

The Case for Democracy Week

A Week of Webinars

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Preliminary

Webinar Program

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The Case for Democracy and A Global Summit

The world is currently experiencing a wave of autocratization characterized by increasing executive power, erosion of democratic norms, and a general tendency toward less freedom. One-third of the world's population – 2.6 billion people – now lives in countries undergoing autocratization. Even so, for the President and members of Congress to incite a mob to storm the US capitol on 6 January 2021 is unparalleled. Confronted with a [world-wide surge in 'autocratization'](#) and repeated attacks on democracy, world leaders have rejuvenated the idea of a global coalition of democracies. For instance, new US President Joe Biden announced his intention to convene an [international Democracy Summit](#). Boris Johnson has proposed a [D\(emocracy\)10](#) bringing together the G7 states with Australia, India and South Korea. German foreign minister Heiko Maas recently suggested a [Marshall Plan for Democracy](#), and Sweden launched the 'Drive for Democracy' as a new foreign policy priority.

The EU need to take the lead on protection and (re-)building democracy at home and abroad. In response to the international initiatives listed above, the EU must provide an evidence-based case for democracy: a successful narrative and strategy to defend democracy is predicated on hard evidence on in what ways democracy is better for its peoples than autocracy, beyond the intrinsic values it provides.

Objectives

The 'Case for Democracy' Week features five 1.5-hour webinars (one webinar each day) bringing together academics and policymakers in a dialogue based on state-of-the art scientific findings on the dividends of democracy for a series of development outcomes: 1) economic development, 2) human development and infrastructures, 3) human development and health, 4) security, and (5) combating climate change.

Webinar Program

Monday 22 March 2021, 15:00-16:30 CET

Opening: Case for Democracy Week

Introductory Note: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Welcome Address: (TBC: *Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, EC*)

Webinar #1: Economic Development (SDG 1, 8, and 10)

Chair: Dr. Vanessa Boese, Research Fellow, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg

Presenters:



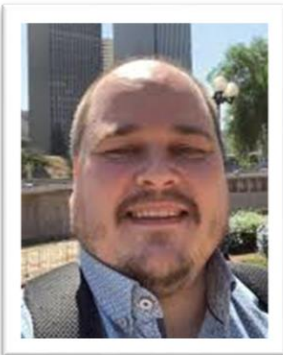
Dr. James Robinson, Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies, and Institute Director of the [Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts](#), Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

- ‘Does Democracy Cause Growth?’ (SDG 8)



Dr. Rohini Pande, Henry J. Heinz II Professor of Economics and Director of the [Economic Growth Center](#), Yale University.

- ‘Can democracy work for the poor?’ (SDG 10)



Dr. Carl Henrik Knutsen, Professor of Political Science, University of Oslo, Research Professor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo ([PRIO](#)), and co-Principal Investigator, V-Dem Institute.

- ‘The Business Case for Democracy’ (SDG 1)

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET

Webinar #2A: Human Development - Enabling Hard and Social Infrastructures (SDG 3, 5, and 16)

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor, of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters



Dr. Mansoob Murshed, Professor of the Economics of Peace and Conflict at the [International Institute of Social Studies \(ISS\)](#), Erasmus University, and Professor at the Faculty of Business & Law, Coventry University.

- 'Democratic Institutions, Fiscal Capacity, and Social Welfare Outcomes in Developing Countries'. (SDG 3)



Dr. Julia Leininger, Head of the Research Program 'Transformation of Political (Dis) Order: Institutions, Values and Peace', [German Development Institute](#).

- 'Democratization, Autocratization and Social Cohesion' (SDG 16)



Dr. Anna Zagrebina, Postdoctoral Researcher at Center for International Studies and Research, [CERIUM](#), Montreal University.

- 'Gender Equality: Does Being a Democracy Matter?' (SDG 5)

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 16:00-17:30 CET

Webinar #2B: Human Development – Health (SDG 3)

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor, of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:



Dr. Thomas J. Bollyky, Director of the [Global Health Program](#) at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University.

- ‘Autocratisation and universal health coverage’ (SDG 3)



Dr. Joseph Dieleman, Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health, and Associate Professor of Health Metrics Sciences at the [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation](#), University of Washington.

- ‘The relationships between democratic experience, adult health, and cause-specific mortality’. (SDG 3)



Dr. Yi-ting Wang, Assistant Professor of Political Science, [National Cheng Kung University](#), and Research Associate at the V-Dem Institute.

