The Rise of Authoritarian Constitutionalism: Historical, Legal, and Normative Perspectives

A Two-Day Conversation held under the auspices of the Princeton- Humboldt Strategic Partnership, supported by UCHV and the Politics Department, Princeton University

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Provisional Program

Friday 13 October

9.45 Welcome and Introduction

Silvia von Steinsdorff, Anna Kaiser, Jan-Werner Müller

10.00 Authoritarian Constitutionalism: Conceptual Challenges Chair: Jan-Werner Müller

Kim Lane Scheppele, "Autocratic Legalism" Christoph Schoenberger, "The Constitution of Silence: Elements of Authoritarian Constitutionalism" Felix Petersen, "Popular and Populist Sovereignty?"

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Causes and Consequences: Chair: Anna Kaiser

Andrew Arato, "How we got here? Transition Failures, their Causes, and the Populist Interest in the Constitution."

David Landau, "Formal constitutional change and democratic erosion"

3.15 Coffee Break

3.30 Cases I Chair: Silvia von Steinsdorff

Alexei Trochev, Authoritarian Constitutionalism in Putin's Russia: Pragmatic Constitutional Court in the Dual State

Nura A. Hossainzadeh, "Authoritarian Constitutionalism in Religious Government."

Ece Göztepe, "New Indicators for Authoritarianism: The Case of Turkey".

Student Presentation on Venezuela?

Saturday 14 October

9.30

Cases II Chair: Kim Lane Scheppele

Renata Uitz, Reflections on authoritarian constitutionalism: Six P-words past populism

Dongxian Jiang, "Constitutionalism with Chinese Characteristics?"

Maria Adele Carrai, Global Constitutionalism and the Challenge of China's Exceptionalism

Lunch

Counter-Strategies? Chair: Jan-Werner Müller

Zachary Elkins,"'Militant Democracy' and the Preemptive Constitution"

Silvia von Steinsdorff, "The European model of a state under the rule of law: Remedy against 'democratic backsliding' or part of the problem?"

Tomasz Koncewicz, "Unconstitutional Capture and Constitutional Recapture: of institutions, rule of law and judicial promises" Vlad, Perju, Elements of a Doctrine of Universal Constitutional Norms