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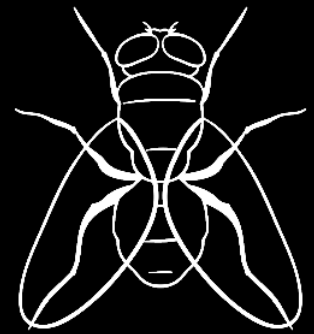
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Introduction

The DEM-DEC Bibliography

The DEM-DEC Bibliography is provided on Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) at www.democratic-decay.org, which was launched on 25 June 2018 and which aims to provide useful information to academics and policymakers concerned with the creeping deterioration of democratic rule worldwide and on re-thinking democratic governance.

The [main Bibliography](#) (finalised on 24 June 2018) presents a global range of research on democratic decay. It has a strong focus on research by public lawyers – spanning constitutional, international and transnational law – but also includes key research from political science, as well as policy texts.

Sixteenth monthly update since DEM-DEC was launched

Updates to the Bibliography are issued ordinarily every month. This is the sixteenth monthly update provided and was issued on Wednesday 12 February 2020. It covers late December 2019 to early February 2020. All updates should be read in conjunction with the main DEM-DEC bibliography.

Comprehensiveness

It is impossible to be comprehensive given the broad scope of the subject. However, the updates here have been collated from suggestions by scholars and experts worldwide, a broad search of publisher websites and academic journals worldwide, as well as information collated on leading blogs. Blog posts, media articles, and (with some exceptions) policy documents are not covered.

Period covered by this update

The main items here are from late December 2019-late January 2020. Items suggested by DEM-DEC users include earlier material. In addition, the 'Forthcoming Research' section provides a growing list of future publications.

Global Coverage

The Global Research Updates aim for global coverage. However, it should be borne in mind that the Bibliography and Updates, at present, collate information exclusively in the English language.

Hyperlinks

Every effort is made to provide hyperlinks to access each text listed, or at least information on the text. Please remain mindful that some links may be broken over time.

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Editorial: Global Democracy and the Fierce Urgency of 2020

Identifying Themes

In each monthly Update DEM-DEC Director Dr Tom Gerald Daly writes an editorial based on key themes in the Update. The aim is simply to provide ‘added value’ by helping users to navigate the Update, and to provide some limited commentary, especially on very recent research.

1 The Fierce Urgency of 2020

In January 2017, in my [inaugural column for the ICONnect Blog](#), I urged an end to the complacency bedeviling any real effort to address threats to democracy worldwide. Borrowing a phrase from Martin Luther King, I spoke of “the fierce urgency of now”, insisting that “failing to act and adopting a ‘wait and see’ attitude is to court disaster.” Three years later, I – and many colleagues worldwide – feel that urgency with even greater intensity and frustration. Global reports continue to warn of the ongoing global democratic crisis – in January alone the [Economist Intelligence Unit’s Democracy Index](#) for 2019, a report from the [newly-launched Cambridge Centre on the Future of Democracy](#), and the [Human Rights Watch’s World Report 2020](#) warn of everything from plummeting public satisfaction with democracy to the “existential threat” posed by the Chinese government to human rights frameworks worldwide. Articles for the [Journal of Democracy’s thirtieth anniversary edition](#), by heavy-hitters such as Francis Fukuyama and Yascha Mounk, address the multiple threats facing liberal democracy and whether it can rebuild itself. Technology looms large in our fears, with talk of its use as [a tool of ‘sharp power’](#) by authoritarian governments, and, elsewhere, the [impending threat of ‘deep fakes’](#) threatening an exponential acceleration of truth decay and distortion of democratic discourse.

Political developments so far in 2020 have fed the sense of ever-higher stakes in the global democratic crisis. President Trump’s impeachment trial featured [starkly undemocratic argument](#) (albeit later narrowed somewhat) that anything the President does to further his reelection in the public interest cannot be an impeachable offence – a timely article by [Andrew Pardue](#) is a useful analysis here. Across the Atlantic, the Polish government’s assault on judicial independence has induced constitutional chaos, with battle lines drawn between captured and independent courts on the legality of so-called reforms (read more [here](#)). From Malta’s downgrade in the EIU Index to a “flawed democracy”, to the [breaking of political taboos in Germany](#) with the attempt to install a new Thuringian premier with the aid of far-right AfD votes, there is a sense of intensifying threat. [Sumit Ganguly](#) in the *Journal of Democracy* argues that India’s claim to be a liberal democracy is “increasingly dubious”. In Australia, [John Keane](#) offers that the “grand political lesson” from the devastation of the recent bushfires is that the current democratic model has failed and we need a new, ecologically viable, model.

