Back from the Brink: Countering Illiberalism in Liberal Democracies
Conference
Prof. Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford), Prof. Isabela Mares (Yale)
Friday 3-Saturday 4 November 2023
Venue: Lecture Theatre, Department of Politics and IR, University of Oxford, Manor Road Building, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UQ.

Draft program

Day 1: Friday, November 3 (14.30-18.40)
Lecture Theatre, Department of Politics and IR

14.30-14.45 Arrival

14.45-15.00: Introduction
Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford) and Isabela Mares (Yale)

15.00-16.40 Panel #1
Chair: Isabela Mares (Yale)

Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford), Countering Illiberalism in Liberal Democracies: Actors, Strategies, Temporalities

Discussants: Desmond King (Oxford) and Alexander Kuo (Oxford)

Melis Laebens (Central European University) and Marcin Ślarzyński (Polish Academy of Sciences), Opposing backsliding in Poland: Finding new political identities after realignment.

Discussant: Marek Naczyk (Oxford) [remote]

16.40-17.00 Coffee break
17.00-18.40 Panel #2
Chair: Desmond King (Oxford)

Rob Lieberman (Johns Hopkins University) and Daniel Schlozman (Johns Hopkins University), *Ethnic parties and democratic backsliding: The case of the United States.*
Discussant: Adam Smith (Oxford)

Lautaro Cella (University of Chicago), Ipek Çınar (University of Chicago), Susan Stokes (University of Chicago), and Andres Uribe (Stanford University), *Building tolerance for backsliding by trash-talking democracy: Theory and evidence from Mexico.*
Discussant: David Doyle (Oxford)

19.15 Dinner for conference participants, Brasenose College (walk to College)

**Day 2: Saturday, November 4 (10.00-18.30)**
Lecture Theatre, Department of Politics and IR

10.00-10.30: Breakfast, Common Room, Manor Road Building

10.30-12.10 Panel #3
Chair: Rob Lieberman (Johns Hopkins)

Isabela Mares (Yale), *Defending parliament: Responses of mainstream parties to parliamentary erosion.*
Discussant: Mihail Chiru (Oxford)

David Bateman (Cornell), *Democracy-reinforcing hardball: Can breaking democratic norms preserve democratic values?*
Discussant: Nick Dickinson (Oxford)
12.10-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.10 Panel #4
Chair: Susan Stokes (Chicago)

Laura Jákli (Harvard) and Jason Wittenberg, (UC Berkeley), *Unmilitant democracy: Civil society and the vincibility of democracy in Hungary.*
Discussant: Michael Biggs (Oxford)

Vicente Valentim (Oxford), *Social norms, preference falsification, and the supply of radical-right policy.*
Discussant: Katerina Tertytchnaya (Oxford)

15.10-15.40 Coffee break

15.40-17.20 Panel #5
Chair: Giovanni Capoccia (Oxford)

Antonis Ellinas (University of Cyprus), *The political dynamics of democratic defense: Institutional responses to illiberalism in Greece.*
Discussant: Stathis Kalyvas (Oxford)

Ivan Ermakoff (Wisconsin Madison), *Coordinating against authoritarian power bids.* [remote]
Discussant: Martin Conway (Oxford)

17.20-17.50 Coffee break

17.50-18.20 Concluding Discussion

18.30 Buffet dinner, Common Room, Manor Road Building.
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