- ‘Does Democracy Enhance Health?’ (SDG 3)

Wednesday 24 March 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET

Webinar #3: Human, Domestic, and International Security (SDG 5 and 16)

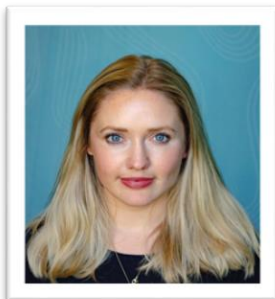
Chair: Dr. Vanessa Boese, Research Fellow, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg

Presenters:



Dr. Scott Gates, Professor of Political Science, University of Oslo, and Research Professor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo ([PRIO](#)).

- 'Democracy and Peaceful Societies: Civil Peace, and Human Security' (SDG 16)



Dr. Sirianne Dahlum, Senior Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo ([PRIO](#)).

- 'Democracy, female political empowerment, and civil conflict' (SDG 5 and 16)



Dr. Monika Nalepa, Associate Professor of Political Science, [University of Chicago](#).

- 'Accountability by Numbers: Democracy and Transitional Justice' (SDG 16)

Thursday 25 March 2021, 15:30-17:00 CET

Webinar #4: Combating Climate Change (SDG 13)

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:



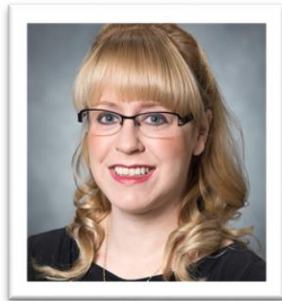
Dr. Thomas Bernauer, Professor of Political Science, ETH Zurich, and Director of the [Institute of Science, Technology and Policy \(ISTP\)](#).

- 'What The Science Says: Democracy's Dividends for Environmental Protection' (SDG 13)



Dr. Sverker Jaegers, Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Centre for Collective Action Research ([CeCAR](#)), University of Gothenburg.

- 'Democracy, Trust and Environmental Protection' (SDG 13)



Dr. Amanda Murdie, Thomas P. and M. Jean Lauth Public Affairs Professor, and Professor of International Affairs in the [School of Public and International Affairs](#), University of Georgia.

- 'Democracy and Making Environmental NGOs Work' (SDG 13)



Dr. Håkon Sælen, Senior Researcher at [CICERO Center for Climate Research](#), University of Oslo.

- 'Democracy and International Climate Commitments' (SDG 13)

Webinar Program – Details

Webinar #1: Economic Development Monday 22 March 2021, 15:00-16:30 CET

Chair: Dr. Vanessa Boese, Research Fellow, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:

1. Dr. James Robinson

Dr. James Robinson is Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies, and Institute Director of the Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts in The Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. He is also an academic adviser to the World Bank's 2017 World Development Report on Governance. His research in political and economic development explores the relationship between poverty and societal institutions, while he has a particular interest in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. He is the co-author of 'Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty', with Daron Acemoglu.

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2. Dr. Rohini Pande

Dr. Rohini Pande is Henry J. Heinz II Professor of Economics and Director of the Economic Growth Center at Yale University. In 2018, Pande received the Carolyn Bell Shaw Award from the American Economic Association for promoting the success of women in the economics profession. Her research largely focuses on how formal and informal institutions shape power relationships and patterns of economic and political advantage in society, particularly in developing countries. Her most recent work examines innovative ways to make the state more accountable to its citizens.

- Pande, R. (2020). Can democracy work for the poor? *Science*, 369(6508), 1188-1192. Available at: <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/369/6508/1188.abstract>

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3. Dr. Carl Henrik Knutsen

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autocratic politics. He is currently leading the following projects: “Emergence, Life, and Demise of Autocratic Regimes” (ELDAR), funded by an ERC Consolidator Grant (2020-2025), and “Policies of Dictatorships” (2020-2024), financed by Research Council Norway.

- **Business Case for Democracy (2020) / V-Dem WP.** Available at:
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Webinar #2A: Human Development - Enabling Hard and Social Infrastructures

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:

1. **Dr. Mansoob Murshed**

Dr. Syed Mansoob Murshed is Professor of the Economics of Peace and Conflict in the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) at Erasmus University, and Professor in the Faculty of Business & Law at Coventry University. His research interests focus on the economics of conflict, resource abundance, aid conditionality, political economy, macroeconomics and international economics. He is the author of seven books and over 130 refereed journal papers and book chapters. His latest monograph, published in 2010, is *Explaining Civil War* (Edward Elgar). He is also on the Editorial boards of *Peace Economics*, *Peace Science and Public Policy* (PEPS), as well as *Civil Wars*.

