

The International Forum for Democratic Studies

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a division within the Endowment in April 1994. Since then the Forum has emerged as a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development and a clearinghouse for information on groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. Through its publications, conferences, and academic networking, the Forum also supports and enhances the Endowment's grants program and the World Movement for Democracy.

The Forum's activities, many of which are funded by private contributions, involve and benefit scholars, policy makers, and activists representing diverse experiences and views. The Forum carries out three interrelated programs:

- **A Research and Conferences Program** that, through a combination of

international conferences, smaller meetings, and occasional publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;

- **The publication of the *Journal of Democracy***, a quarterly journal published for the Endowment by the Johns Hopkins University Press, along

with a series of *Journal of Democracy* books and an annual edition of the *Journal of Democracy en Español*; and

- **A Fellowship Program**, comprising the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program and a small Visiting Fellows Program, that enables democracy activists, scholars, and journalists from around the world to spend time in residence at the Forum.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies is directed by Marc F. Plattner, with Larry Diamond serving as a senior advisor. They also coedit the *Journal of Democracy*. The Forum's programs benefit from the advice and involvement of a Research Council consisting of scholars and other specialists on democracy from around the world.

Research and Conferences Program

Forum research focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. Each year the Forum convenes meetings ranging from international conferences to smaller seminars, lectures, and colloquia in Washington, D.C. In the past year a great deal of attention was devoted to the impact of poverty and inequality on democratic stability, consolidation, and quality.

Network of Democracy Research Institutes

As part of the Research and Conferences Program, the Forum administers a Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI), an international association of research centers that study democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative politics and international affairs. At the close of 2010,

the NDRI consisted of 79 members, including independent institutions, university-based study centers, and research programs affiliated with other organizations. The Forum publishes *Democracy Research News*, an electronic newsletter that highlights new publications and conferences that are sponsored by Network members, and regularly distributes articles and reports on democracy to members through its *Worth Reading* series. Profiles of member institutions, links to their websites, issues of *Democracy Research News*, and other information on the Network of Democracy Research Institutes are available at www.ndri.ned.org.

The Forum also serves as the secretariat for the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association, for which it publishes an electronic newsletter, maintains a website and helps

to promote collaboration among U.S.-based and foreign democracy scholars.

International Conference on "Political Clientelism, Social Policy, and the Quality of Democracy"

On November 5 and 6, the International Forum for Democratic Studies (as the Executive Secretariat of the Network of Democracy Research Institutes), Grupo FARO, and Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law co-sponsored a conference on "Political Clientelism, Social Policy, and the Quality of Democracy: Evidence from Latin America, Lessons from Other Regions." The conference drew together over 20 scholars from Latin America, Africa, Asia, post-communist Europe, and the United States to discuss how political clientelism affects social policy and the quality of democracy in Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Peru,

Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, India, post-communist Europe, and Africa. The conference was made possible by generous grants from the Ford Foundation and the Taiwan Democracy Foundation.

Panel Discussion: China, India, and the Future of Democracy

In June, the Forum organized a panel discussion on "China, India, and the Future of Democracy" that featured presentations by Francis Fukuyama (Stanford University); Sumit Ganguly (Indiana University in Bloomington); Bruce Gilley (Portland State University); and Andrew Nathan (Columbia University). Larry Diamond (Stanford University and NED) moderated the proceedings. The discussion was followed by the presentation of the Democracy Service Medal to Francis Fukuyama.

Discussion: "Making Bosnia Work: A Path to a Functioning Democracy"

In September, the Forum organized a roundtable discussion on "Making Bosnia Work: A Path to a Functioning Democracy," featuring presentations by Kurt Bassuener (Democratization Policy Council); Nida Gelazis (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars); Lise Morjé Howard (Georgetown University); James C. O'Brien (Albright Stonebridge Group); Paula M. Pickering (College of William and Mary); Benjamin Reilly (Australian National University and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies); Andrew Reynolds (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill); and Denisa Sarajlic-Maglic (Foreign Policy Initiative). A summary of the discussion can be found on the Forum's website.

