



Welcoming ten new members: The EDP Network is growing!

Dear Readers

Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, the year 2021 started with exceptionally good news for the EDP Network: mid-February we welcomed ten new EDP Network members. The EDP Network thus broadened its basis of expertise on various aspects of democracy promotion and expanding regional expert knowledge, such as on China. The network now encompasses a total of 18 scholars from 16 different research institutions based in six European countries.

You can find a list of our new members with their respective research topics as well as links to their researcher profiles on page two of this [EDP Interactions #10](#). Furthermore, many of their contributions can already be found in our list of selected publications on topics such as authori-

tarian practices, peacebuilding and post-conflict democratization.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the enlarged network has so far only been able to assemble virtually, but plans for new joint projects, events and publications are already in the making. To stay tuned, don't forget to follow us on Twitter ([@edp_network](#))!

Finally, our thanks go to Gunnar for his outstanding support to the EPD Network over the last nine months.

Enjoy reading!

Gunnar and Rebecca, EDP Team Frankfurt

News

3 June 2021

[“Free my Internet” project illustrates scientific research as graphic short stories](#)

27 May 2021

[Inken von Borzyskowski awarded British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship](#)

6 May 2021

[Qatar 2022: “A well-reasoned and communicated boycott could indeed send a strong signal for human rights”](#)

12 April 2021

[Workshop co-organized by Brigitte Weiffen studies impact of Belt and Road Initiative on democracy](#)

29 March 2021

[Junior researcher conference on authoritarianism and democracy](#)

26 March 2021

[PRIF and GIGA research workshop on the implications of COVID-19 for Civic Spaces](#)

24 February 2021

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1 February 2021

[Rebecca Wagner is Associate Research Fellow at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek in 2021](#)

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EDP Wire

27 May 2021 | Jonas Wolff

[The EU, Venezuela, and Democracy Promotion: A Rejoinder to Elliott Abrams' Comments](#)

Jonas Wolff responds to Elliott Abrams' critical comment on an article Jonas published earlier this year with the European Democracy Hub.

27 April 2021 | Rebecca Wagner, Mikhail Polianskii

[Breaking the Vicious Circle: Can the new Moldovan President Sandu Succeed in Balancing Relations with the EU and Russia?](#)

Newly elected Maia Sandu could manage to solve dire economic problems at home, while securing the support of both Russia and the EU.

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Publications (selected)

Sarah von Billerbeck a.o.

[Peacebuilding and authoritarianism: the unintended consequences of UN engagement in post-conflict settings](#)

Report, United Nations University.

Seraphine Maerz a.o.

[How democracies prevail: democratic resilience as a two-stage process](#)

In: Democratization, Online First.

Benjamin Schütze, Alke Jenss

[Rethinking authoritarian power: The logistics space and authoritarian practices in and between secondary port cities of the Global South](#)

In: International Studies Quarterly, 65:1, 82-94.

Inken von Borzyskowski, Michael Wahman

[Systematic Measurement Error in Election Violence Data: Causes and Consequences](#)

In: British Journal of Political Science, 51:1, 230-252.

Johannes Gerschewski

[Erosion or Decay? Conceptualizing Causes and Mechanisms of Democratic Regression](#)

In: Democratization, 28:1, 43-62.

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New EDP Network Members of 2021



[Julia Bader](#)

University of Amsterdam

Focus: China, transnational relations



[Sarah von Billerbeck](#)

University of Reading

Focus: post-conflict states, IO's



[Inken von Borzyskowski](#)

University College London

Focus: IO's, electoral violence



[Dorothea Gädeke](#)

University of Utrecht

Focus: political theory, North-South relations



[Felix Haass](#)

University of Oslo

Focus: autocratic politics, legacies of civil war



[Leonie Holthaus](#)

TU Darmstadt

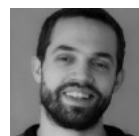
Focus: MENA, German/US democracy support



[Seraphine Maerz](#)

University of Gothenburg/V-Dem Institute

Focus: democratization and autocratization



[Benjamin Schütze](#)

Arnold Bergstraesser Institut (ABI)

Focus: MENA, autocratic politics



[Brigitte Weiffen](#)

Open University (OU) Great Britain

Focus: Latin America, crisis of democracy



[Amélie Wurl](#)

FU Berlin

Focus: Sino-African relations, autocratization

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