in the executive, and the weakening of accountability institutions. A report by the Constitution Society a month before the elections (November 2019) discusses the issue of “constitutional abuses” since the Brexit referendum and makes remedial proposals including establishment of a Royal Commission and a Citizens’ Convention.

The results are also, understandably, being picked over worldwide for possible insights, especially given the common coupling of the Brexit vote and President Trump’s election in 2016 as crystallising a global crisis of democracy (see e.g. Pippa Norris and Ron Inglehart’s key book on ‘cultural backlash’, listed in the April Update). In the US, Democrats will no doubt seek to divine some lessons from Labour’s defeat, although the differing contexts of Brexit and impeachment render caution against superficial comparison: the latter is discussed below. More broadly, analysts will be poring over the UK as an object lesson and case-study in the dramatic changes to party politics in Western states. In
this Update, Sam Roggeveen’s new book, Our Very Own Brexit (November 2019), examines how party politics is becoming ‘hollow’ in states where the landscape remains dominated by two parties that voters no longer care about. Looking to Brexit as an example, he contemplates whether one of Australia’s declining parties could take the desperate measure of exploiting and expanding a wedge issue that has become central to discussions of Australia’s security and relationship with its immediate neighbourhood: immigration. A useful companion piece is a special issue on populism in the Philosophy & Social Criticism journal.

(Vide: On 17 December I sat down with Philomena Murray and Tim Lynch at University of Melbourne for an hour-long lively live-streamed discussion of the many implications of the result: watch it here).

2 The EU’s Real Existential Crisis (Spoiler: it’s not Brexit)

For all the column inches garnered by the UK’s election result, Brexit remains something of a sideshow to the UK’s sharpening existential crisis spurred by the intensifying authoritarianism in Hungary and Poland. Anyone in any remaining doubt about these rule of law crises will find plenty of evidence in this Update – to add to the mounds of evidence already existing. On Hungary, no less than 4 key reports – from Amnesty International, the International Press Institute, Article 19, and Unhack Democracy – on the dismantling of media freedoms, judicial independence and electoral integrity lay bare why organisations such as Freedom House now consider it a ‘hybrid regime’ blending elements of democratic and authoritarian rule. Regarding Poland, a crucial report from the European Stability Initiative from mid-December addresses how the aftermath of the ruling PiS party’s win in the October general election has been marked by a switch to even more overt measures to to install a “Soviet-style justice system” in an EU member state. Beyond policy reports, articles by Dimitry Kochenov and Petra Báró, Timea Drinóczi and Agnieszka Biern-Kacala, Luke Spieker, and a chapter by Gábor Halmay further our understanding of the extent to which these democracies have been hollowed out. Ivan Krastev and Stephen Holmes controversially argue in their new book, The Light that Failed, that the post-1989 era has not been the age of liberalism in central and eastern Europe but rather, the ‘Age of Imitation’ of liberal polities. The message is simple: the EU, as a rule of law polity, cannot continue to exist if the rule of law no longer exists in certain Member States.

Finally, my review of Wojciech Sadurski’s landmark book, Poland’s Constitutional Breakdown, has appeared in the European Constitutional Law Review (December 2019). In it, I urge the global community of democracy defenders to read and engage with the book, which sets out in forensic detail the staggering scale and variety of measures PiS has used since late 2015 to hollow out the democratic system. Wojciech was put on trial in Warsaw in November for criticising the government, to which scholars and supporters worldwide have reacted with a campaign of solidarity: use the hashtag #WithWoj and post a picture of yourself holding the printed hashtag to show your support. As editorials in Verfassungsblog and the IACL-AIDC Blog emphasise, this is about academic freedom, and it matters to every one of us – not simply those of us who know Wojciech personally.