Yet, complacency still abounds. Alongside ongoing inaction by national and international political actors, the leading US philosopher Martha Nussbaum recently offered that talk of democratic crisis is little more than [“an academic fad”](#). This is an all-too-common refrain, one I have heard for years. “But!”, the critic will say: democracy has always been contested; all democracies suffer some level of dysfunction; liberals are obsessed with procedure and civility, and fail to understand the injustice of

the *status quo ante*. There is of course some truth in this: there is no real ‘golden age’ of ideal democracy; the trend of decay is not entirely universal (e.g. some countries’ scores actually improved in the EIU Index); today’s challenges are deeply rooted; and we inevitably see analysts ‘bandwagon jumping’ on the current hot topic. Yet, to dismiss the mounting evidence of serious threats to liberal democracy in states worldwide – not least that collated since mid-2018 by DEM-DEC – as a form of ‘moral panic’ or collective delusion is truly dangerous. Even if well-intentioned, it becomes a form of continual gaslighting that feeds complacency and saps resolve, and lends succour to those who really wish to end accountable government and pull power away from the people they are meant to serve. In the impeachment trial, Senator Adam Schiff decried the [“normalization of lawlessness”](#), and this is precisely what is at play: as [Robert Sata and Ireneusz Pawel Karolewski](#) observe in the case of Hungary and Poland, a central ploy of wannabe authoritarians is to frame radical changes as “politics as usual”, when in fact they challenge the very essence of liberal democracy. If we cannot assess – based on significant evidence and an appreciation of degree – certain measures as ‘abnormal’, we are lost.

2 Civil Society Pushback Clicks into High Gear

Whereas governments and international organisations seem to remain somewhat unequal to the task of pushing back against the myriad threats to democracy worldwide, civil society worldwide appears to be stepping up the pushback for 2020. The billionaire philanthropist George Soros – much reviled by authoritarian leaders worldwide – has pledged \$1 billion to fund a [new Open Society University Network \(OSUN\)](#) to combat the “twin challenges” of authoritarian governments and climate change. Two new centres have been launched: as well as Cambridge University’s new [Centre for the Future of Democracy](#), mentioned above, a new [Chicago Center on Democracy](#) at the University of Chicago aims to provide a space for both researchers to further their work on democracy, and to host [Bright Line Watch](#), an initiative to monitor democratic practices, their resilience, and potential threats. In Asia, the [Asia Democracy Network \(ADN\)](#) just announced its #2020Pushback Campaign “calling all democracy advocates to unite and begin fighting back against threats and attacks to democracy.”

3 The International Face of Pushback

It is striking, too, how much action and thought regarding democratic defence is taking place at the international level. Indeed, the Council of Europe has just introduced a [new sanctioning mechanism](#) for “the most serious” violations of the Council’s Statute (which includes democracy and the rule of law), separate to its existing review mechanisms under the European Court of Human Rights and other bodies. In this Update, Tom Carothers in the *Journal of Democracy* discusses [the need to rejuvenate democracy promotion](#), by tackling both new and established democracies; strengthening the economic dimension; and bringing technological issues centre-stage. Pacifique Manirakiza, writing in a special collection to mark the 10th anniversary of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, argues for the existence of a subsidiary [right to resist “gross undemocratic practices”](#) by governments who deny meaningful political participation. For a comparative perspective, a scholar to watch is [Cassandra Emmons](#), who has just completed a PhD at Princeton on ‘Regional Organizations as Democracy Defenders: Designing Effective Toolkits’. Elsewhere, [Anna Meyerrose](#) in *Comparative Political Studies* (January 2020) contends that membership of democracy-promoting international organisations can be detrimental to democracy – a stance which will prompt much discussion.

