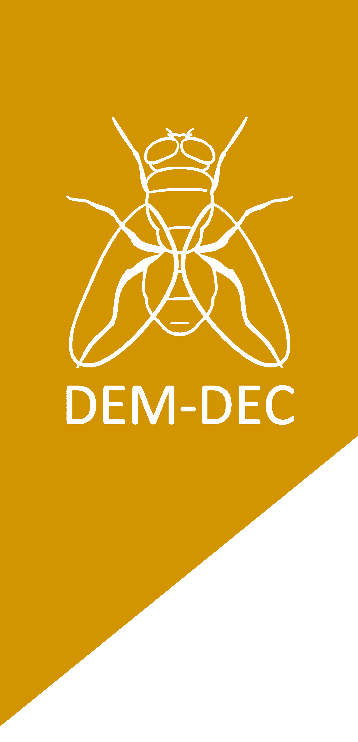
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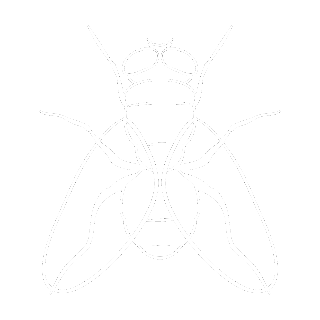
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Global Research Updates are issued each month, to add to this starting bibliography.

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DEM-DEC was launched on 25 June 2018 to assist researchers and policymakers focused on the global deterioration of liberal democracy, and on re-thinking democracy.

Since launch DEM-DEC has been used by thousands of democracy defenders and analysts worldwide, in over 130 states. The platform has recently expanded, with recent additions including a special section devoted to the EU treaty process for addressing rule of law backsliding (curated by Prof. Laurent Pech and Dr Joelle Grogan).

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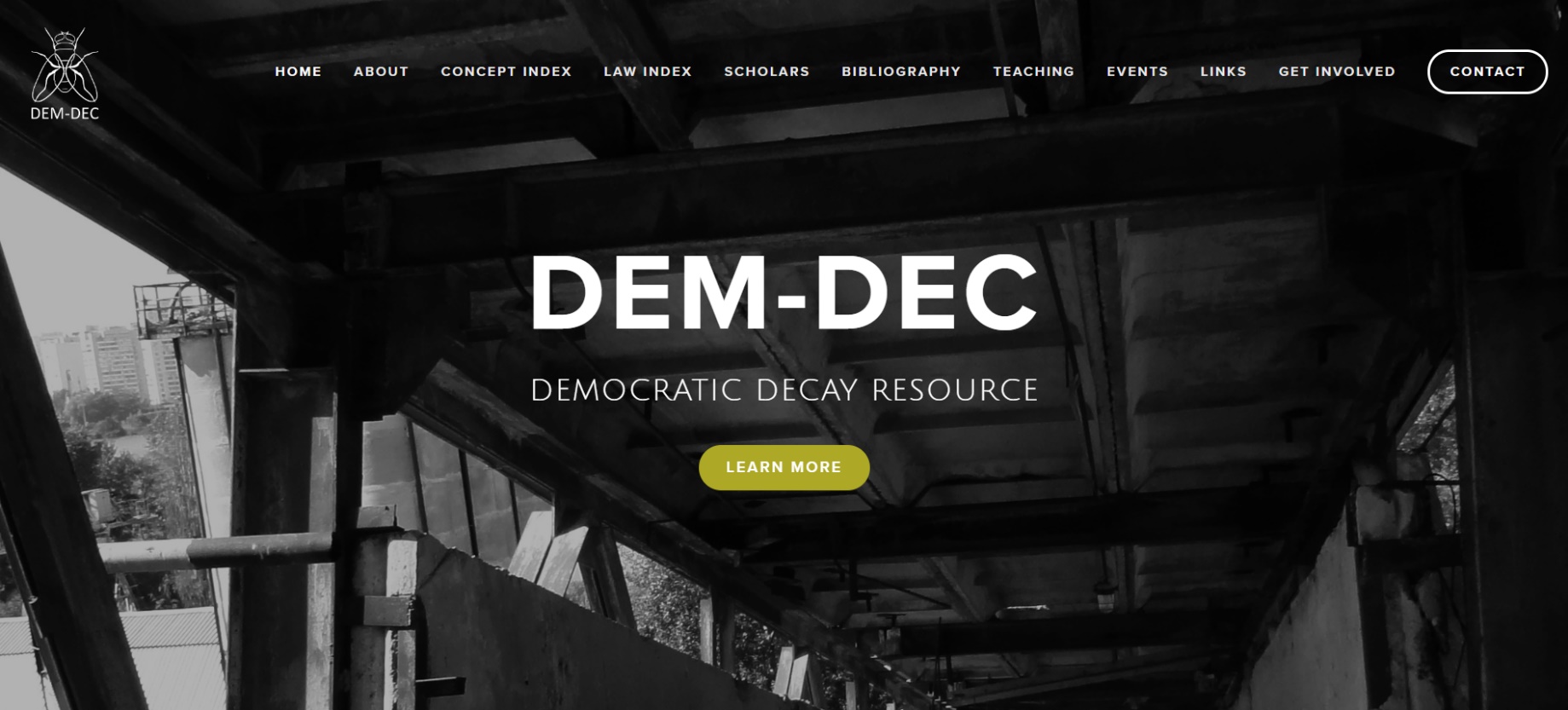
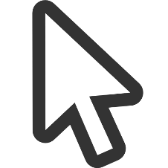
His current book project concerns the role of public law in countering 'democratic decay' worldwide. Recent academic publications include an article on ‘Democratic Decay: Conceptualising an Emerging Research Field’ (*Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*). Policy publications include a chapter on ‘Democratic Decay in 2016’ in International IDEA’s *Annual Review of Constitution-Building* for 2016.