3 Dealing with Digital Distortions of Democracy

A key feature of the UK elections (and one which does not augur well for future elections in the US and elsewhere) has been the intensification of ‘dirty digital tricks’ in campaigning. On the Conservative side, the hallmark moment of the campaign was the party’s press office changing its Twitter handle to @factcheckUK during the leader’s debates, but that was just one example alongside doctored videos and even a fake Labour manifesto posted online. (Labour, too, established a fact-checking website,
The Insider – although it at least made its partisan nature clear). Three reports in this Update are useful for considering the central importance of digital media and technologies, not only to today’s electoral campaigns, but to the way democracy and governance operates in general across the globe. Alongside a report by the Reuters Institute at Oxford University (November 2019) on digital media options for Europe and Freedom House’s annual Freedom on the Net report (November 2019), a World Bank report on emerging digital technologies and citizen participation’ sets out 11 predictions on the influence of emerging technologies, and 6 key measures to address them, including:

Prediction 1: The “fake news” arms race will grow further, shifting the focus of public debates
Prediction 4: More political parties will develop policy and choose candidates using digital platforms.
Prediction 6: Activists and tech companies will fight over who gets to speak to citizens.
Measure 3: Make use of citizens assemblies to set digital policies.
Measure 4: When regulating tech companies, don’t forget to consider citizen engagement.
Measure 6: Design civic technologies for inclusiveness.

4 Deliberating About Deliberation

As can be seen above, whether discussing constitutional abuses in the UK or digital distortion of the democratic sphere, there is an intensifying focus on deliberative mechanisms as a way forward for reinvigorating democracy and achieving, as James Fishkin puts it, a “thoughtful and representative” public voice. On the suggestion of a DEM-DEC user who quite rightly noted we had not yet featured Fishkin’s leading work on deliberation in our Updates, we have provided a list of his key works in the ‘Suggested Additions’ section (p.13). This literature is expanding at speed. In this Update alone, see Simone Chambers on ‘deliberative versus populist constitutionalism’, Carlos Forment on informal ‘neighborhood assemblies’ in Argentina, and, in David Landau and Hanna Lerner’s new collection on constitution-making, Carlos Bernal on ‘constitutional crowdsourcing’ and Melissa Crouch on public participation in constitution-making.

5 Impeachment: Pitfalls and Potential

Of course, beyond the UK elections – but with clear potential implications for the US-UK ‘special relationship’ now Boris Johnson is ensconced in Downing Street – is the ongoing impeachment of President Trump. From a comparative perspective, thanks to Ariel Alejandro Goldstein for sharing a recent article in which he discusses the impeachment of President Rousseff (‘Dilma’) in 2016, suggesting that impeachment can unleash dynamics that weaken both sides of the main parties and undermine the political system as a whole. Of course, the two contexts are not identical – and Tom Ginsburg, Aziz Huq and David Landau in the LA Times (15 December) argue that impeachment has ‘rebooted’ other democracies mired in gridlock and corruption. No matter what happens, as articles in this Update on ‘hybrid PACs’, passive voter suppression, and judicial independence emphasise, the challenges facing US democracy go far beyond the current president.

6 Time to Take a Break (if you Can)

It is customary to wish everyone a well-deserved end-of-year break, and for many, end-of-year activities mean dealing with family arguments about any number of political issues. In a new book,
Overdoing Democracy, Robert Talisse lays out a broader argument that we need to forge “civic friendships” through social activities in which political and party loyalties are not simply suppressed, but rendered irrelevant. But from a global perspective, and in the current climate, taking a break is a luxury: as I write, I think for instance of the many Indian constitutional lawyers I know (including my colleague, Tarun Khaitan) protesting right now at the Modi government’s citizenship law and its ongoing attacks on the secular liberal democratic system. Some useful background reading here is found in the latest edition of the Indian Law Review (December 2019), with articles on the unconstitutionality of mass surveillance programmes and the government’s revocation of Jammu & Kashmir’s special status. Whatever you find yourself doing as 2019 draws to a close and 2020 begins, a sincere thanks from us here at DEM-DEC for your support throughout the year, and for those who cannot take a break, we salute your crucial work. A sincere thanks to all of my team, too: Funding & Communications Coordinator Connie Yaneva, and Research Editors Kuan-Wei Chen, Ibrahim Genc, and Anant Sangal. Finally, thanks to all of DEM-DEC’s partners, not least Verfassungsblog, ICONnect, and the IACL-AIDC Blog for continuing to help publicise DEM-DEC’s activities.
Additions Suggested by DEM-DEC Users