4 Democratic Innovation Goes Mainstream

While pushback is crucial, it alone is not enough: for many analysts, if we are to protect democracy we must re-make democracy. Last Friday I was among 20 experts invited to attend a special roundtable as part of the [Australian Senate's inquiry into nationhood, national identity and democracy](#), and it was striking how many experts around the table were in favour of experimenting with deliberative mechanisms, such as a citizens' assembly or even a Citizens' Senate. 2020 seems poised to be the year when such experimentation goes fully mainstream worldwide, with bodies proliferating – and academic and policy attention increasing. Key items in this Update include: the landmark [Handbook of Democratic Innovation](#) edited by Stephen Elstub and Oliver Escobar; Cristina Lafont's monograph [Democracy Without Shortcuts](#) arguing that we can only achieve better outcomes through the long road of deliberation and “changing hearts and minds”; and articles in [Policy Sciences](#) on experts and evidence in mini-publics, as well as how politicians and others view the place of such bodies in decision-making. The first weeks of 2020 have already seen a range of events on democratic innovation (including a [major conference in Manchester](#)), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)) [has just launched Participo](#), a digest on their work on innovative Citizen Participation. Details of future events for 2020 can be found in the DEM-DEC [Events Database](#).

5 Democracy 2020: Announcing a Stock-Taking Roundtable

Current crises have diverted much intellectual energy toward potential solutions. Beyond deliberative innovations, we see for instance a [new collection in the Drake Law Review](#) contemplating radical ways of amending and fine-tuning the US Constitution. As a way of bringing together the discourses on democratic decay and democratic renewal in a meaningful way, DEM-DEC has teamed up with the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) to organize a 2-day roundtable on 10-11 December, on the theme ‘Assessing Constitutional Decay, Breakdown and Renewal Worldwide’. Co-organised by myself and Prof. Wojciech Sadurski, the roundtable aims to convene a group of leading and emerging scholars to engage in a global ‘stock-taking’ exercise, aiming to map the health and trajectory of key democracies worldwide, pin-point gaps in analysis, and push the research agenda forward. You can find the [Call for Papers here](#) (deadline: 1 May 2020).

6 Taking the Long View

While today's democracy defenders and innovators feel the fierce urgency of the present moment, we also risk being swamped by the sheer speed of the news cycle, especially in our hyper-connected global ‘firehose’ information economy that can leave little mental space for reflection. Many items in this Update help to put today's trends in a broader context. A new book from our DEM-DEC partner V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy), [Measuring Two Centuries of Political Change](#), offers a user's guide to their vast data collection project. Also looking backwards, see Susan and Hennessy and Benjamin Wittes' new book [placing the US presidency in historical context](#); and an [excellent piece by Jill Lepore](#) in the *New Yorker* on ‘The Last Time Liberal Democracy Almost Died’. Looking forward, the [Centre for the Future of Democracy](#)'s research mission aims to explore three areas: ‘Democracy and Climate Change’; ‘The Generational Divide’; and ‘Technology and Democracy’. Also on climate change (and issues such as biodiversity), John Dryzek and Jonathan Pickering's 2018 book [Politics of the Anthropocene](#) (suggested for addition by a DEM-DEC user) dovetails with John Keane's analysis, arguing that our Holocene-era democratic political structures need adaptation to a new reality.

Additions Suggested by DEM-DEC Users

Note 1: Where possible, hyperlinks are provided directly to the text

**Note 2: A large number of suggested additions in this Update are found in the
'New Publications' and 'Forthcoming Research' sections on p.17 and p.28**

Monographs

[Yeşim ARAT & Şevket PAMUK](#), Turkey Between Democracy and Authoritarianism (Cambridge University Press, due for publication November 2019).

[Donatella DELLA PORTA](#), Can Democracy Be Saved?: Participation, Deliberation and Social Movements (Wiley, 2013).

[John S. DRYZEK & Jonathan PICKERING](#), The Politics of the Anthropocene (Oxford University Press, 2018).

[Roland RICH](#), Democracy in Crisis: Why, Where, How to Respond (Lynne Rienner, 2017).

[Gianluca SGUEO](#), Games, Powers and Democracies (Bocconi University Press, 2019).

