

Conference on Democratic “Frontsliding”

Thursday, April 25

LOCATION | Robertson Hall, Bowl 002

Keynote | 4:30 – 6:00pm

Tom Edsall (*New York Times*)

Challenges Facing American Democracy in 2024 and Beyond

Panel: Deborah Pearlstein (Princeton University)

Nolan McCarty (Princeton University)

Friday, April 26

LOCATION | Robertson Hall, Bowl 002

BREAKFAST | 9:00 – 9:30 am

WELCOME | 9:30 – 9:45 am

Session 1: Responding to Democratic Erosion | 9:45 – 11:15 am

Chair | Jennifer Widner (Princeton University)

Rocio Titunik (Princeton University)

Charisma and Democratic Backsliding

Gretchen Helmke (University of Rochester)

The Challenges of Protecting Democratic Norms

Milan Svobik (Yale University)

Centrists as Democratic Force

BREAK | 11:15 – 11:30 am

Session 2: Electoral Democracy | 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Chair | Julian Zelizer (Princeton University)

Larry Bartels (Vanderbilt University)

Mitigating Our Primary Problems

David Lublin (American University)

Electoral Reform and Political Polarization: The Case of Alaska

LUNCH | 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Session 3: The Far Right and Threats to Democracy | 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Chair | Rafaela Dancygier (Princeton University)

Vicente Valentim (Nuffield College, Oxford)

Social Norms, Staged Democrats, and Supply of Exclusionary Ideology

Helen Milner (Princeton University)

Globalization and the Rise of the Far Right in Europe

Andrew Thompson (George Washington University)

Addressing Racialized Fear: Strategies to Combat Anti-Democratic Sentiments

BREAK | 3:00 – 3:15 pm

Session 4: Strengthening Democracy | 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Chair | LaFleur Stephens-Dougan (Princeton University)

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| Lilliana Mason (Johns Hopkins University) | Taking Sides? Addressing Polarization by Prioritizing Pluralistic Democracy |
| Robb Willer (Stanford University) | What Reduces Anti-Democratic Attitudes in the American Mass Public? |

BREAK | 4:15 – 4:30 pm

Session 5: Counteracting Threats to Democracy | 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Chair | Stephen J. Macedo (Princeton University)

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| Andrew Little (UC Berkeley) | Information Order, Memory, and Partisan Motivated Reasoning (with an Application to Democratic Backsliding) |
| Kathy Cramer (University of Wisconsin–Madison) | Using “Fora” to Put Public Thought in Front of Policy Makers |

Saturday, April 27

LOCATION | Robertson Hall, Bowl 002

BREAKFAST | 8:00 – 9:30 am

Session 6: Democratic Durability | 9:30 – 10:30 am

Chair | Deborah Yashar (Princeton University)

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| Carles Boix (Princeton University) | Resilient Democracies |
| Kurt Weyland (University of Texas at Austin) | Chances of Opposition Success against Populist Backsliding |

BREAK | 10:30 – 10:45 am

Session 7: Challenges for American Democracy | 10:45 – 11:45 am

Chair | Nolan McCarty (Princeton University)

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| Jamie Druckman (University of Rochester) | The Polarization and Politicalization of Trust in Science |
| Jacob Grumbach (UC Berkeley) | Right to Work or Right to Vote? Labor Policy and American Democracy |

LUNCH | 11:45 – 12:30 pm

Session 8: Electoral Legitimacy | 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Chair | Paul Starr (Princeton University)

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| Anne Meng (University of Virginia) | Presidential Concession Speeches as a Measure of Democratic Norms |
| Brendan Nyhan (Dartmouth College) | Prebunking and Credible Source Corrections Increase Election Credibility: Evidence from the U.S. and Brazil |

Session 9: State of American Democracy | 1:35 – 2:35 pm

Chair | Hye Young You (Princeton University)

Paul Frymer (Princeton University)

Peak Democracy

Suzanne Mettler (Cornell University)

Considering How to Overcome the Rural-Urban Political Divide
