

# Workshop on Backsliding into Authoritarianism

**Friday, April 21, 1:00pm – 7:00pm**

**1:00pm-2:00pm lunch reception  
Rhodes Conference Room  
Sanford School of Public Policy  
(Parker&Otis sandwiches/salads/sweets/soft drinks)**

**2:00 – 2:20pm opening of the meeting**

Time slot	Panel theme	Author & Paper Title	Discussant	
2:20 – 3:00	Taking Stock of Authoritarian Backsliding	<b>Michael Coppedge, University of Notre Dame</b> TITLE: Eroding Regimes: What, Where, and When?	Jedediah Purdy	
3:00 – 3:40		<b>Lucan Way, University of Toronto</b> TITLE: Has Democracy Declined?	Marc Plattner	
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				
4:00 – 4:40	Public Opinion Support for Authoritarian Politics	<b>Pippa Norris, Harvard University, and Ronald Inglehart, University of Michigan</b> TITLE: The Enemy Within: The Populist-Authoritarian Challenge to Western Democracies	Richard Salsman	
4:40 – 5:20		<b>Chris Welzel, Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany and Helen Kirsch, London School of Economics</b> TITLE: Democracy Misunderstood: Authoritarian Notions of Democracy around the Globe	Alex Oprea	
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				
5:30 – 6:10		<b>Elizabeth Zechmeister, Vanderbilt University</b> TITLE: Public Opinion and Democratic Decay in Latin America	Austin Wang	
6:10 – 6:50	<b>Milan Svobik, Yale University</b> TITLE: Democratic Civic Culture or Cheap Talk? The Questionable Behavioral Relevance of Survey-based Indicators of Support for Democracy.	Asli Cansunar		

**DINNER, FRIDAY 8PM Parizade, 2200 W. Main Street, Durham NC 27705 (across from the Hilton Garden Inn where conference participants are staying)**

## Saturday, April 22, 8:00pm – 6:00pm

**Rhodes Conference Room  
Sanford School of Public Policy**

**Coffee/continental breakfast 8:00am**

<b>Time slot</b>	<b>Panel theme</b>	<b>Author &amp; Paper Title</b>	<b>Discussant</b>	
8:30 – 9:10	The Interaction between Elite Strategies and Public Opinion	<b>Ali Çarkoğlu and Kerem Yildirim, Koç University</b> TITLE: Media Consumption and Editorial Decisions: An Account of Democratic Backsliding in Turkey	Serkant Adiguzel	
9:10 – 9:50		<b>Radoslaw Markowski, ISSPAN, Warsaw</b> TITLE: Supply Side Revolution? On the Development of a Clientelistic Authoritarianism in Poland	Marko Zilovic	
9:50 – 10:30		<b>Graeme Robertson, UNC Chapel Hill</b> (Co-)Constructing Dictatorship in The Twenty First Century	Pawel Charasz	
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				
10:50 – 11:30	The Rise of Authoritarian Hegemony Through Party Competition	<b>Ozge Kemahlioglu, Sabanci University &amp; Duke University)</b> TITLE: Voters in the Transition to Authoritarianism	Melis Laebens	
11:30 – 12:10		<b>Herbert Kitschelt, Duke University</b> TITLE: Bilateral Opposition and the Authoritarian Temptation	Graeme Robertson	
12:10 – 12:50		<b>Milada Vachudova, UNC Chapel Hill, and Marko Zilovic, George Washington University</b> TITLE: Party Positions and State Capture in the Western Balkans	David Siegel	
<b>LUNCH BREAK buffet Mediterranean Cafe</b>				
2:00 – 2:40	Resilience or Susceptibility of Democratic Institutions to Authoritarian Assaults	<b>Robert Kaufman, Rutgers University</b> TITLE: Democratic Decline? The United States and Backsliding in Venezuela, Russia, Turkey, and Hungary	Haohan Chen	
2:40 – 3:20		<b>Annibal Perez-Linan, Pittsburg University (and Scott Mainwaring, Harvard University)</b> TITLE: Backsliding and Semi-Democratic Fragility: Evidence from Latin America	Pablo Beramendi	
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				
3:40 – 4:20		<b>Steven Wilkinson, Yale University</b> TITLE: Authoritarian Backsliding without an Opposition: India since 2014	Lucan Way	
4:20 – 5:00		<b>Rob Mickey, University of Michigan, Steven Levitsky, Harvard University and Lucan Way, University of Toronto</b> TITLE: Is American Democracy under Threat. The United States in Comparative Perspective.	Alex Kirshner	
Concluding comments				

**Dinner 7:00pm Nana's confirmed**