[Timothy ZICK](#), The First Amendment in the Trump Era (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Special Journal Collections

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Special Issue: The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance at 10

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Micha WIEBUSCH & Christina MURRAY, 'Presidential Term Limits and the African Union' (2019) 63(S1) Journal of African Law 131.

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Special Focus: The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance

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Antonia WITT, 'Where Regional Norms Matter: Contestation and the Domestic Impact of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance' (2019) 54(2) Africa Spectrum 106.

Ulf ENGEL, 'The 2007 African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance: Trying to Make Sense of the Late Ratification of the African Charter and Non-Implementation of Its Compliance Mechanism' (2019) 54(2) Africa Spectrum 127.

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Book Chapters

[Angela DI GREGORIO](#), 'Epilogue: The 'Wounded' Constitutionalism in Hungary and Poland' in Angela Di Gregorio (ed), *The Constitutional Systems of Central-Eastern, Baltic and Balkan Europe* (Eleven International Publishing, 2019).

[Angela DI GREGORIO](#), 'Constitutional Courts in the Context of Constitutional Regression: Some Comparative Remarks' in Martin Belov (ed), *Courts, Politics and Constitutional Law Judicialization of Politics and Politicization of the Judiciary* (Routledge, 2019).

Articles

[Angela Di Gregorio](#), 'Hungarian constitutional developments and measures to protect the rule of law in Europe' DPCE Online, n. 2/2019 1465.

[Genevieve Fuji JOHNSON, Michael E. MORRELL & Laura W. BLACK](#), 'Emotions and Deliberation in the Citizens' Initiative Review' (2019) 100(6) Social Science Quarterly 2168.

[Acar KUTAY](#), 'From Weimar to Ankara: Carl Schmitt, sovereignty and democracy' (2019) 45(6) Philosophy & Social Criticism 728.

[Dylan LINO](#), 'The Rule of Law and the Rule of Empire: A.V. Dicey in Imperial Context' (2019) 81(5) Modern Law Review 739.

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Symposium: James S. Fishkin, Democracy When the People Are Thinking

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Cristina Lafont, 'Deliberative Democracy and the Problem of the Second Best' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 130.

Simone Chambers, 'Democracy in the Open' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 146.

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Mark E. Warren, 'Deliberative Polling and the Democratic Innovations Agenda' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 165.

Lawrence Lessig, 'Rendering Sensible Salient' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 171.

Sanford Levinson, 'James Fishkin's Unconventional Challenge to Thinking about Elections and Representation' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 179.

James Fishkin, 'Response to Critics: Toward the Reform of Actually Existing Democracies' (2018) 27(1-2) The Good Society 190.

Populism: A Verso Reading List

On 18 December 2019, the publishing house Verso published a reading list of "Books that outline the historical dynamics of populist movements, to current left populism and fascism. Featuring Chantal Mouffe, Enzo Traverso, Nancy Fraser, and more."

[Access the full reading list here](#)

Chantal MOUFFE, For a Left Populism (Verso, August 2019).

Nancy FRASER, The Old Is Dying and the New Cannot Be Born (Verso, April 2019).

Andrew MURRAY, The Fall and Rise of the British Left (Verso, September 2019).

Ernesto LACLAU, *On Populist Reason* (Verso, September 2018).

Marco REVELLI, *The New Populism: Democracy Stares into the Abyss* (Verso, July 2019).

Enzo TRAVERSO, *The New Faces of Fascism: Populism and the Far Right* (Verso, January 2019).

Dylan RILEY, *The Civic Foundations of Fascism in Europe* (Verso, January 2019).

Nicos POULANTZAS, *Fascism and Dictatorship: The Third International and the Problem of Fascism* (Verso, January 2019).

Richard SEYMOUR, *Corbyn: The Strange Rebirth of Radical Politics* (Verso, October 2017).

Bhaskar SUNKARA, *The Socialist Manifesto: The Case for Radical Politics in an Era of Extreme Inequality* (Verso, April 2019).

George MONBIOT, *Out of the Wreckage: A New Politics for an Age of Crisis* (Verso, June 2018).

Franciso PANIZZA (ed), *Populism and the Mirror of Democracy* (Verso, July 2005).

