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European University Viadrina Comparative Politics/European Studies

Anti-Racism/Queer/Minority Protection Political Participation | “Shrinking Spaces”

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Short (Research) Profile & Mission

I am a political scientist researching liberal-illiberal political and cultural dynamics with a particular eye on Poland and from a European comparative perspective. A rather new interest concerns the impact of civil society and the extent to what civic actors are challenged by political cleavages/conflict lines and economic distribution conflicts.

Current (Research) Project

CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY WORK IN TIMES OF MULTIPLE CONTESTATIONS TO THE LIBERAL SCRIPT

The research project in preparation aims in a first step at mapping how **democracy stakeholder** perceive their situation in Poland and Germany under the condition of increasing pressure from the far-right and in a context of growing economic distribution conflicts.

Current (Research) Project

You are kindly invited to answer four questions (see below) which would help to start mapping the field in a Polish-German context. No names will be published.

=> Check it out – the QR-Code leads you to the survey
– in German and Polish!

Bardzo dziękuję / vielen Dank!

Questions to Academia

Even within civil society, the boundaries between liberal and illiberal actors are blurring. How to conceptualize these dynamics in the field?

„Shrinking space“ is a concept used in civil society literatur to capture a process by which political actors question the „neutrality“ of liberal-democratic NGOs in order to delegitimize their agency and to „shrink“ the room of their manoeuvre. To what extent is „shrinking space“ a fruitful concept for the empirical analysis? Which conceptual alternatives do exist?

Questions to Civil Society

1. How would you rate the success of your NGO's work?
2. To what extent do you feel that your work as an NGO is hampered or restricted, for example by political, financial, local, social or other factors?
3. To what extent have you noticed a change in the demands or reactions of your target group?
4. How important is the location or region in which your NGO operates to your work?

Questions to (Political) Decision-Makers

- What do you expect from impact analyses of democracy building projects?
- To what extent would you opt for an institutional instead of a project based funding?
- What is your opinion about the planed cuts of the German program „Demokratie Leben?“

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