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Note 2: A large number of suggested additions in this Update are found in the ‘New Publications’ and ‘Forthcoming Research’ sections on p.16 and p.28

Monographs


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Articles


Ariel Alejandro GOLSTEIN, ‘The New Far-Right in Brazil and the Construction of a Right-Wing Order’ Latin American Perspectives (published online: 30 April 2019).


Seva GUNITSKY, ‘Democratic Waves in Historical Perspective’ (2018) 16(3) Perspectives on Politics 634.


James Fishkin: Key Works

One DEM-DEC user has, quite rightly, pointed out that the DEM-DEC Updates have not yet included James Fishkin’s leading work on democratic deliberation. Key works are as follows:

Monographs

James FISHKIN, Democracy When the People are Thinking: Revitalizing our Politics through Public Deliberation (Oxford University Press, 2018).


Bruce ACKERMAN & James FISHKIN, Deliberation Day (Yale University Press, 2004).


Book Chapters


Articles


5 Books Recommended by Cas Mudde

In a recent interview, the leading analyst Cas Mudde recommended his pick of the 5 best books on populism, as follows:


Robert FORD & Matthew GOODWIN, Revolt on the Right (Routledge, 2014).


Chip BERLET & Matthew LYONS, Right-Wing Populism in America (Guilford Publications, 2018).

Policy Papers

DEM-DEC Launch Podcast

Panel Discussion to Launch DEM-DEC

‘Is Democracy Decaying Worldwide? And What Can We Do About It?’

Having gone live on 25 June 2018, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) was formally launched at the University of Melbourne on Monday 22 October with a panel discussion. The panel was specifically designed to be open to the public and to be suitable for broadcast. Panellists were asked to avoid all academic jargon in their contributions and to strive for clarity.

The panel started with a global overview from DEM-DEC Creator Dr Tom Gerald Daly of the deterioration of democracy worldwide, in states such as Hungary, the USA and Brazil. This was followed by discussion of democratic decay in Poland, Venezuela and India with leading experts: Prof. Wojciech Sadurski (University of Sydney), Dr Raul Sanchez Urribarri (Latrobe University), and Dr Tarunabh Khaitan (universities of Oxford and Melbourne). The panel concluded with discussion of the robustness of, and challenges facing, Australian democracy, with Prof. Cheryl Saunders (University of Melbourne), followed by Q&A with the audience. DEM-DEC was formally launched by Prof. Pip Nicholson, Dean of Melbourne Law School, following the panel.

Podcast

On 27 and 28 November 2018 the launch panel discussion was broadcast as an hour-long programme on Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio National’s flagship current affairs programme ‘Big Ideas’. It is now available as a podcast.

Click CTRL and this symbol to access the panel podcast
November-December 2019: New Publications

**Note:** A small number of items were published before October 2019


**Monograph:** Robert B. TALISSE, *Overdoing Democracy: Why We Must Put Politics in its Place* (Oxford University Press, published 1 November 2019).


**Edited Collection:** David LANDAU & Hanna LERNER (eds), *Comparative Constitution-Making* (Edward Elgar, published October 2019).


**Articles**


**Book Review**

**German Law Journal: Volume 20, Issue 8 (December 2019)**


**Southeast European and Black Sea Studies: Latest Articles (November-December 2019)**

**Article**

Orçun Selçuk, Dilara HEKIMCI & Onur ERPUL, ‘The Erdoğanization of Turkish politics and the role of the opposition’ (published online: 20 November 2019).

**Book reviews**


**Special Issue: Martin Krygier’s Passion for the Rule of Law (and his Virtues)**

**Editorial**


**Introduction**


**Essays**


Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies: FirstView Articles (November 2019)


Jessica C. LAWRENCE, ‘Constitutional Pluralism’s Unspoken Normative Core’ (published online: 4 November 2019).