John R. GILLINGHAM, *The EU: An Obituary* (Verso, June 2018).

James MEEK, *Dreams of Leaving and Remaining* (Verso, March 2019).

Wolfgang STREECK, *How Will Capitalism End?* (Verso, November 2017).

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Tony WOOD, *Russia Without Putin* (Verso, November 2018).

Alain BERTHO, *The Age of Violence* (Verso, October 2018).

Oliver NACHTWEY, *Germany's Hidden Crisis* (Verso, November 2018).

Nisha KAPOOR, *Deport, Deprive, Extradite* (Verso, February 2018).

Liz FEKETE, *Europe's Fault Lines* (Verso, February 2019).

David BROMWICH, *American Breakdown* (Verso, June 2019).

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[Eviene LEIDIG](#), 'The Far-Right Is Going Global' Foreign Policy 21 January 2020.

[John KEANE](#), 'A Sunburnt Country: Australia 2020' Sydney Democracy Network 15 January 2020 .

DEM-DEC Launch Podcast

Panel Discussion to Launch DEM-DEC

‘Is Democracy Decaying Worldwide? And What Can We Do About It?’

Having gone live on 25 June 2018, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) was formally launched at the University of Melbourne on Monday 22 October with a panel discussion. The panel was specifically designed to be open to the public and to be suitable for broadcast. Panellists were asked to avoid all academic jargon in their contributions and to strive for clarity.

The panel started with a global overview from DEM-DEC Creator Dr Tom Gerald Daly of the deterioration of democracy worldwide, in states such as Hungary, the USA and Brazil. This was followed by discussion of democratic decay in Poland, Venezuela and India with leading experts: Prof. Wojciech Sadurski (University of Sydney), Dr Raul Sanchez Urribarri (Latrobe University), and Dr Tarunabh Khaitan (universities of Oxford and Melbourne). The panel concluded with discussion of the robustness of, and challenges facing, Australian democracy, with Prof. Cheryl Saunders (University of Melbourne), followed by Q&A with the audience. DEM-DEC was formally launched by Prof. Pip Nicholson, Dean of Melbourne Law School, following the panel.

Podcast

On 27 and 28 November 2018 the launch panel discussion was broadcast as an hour-long programme on Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio National’s flagship current affairs programme ‘Big Ideas’. It is now available as a podcast.

Click CTRL and this symbol to access the panel podcast



January 2020: New Publications

Note: A small number of items were published in December 2019

Monograph: Benjamin MOFFITT, Populism (Key Concepts in Political Theory) (Polity, published in UK/Europe 31 January 2020, due for publication in the US 23 March 2020).

Monograph: Susan HENNESSY & Benjamin WITTES, Unmaking the Presidency: Donald Trump's War on the World's Most Powerful Office (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, published 21 January 2020).

Monograph: Michael LIND, The New Class War: Saving Democracy from the Elite (Penguin, published 21 January 2020).

Monograph: Christopher CALDWELL, The Age of Entitlement: America Since the Sixties (Simon & Schuster, published 21 January 2020).

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Two Key Centres on Democracy

[Centre for the Future of Democracy](#)

Launched at the end of January 2020 at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge, this centre aims to understand the prospects for democracy in broad historical and international perspective, getting beyond the immediate crisis to identify different possible trajectories for democracy around the world.

[Chicago Center on Democracy](#)

Based at the University of Chicago, the Chicago Center for Democracy provides a space for both normative and empirical researchers to share, discuss, and refine their work on issues related to democracy. We share this academic work with the broader community of citizens, civil society organizations, and policymakers. We do this through convenings, publications, and public engagement. The Center is also the administrative home for [Bright Line Watch](#), an initiative to monitor democratic practices, their resilience, and potential threats.

Digest on Innovative Citizen Participation

[Participo](#)

Participo is a digest for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Open Government Unit's area of work on innovative citizen participation. The Digest is edited by Ieva Cesnulaityte, Claudia Chwalisz, and Alessandro Bellantoni.

Developing Media Database

[The Center for Media at Risk Ecosystem](#)

The Center for Media at Risk, based at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, is developing a comprehensive project to map out the breadth and scale of threats against media around the world today. You can contribute to this project – see details [here](#).

