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Present a Panel Discussion

A TREND OR AN EXCEPTION? DEMOCRATIZATION IN ARMENIA AND AUTHORITARIANISM WORLDWIDE

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Moderated by Dr. Lisa Gulesserian

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With Panelists

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Harvard University, Fong Auditorium (Boylston Hall)

At a time when there is great concern over the apparent decline of liberal democracy around the world, in 2018 Armenia seemed to be a notable exception and was hailed as “badly needed good news for democracy” by the *Washington Post*. As the one-year anniversary of the Velvet Revolution approaches, is the news still good? Is Armenia an outlier, an exceptional case in a world where government-by-strong-man increasingly is the model? What can be learned from the examples of other states where democracy is in peril? Join with a panel of distinguished scholars to discuss these and other issues relating to democracy and authoritarianism in Armenia and around the world.

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