Michael WILKINSON, ‘Beyond the Post-Sovereign State?: The Past, Present, and Future of Constitutional Pluralism’ (published online: 18 September 2019).

International Theory: First View Articles (October-December 2019)


Chris THORNHILL, ‘Constitutionalism and populism: national political integration and global legal integration’ (published online: 31 October 2019).

Philosophy & Social Criticism: Volume 45 Issue 9-10 (December 2019; published online October 2019)

Special Issue on Populism

Introduction


The real-world acceptance of authoritarian populism: adaptative and here to stay


Contemporary populism vs. democracy as we know it


Opportunity structures for populism in contemporary liberal constitutional representative democracy


Andrew ARATO, ‘How we got here? Transition failures, their causes and the populist interest in the constitution’ (2019) 45(9-10) Philosophy & Social Criticism 1106.


Moving on beyond the danger of ideological derogation in using “Populism” in politics and theory


Moving on beyond contemporary populism’s challenges and beyond (merely) liberal democracy


Moving on beyond contemporary populism’s challenges within liberal democratic societies


Kenneth A. TAYLOR, ‘Neither a populist nor a vanguardist be! Respecting the wisdom and will of the people’ (2019) 45(9-10) Philosophy & Social Criticism 1222.


Book Review


Perspectives on Politics: Volume 17, Issue 4 (December 2019)


Articles


Book reviews


Democratization: Online First (November-December 2019)

Articles

Daniela STOCKMANN, Ting LUO & Mingming SHEN, ‘Designing authoritarian deliberation: how social media platforms influence political talk in China’ (published online: 31 October 2019).

Edward ASPINALL, Diego FOSSAT, Burhanuddin MUHTADI & Eve WARBURTON, ‘Elites, masses, and democratic decline in Indonesia’ (published online: 28 October 2019).

Book Reviews


Yue HU, ‘Refocusing democracy: the Chinese government’s framing strategy in political language’ (published online: 14 November 2019).


Constellations: Volume 26, Issue 3 (September 2019; published online October 2019)

Special Issue: Constellations 25th Anniversary Issue: Democracy in a World of Crisis

Agnes Heller Obituary

Democracy: Its Normative Foundations and Current Crisis


The Populist Temptation


Socio-Economic Challenges


Alternatives


Book Reviews


Indian Law Review: Volume 3 (December 2019)


The University of Chicago Law Review Volume 86, Number 7 (November 2019)


**Working Paper:** Guy GROSSMAN, Dorothy KRONICK, Matthew LEVENDUSKY & Marc MEREDITH, ‘Let the Majority Rule’ (under review, text published online: 14 November 2019).


**Policy Report:** EUROPEAN STABILITY INITIATIVE, Poland’s deepening crisis – When the rule of law dies in Europe (14 December 2019).


**Policy Report:** INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE, Hungary dismantles media freedom and pluralism (3 December 2019).


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“Political saturation, polarization, radicalization ... With precision and wit, Robert Talisse shows how politics today are tearing America apart — and how a revival of civic friendships can save our democracy from itself.”

—Leif Wenar, Chair of Philosophy and Law, King’s College London

“It’s always possible to have too much of a good thing — even for democracy. Robert Talisse reveals how our culture became saturated with politics nearly to the point of self-destruction. ... Talisse shows that sustainable democracy requires thinking of our fellow citizens as people first and politicos second. To a culture rapidly overdosing on politics, this book offers both a diagnosis and a cure.”

—Regina Rini, Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Moral and Social Cognition, York University

“Our tendency to politicise everything needs to be contained for democracy’s sake.”

—Fabienne Peter, Professor of Philosophy, University of Warwick

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Forthcoming Research

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Note 2: New additions to this section are clearly marked

Books

Bruce ACKERMAN, The Rise of World Constitutionalism, Volumes Two and Three * Note: the first volume in this three-volume series was published on 13 May 2019

Yeşim ARAT & Şevket PAMUK, Turkey Between Democracy and Authoritarianism (Cambridge University Press, due for publication November 2019).