Resources on Populism

[Populismus: Populist Discourse and Democracy](#)

The POPULISMUS research project purports to reassess the category of ‘populism’ and to develop a theoretical approach capable of reorienting the empirical analysis of populist ideologies in the global environment of the 21st century. As well as information on events, the website’s e-Library provides access to ‘interventions’ (interviews with key figures), working papers, and other publications.

[Work on Gender and Populism](#)

openDemocracy has developed a rich archive of material dealing with the complex relation between populism and gender.

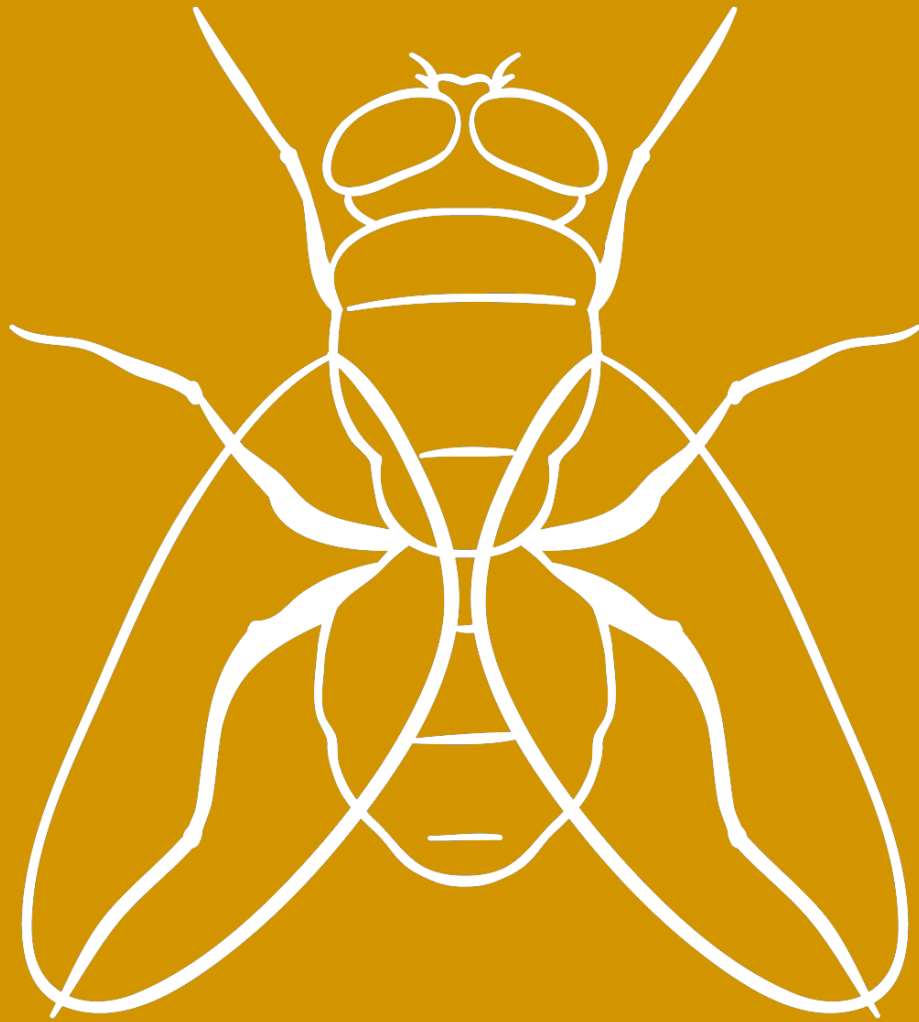
[DEMOS – Terminologies](#)

To help journalists, policymakers, and anyone interested in seeing through populism and its consequences, scholars from the DEMOS (Democratic Efficacy and the Varieties of Populism in Europe) project have provided a list of key concepts surrounding the populist phenomenon—a list which will keep growing.

New Resource on Political Parties

[Global Party Survey](#)

How do political parties in countries around the globe differ such as in their ideological values, their stance on policy issues, and their rhetoric? This scientific study is designed to identify and compare the ideology, policy positions, and rhetoric of political parties around the world.



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