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 Sotirooulos (Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies at Harvard University) and Dr. Valerie Sperling (Dept. of Political Science, Clark University). Moderated by Dr. Lisa Gulessarian (Lecturer on Armenian Studies, Harvard University)

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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