

Digital Panel: May 22, 10am Frankfurt/Budapest/Copenhagen; 11am Tel Aviv

Mobilizing against Autocratisation: Trust in Protest

How can protesters and dissenting voices of civil society and opposition effectively resist democratic backsliding? What sources of trust do protesters build upon and how does trust evolve during mobilization? What strategies of opposition do activists choose if autocratisation proceeds speedily or more slowly, and when democratic institutions are dismantled, the division of powers abolished, and protesters and judges are being arrested?

This digital panel co-organized by ConTrust (GU/PRIF) and CoMMonS (UCPH) discusses country case studies and transnational connections between social movements resisting autocratisation. Focusing on current protest events in Hungary, Israel and Tunisia, researchers critically discuss local tactics and cultural repertoires of strategies as well as knowledge exchange between pro-democratic movements worldwide. Given the global rise of alliances between authoritarian leaders, how do oppositional voices resist internal repression when they lack international support? How do ideologically diverse pro-democracy movements sustain or build mutual trust relationships in the face of ongoing, lasting dismantling of democratic institutions by government actors? Which role does distrust play in the failure of coalition-building, also with a view to trade unions and allies within institutions? How do pro-democracy activists use transnational networks and connections to resist repression? Panelists will discuss these questions based on ongoing research and critical analysis in the fields of peace and conflict studies, protest, democracy, gender and research on autocratisation.

Participants:

Prof Dr Andrea Petö, CEU: How to survive the illiberal turn and laugh

Dr Noa Milman, CoMMonS Research Center UCPH: Civic protests against autocratisation in Israel

Dr Irene Weipert-Fenner, PRIF/ConTrust: Tunisia: Too little too late? Mobilizing against re-autocratisation in Tunisia

Prof Dr Jonas Wolff, ConTrust (GU/PRIF): Comment from a comparative perspective

Prof Dr Nicole Doerr (CoMMonS/ConTrust: Moderator)

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