He has written on democratic decay as a columnist for the ICONnect blog and tweets @DemocracyTalk.

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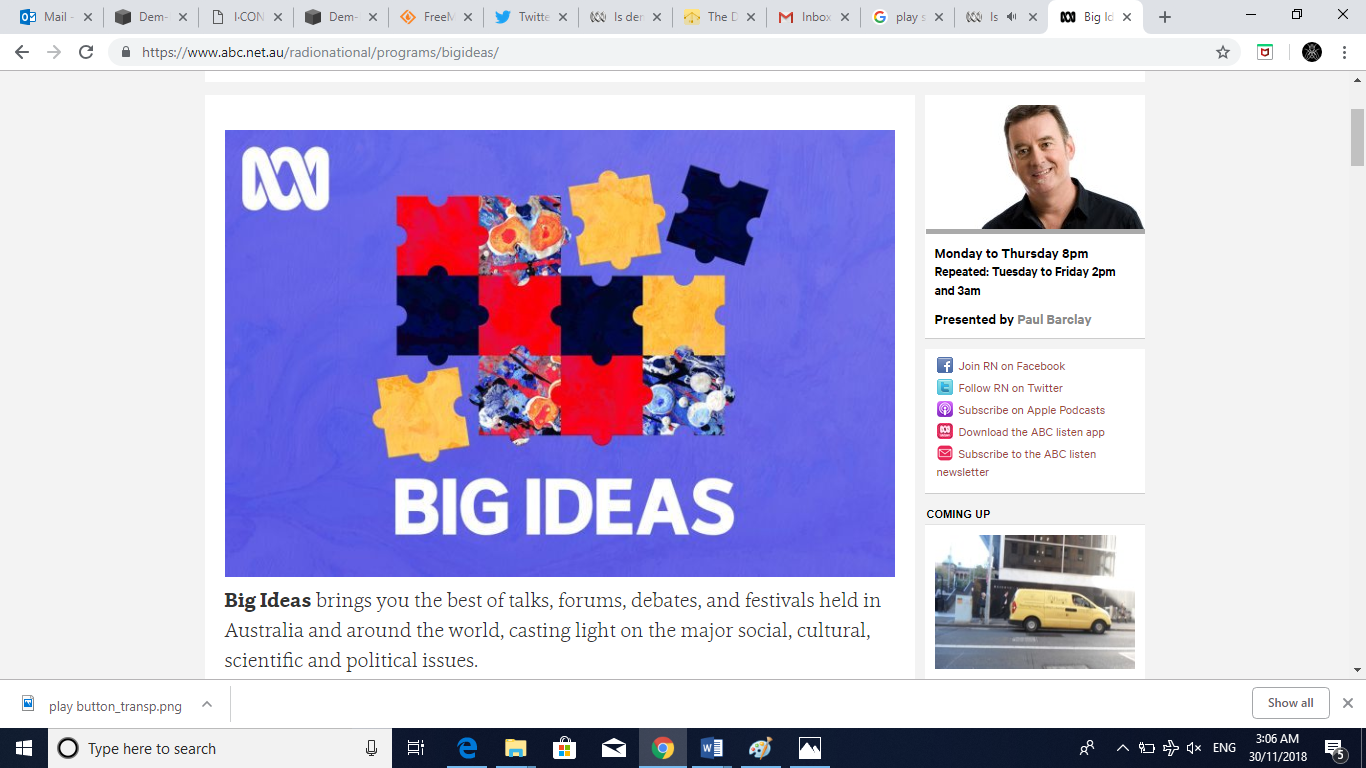
Having gone live on 25 June 2018, Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC) was formally launched at the University of Melbourne on Monday 22 October with a panel discussion. The panel was specifically designed to be open to the public and to be suitable for broadcast. Panellists were asked to avoid all academic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

