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LEGALIST ASSAULTS ON DEMOCRACY

A SEMINAR BY IVAN ERMAKOFF



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The twentieth century witnessed the emergence of a type of anti-democratic challenges in which contenders for exclusive state power framed their power bids in a legalist fashion. The purpose of this presentation will be to analyze the modalities and the impact of this type of authoritarian challenges in light of a case that lays bare the logic of the processes at play with particular clarity: the National Socialists' dismantling of democratic institutions in 1933.

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Suggested supplementary readings

- «*Frail Democracy*», in *Militant Democracy, Political Science, law, and Philosophy*, ed. by Afshin Ellian and Bastiaan Rijpkema (Springer 2018), pp. 47-60
- «*Law against the Rule of Law: Assaulting Democracy*», *Journal of Law and Society*, Vol. 47, n°1, Oct. 2020, pp. S164-S186
- «*Preface*», *Ruling Oneself Out: A Theory of Collective Abdications* (Duke University Press, 2008)

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