



Understanding the Rise of Autocrats in the 21st Century

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The international three-day conference is inspired by an alarming rate of global democratic backsliding, also known as a third wave of autocratization, with its concomitant dangers of political instability, massive violations of human rights and liberties, wars, and economic crises. The conference provides a venue for cutting-edge research from economics and political science to advance our understanding of the causes and consequences of autocratization.

Additional attention will be paid to the Russian-Ukrainian war as an unmitigated manifestation of the long-running undemocratic development of the political regime in Russia.

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