

Trend or Exception?

Democratization in Armenia and Authoritarianism Worldwide

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A panel discussion by **Dr. Anna Ohanyan** (Richard B. Finnegan Distinguished Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Stonehill College) **Dr. Dimitri Sotiropoulos** (Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies at Harvard University) and **Dr. Valerie Sperling** (Dept. of Political Science, Clark University). Moderated by **Dr. Lisa Gulesserian** (Lecturer on Armenian Studies, Harvard University)



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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. 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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