[](https://radio.abc.net.au/programitem/pe6QgRqwo3?play=true)

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Introduction

Rather than providing an extended introduction to this bibliography, it appears useful to highlight a number of key points and trends. The first is that there has been a veritable avalanche of new research in this area in the past three years, and it has increased year on year. The second is that a number of key countries are clear 'hot spots' for such research (i.e. Hungary, Poland, USA, Venezuela) while others are understudied, especially in English-language literature (e.g. Brazil). Third is that, outside policy reports, few works attempt a genuinely global perspective on the topic: although many analyses are based on exercises in comparative constitutional law, this is usually to serve extended analysis of 1-2 selected countries. Fourth, as far as the role of international organisations is concerned, the literature on the EU dwarfs that on any other international organisation, although a number of highly useful comparative works can be found.

Layout

Broadly following the approach adopted in Oxford Bibliographies, this bibliography is not divided by publication type (i.e. monographs, edited collections, articles, etc) but is organised thematically and geographically: see below.



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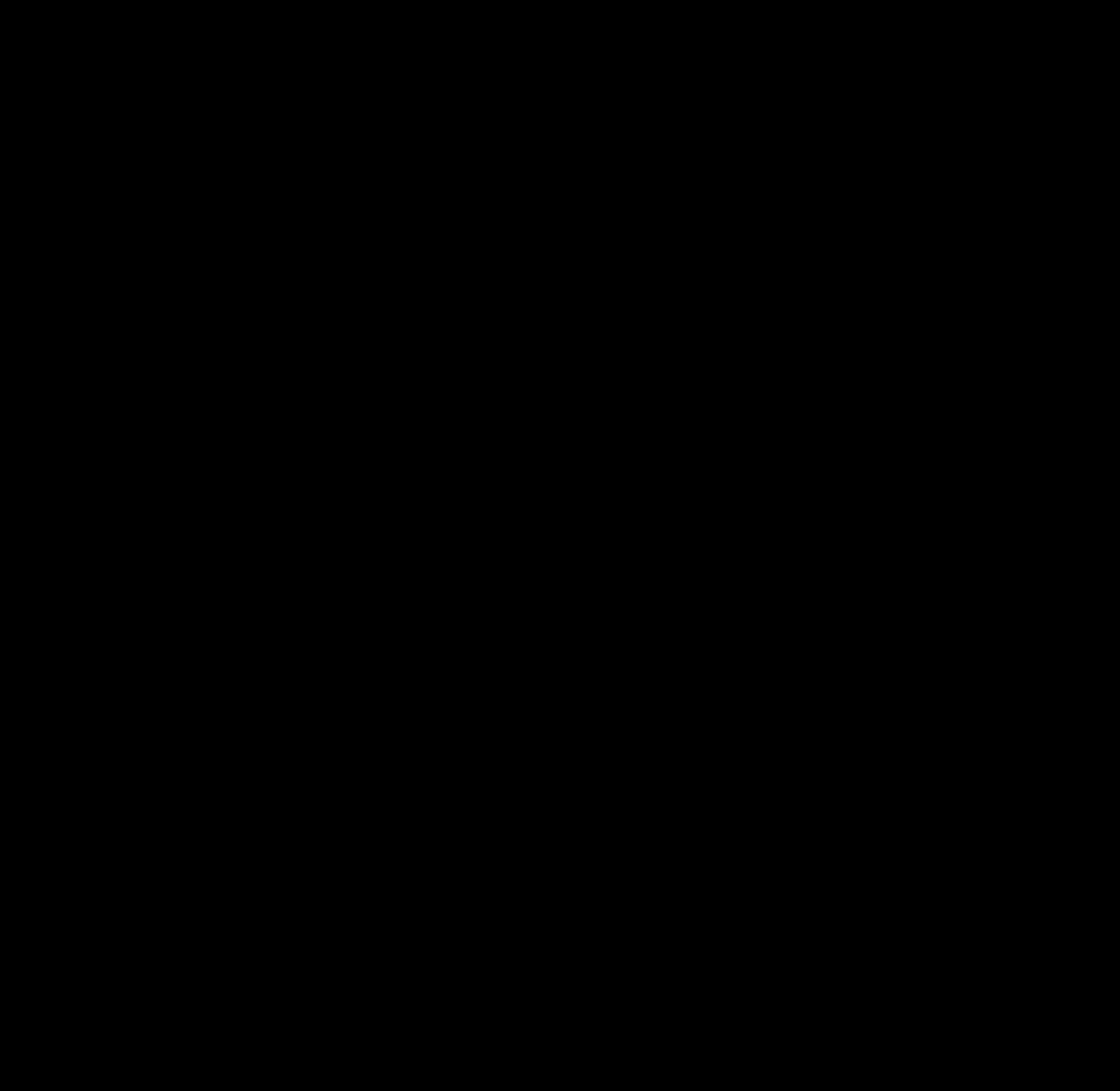
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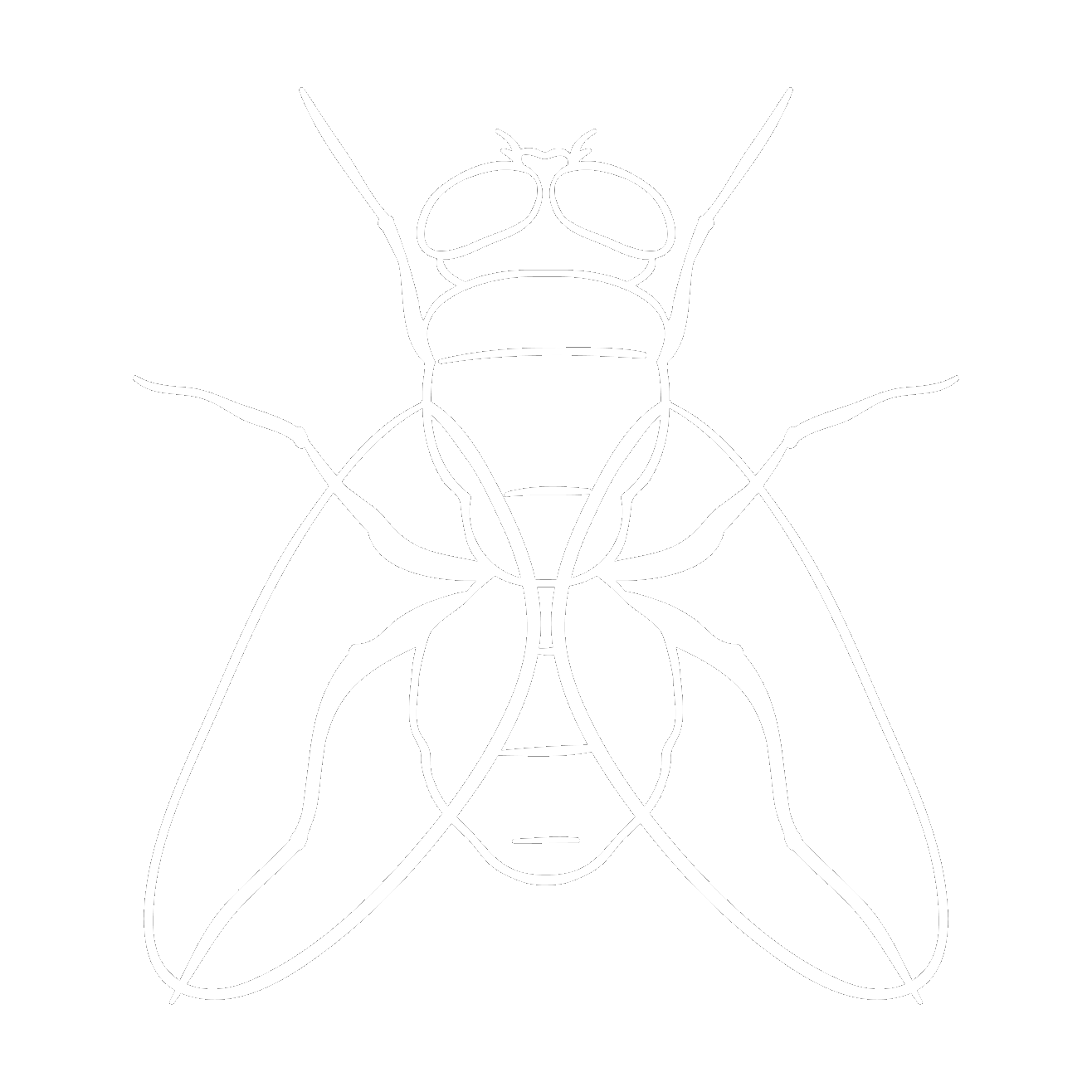
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