Mark CHOU, Benjamin MOFFITT & Octavia BRYANT, Political Meritocracy and Populism: Cure or Curse? (Routledge, due for publication 22 November 2019).


George FRIEDMAN, The Storm Before the Calm: America’s Discord, the Coming Crisis of the 2020s, and the Triumph Beyond (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, due for publication 25 February 2020).

Dipayan GHOSH, Terms of Disservice: How Silicon Valley is Destructive by Design (Brookings Institution Press, due for publication 19 May 2020).

Dannagal GOLDTHWAITE YOUNG, Irony and Outrage: The Polarized Landscape of Rage, Fear, and Laughter in the United States Hardcover (due for publication 2 December 2019).


Cristina LAFONT, Democracy without Shortcuts: A Participatory Conception of Deliberative Democracy (Oxford University Press, due for publication 12 January 2020).


Benjamin MOFFITT, Populism (Key Concepts in Political Theory) (Polity, due for publication 30 March 2020).


Dana OTT, Small is Democratic: An Examination of State Size and Democratic Development (Comparative Studies of Democratization; due for publication 12 October 2020).

Merijn OUDENAMPSEN, The Dutch New Right: Culture Wars in the Netherlands (Routledge, forthcoming due for publication 28 February 2019 * Unable to verify whether this book was published on schedule).

Ertug TOMBUS, Life-Cycle of a Populist: Populism and Its Trajectory in Turkey (book manuscript under preparation * No online information yet: announced on Twitter).

Mark TUSHNET, Taking Back the Constitution: Activist Judges and the Next Age of American Law (Yale University Press, due for publication 19 May 2020).


Edited Collections

Daniele ALBERTAZZI & Davide VAMPA, Actions & Reactions: Populism & New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe (Routledge, due for publication in 2020 * No concrete date yet; announced on Twitter 23 June 2019).

Stephen ASHE, Joel BUSHER, Graham MACKLIN and Aaron WINTER (eds), Researching the Far Right: Theory, Method and Practice (Routledge, due for publication 1 January 2021).

Francesca BIGNAMI (ed), EU Law in Populist Times: Crises and Prospects (Cambridge University Press, due for publication 31 December 2019).

Michael BUTTER & Peter KNIGHT (eds), Routledge Handbook of Conspiracy Theories (due for publication 5 April 2020).

NEW Emmy EKLUNDH & Andy KNOTT (eds), The Populist Manifesto (Rowman & Littlefield, due for publication January 2020).

NEW Giacomo DELLEDONNE, Giuseppe MARTINICO, Matteo MONTI & Fabio PACINI (eds), Italian Populism and Constitutional Law: Strategies, Conflicts and Dilemmas (Palgrave Macmillan, due for publication 11 April 2020).

Yoichi FUNABASHI & G. John IKENBERRY (eds), The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order (publisher TBA, due for publication 28 April 2020).

**Book Chapters**


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New Additions to DEM-DEC Resources Database

**Note:** Think something could be added to the DEM-DEC Resources Database? E-mail the information to democraticdecay@gmail.com

The Links section on DEM-DEC has been renamed the Resources Database. New resources added since the last Research Update include the following:

**New Resource on ‘Reactionary Democracy’**

*Reactionary Democracy: Racism, Populism, the Far Right and ‘the People’*

This website is a repository of publications on which a forthcoming book by the same name and current research by Aurélien Mondon and Aaron Winter is based. Should you have any questions or require access to publications, you can contact the authors at a.mondon@bath.ac.uk or a.winter@uel.ac.uk

**New Academic Projects**

*Evaluating the Challenge of ‘Fake News’ and Other Malformation*

Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery project led by Dr Scott Wright and Dr Axel Bruns

*DEMED: ‘Democracy under Threat: How Education Can Save It’*

Project led by Prof. Anja Neundorf (School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow). Funded by ERC Consolidator grant awarded in December 2019.

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