- Murshed, S. M., Bergougui, B., Badiuzzaman, M., & Pulok, M. H. (2020). Fiscal Capacity, Democratic Institutions and Social Welfare Outcomes in Developing Countries. *Defense and Peace Economics*, 1-26. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10242694.2020.1817259>

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2. **Dr. Julia Leininger**

Dr. Julia Leininger is Head of the Research Program ‘Transformation of Political (Dis) Order: Institutions, Values and Peace’ at the German Development Institute (DIE). Her work has been widely published in a series of journals and focuses on the areas of political transformation, governance and political culture in Africa, international and transnational democracy promotion, religion and politics, international organizations, and conflict, peace and security.

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Dr. Anna Zagrebina is Postdoctoral researcher in the Center for International Studies and Research, CERIU, at CA Montreal University. She studies modern democracy as a social space or social environment. Her current project compares attitudes towards equality between men and women in the different spheres of life in democratic and non-democratic societies.

- Zagrebina, A. (2020). Attitudes towards Gender Equality: Does Being a Democracy Matter? *Comparative Sociology*, 19(3), 305-334. Available at: https://brill.com/view/journals/coso/19/3/article-p305_1.xml

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Webinar #2B: Human Development – Health

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 16:00-17:30 CET

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:

1. **Dr. Thomas J. Bollyky**

Dr. Thomas J. Bollyky is Director of the Global Health Program in the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University. He is the author of the book *Plagues and the Paradox of Progress: Why the World is Getting Healthier in Worrisome Ways*. Bollyky's work has been published in *Foreign Affairs*, *Science*, *the Lancet*, *the New England Journal of Medicine*, and *the Journal of the American Medical Association*, and he has also featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *the Atlantic*.

- Wigley, S., Dieleman, J. L., Templin, T., Mumford, J. E., & Bollyky, T. J. (2020). Autocratisation and universal health coverage: synthetic control study. *BMJ*, 371. Available at: <https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4040.full>

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Dr. Joseph Dieleman is Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health, and Associate Professor in the Department of Health Metric Sciences at the University of Washington. His work focuses on development assistance for health, healthcare spending by disease, and government health spending, both comparatively and in the US.

- Bollyky, T. J., Templin, T., Cohen, M., Schoder, D., Dieleman, J. L., & Wigley, S. (2019). The relationships between democratic experience, adult health, and cause-specific mortality in 170 countries between 1980 and 2016: an observational analysis. *The Lancet*, 393(10181), 1628-1640. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0140673619302351>

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- Wang, Y. T., Mechkova, V., & Andersson, F. (2019). Does Democracy Enhance Health? New Empirical Evidence 1900–2012. *Political Research Quarterly*, 72(3),

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Webinar #3: Human, Domestic, and International Security

Wednesday 24 March 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET

Chair: Dr. Vanessa Boese, Research Fellow, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:

1. Dr. Scott Gates

Dr. Scott Gates is Professor of Political Science at the University of Oslo, and Research Professor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). He is also an editor at the Journal of Peace Research and International Area Studies Review. His research interests include Applied Game Theoretic Analysis, International Relations Theory, International Political Economy, Formal Models of Bureaucracy, Economic Modeling.

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Dr. Sirianne Dahlum is Senior Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Her research largely examines why and when citizens develop preferences for democracy and dictatorship, and when they will challenge political leaders and regimes through actions such as nonviolent and violent mass protest. She has published her work in the Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, World Development and Journal of Conflict Resolution, and in outlets such as the Washington Post's Monkey Cage Blog, and BBC News.

- Dahlum, S., & Wig, T. (2020). Peace above the glass ceiling: The historical relationship between female political empowerment and civil conflict. *International Studies Quarterly*, 64(4), 879-893. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/isq/article-abstract/64/4/879/5908073>

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3. Dr. Monika Nalepa

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Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award from the Political Organizations and Parties section of the APSA.

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Webinar #4: Combating climate change

Thursday 25 March 2021, 15:30-17:00 CET

Chair: Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Founding Director of the V-Dem Institute & Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Presenters:

1. Dr. Thomas Bernauer

Dr. Thomas Bernauer is Professor of Political Science at ETH Zurich, and Director of the Institute of Science, Technology and Policy (ISTP). His research and teaching focuses on international environmental and economic issues. He is the author or co-author of ten books and more than 120 journal articles and book chapters. His publications have featured among others in Princeton University Press, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Peace Research, European Union Politics, and Global Environmental Politics.

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- Martinangeli, A. F., Povitkina, M., Jagers, S. C., & Rothstein, B. (2020). Institutional Quality Causes Social Trust: Evidence from Survey and Experimental Data on Trusting Under the Shadow of Doubt. Available at:
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International Relations, specializing in the behavior of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and their interactions with states, local populations, and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).

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4. Dr. Håkon Sælen

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