Discussion: "The Challenge of Democratic Transition and Constitutional Design in Kyrgyzstan"

In April, the Forum organized a roundtable discussion on "The Challenge of Demo-

cratic Transition and Constitutional Design in Kyrgyzstan," which brought together constitutional design scholars and regional specialists to assess the state of the democratic transition in Kyrgyzstan following the uprising against President Kurmanbek Bakiev's undemocratic regime, and the issues and options in the debate on a new democratic constitution for Kyrgyzstan. Featured speakers included Kathleen Collins (University of Minnesota); Donald L. Horowitz (Duke University); Eugene Huskey (Stetson University); Masha Lisitsyna (Open Society Justice Initiative); and Andrew Reynolds (University of North Carolina). A summary of the discussion can be found on the Forum's website.

Workshops at the World Movement for Democracy's Fourth Global Assembly

In April, the Forum organized two workshops at the Sixth Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Jakarta, Indonesia: "Liberation Technology: Its Impact on the Struggle for Democracy," a topical workshop that was cosponsored by the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul" and featured presentations by Igor Munteanu (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives); Premesh Chandran (Malaysiakini); Israa Rashed (Egyptian social media activist); and Tinoziva Bere (Zimbabwe); and "Translating Research into Policy," a functional workshop that was cosponsored by the Ghana Center for Democracy and Development and included presentations by Aasiya Riaz (Pakistan Institute for Legislative Development and Transparency); Orazio J. Belletini (Grupo Faro); and Sook Jong Lee (East Asia Institute).

Workshop: Development and Democracy Promotion

In March, the Forum, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced Interna-

tional Studies, and the Center for Global Development sponsored a one-day workshop on "Development and Democracy Promotion" that featured panels on "Development and Democracy: Convergence or Oblique Agendas?" "Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy;" and "The Role of External Actors" with presentations by Brian Levy (World Bank); Thomas Carothers (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace); Francisco H.G. Ferreira (World Bank); K. Scott Hubli (National Democratic Institute); Nancy Birdsall (Center for Global Development); and Todd Moss (Center for Global Development). Former Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo gave a keynote address.

Book Launch – Democratization in Africa: Progress and Retreat

In March, the Forum organized a panel discussion to celebrate the publication of the *Journal of Democracy's* book, *Democratization in Africa: Progress and Retreat*. The panel featured presentations by Joel D. Barkan (University of Iowa and Center for Strategic and International Studies); Richard Joseph (Northwestern University); Peter Lewis (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies); Andrew M. Mwenda (Yale University); and H. Kwasi Prempeh (Seton Hall University). Larry Diamond (Stanford University and NED) moderated the proceedings.

Journal of Democracy 20th Anniversary Panel Discussion

In January, the Forum celebrated the *Journal of Democracy's* 20th anniversary with a panel discussion on "Democracy's Past and Future," featuring presentations by Francis Fukuyama (Stanford University); Ivan Krastev (Center for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria); Larry Diamond (Stanford University and NED); and Marc F. Plattner (NED). The session was moderated by Moisés Naím (*Foreign Policy*).

The International Forum for Democratic Studies colloquium series included the following speakers and topics in 2010:

"From Postcard to Scorecard: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Mauritius" Roukaya Kasenally, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow *(December 9)*

"Merchants of Modernity: Business, Development, and Democracy in Developing Countries" *(cosponsored with the Center for International Private Enterprise)* Ann Bernstein, Centre for Development and Enterprise (South Africa) *(September 30)*

"Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War" Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, and Lucan Way, University of Toronto, with comments by Thomas Carothers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace *(September 24)*

"Democracy in East Asia: An Elephant's Graveyard?" Benjamin Reilly, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow *(July 19)*

"How Education Can Help Democracy Succeed in Afghanistan" Mohammad Ishaq, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Richard Kraemer, NED *(July 15)*

"The Business of Journalism: The Missing Link to Freedom of the Press in Tanzania" Rosemary Mwakitwange, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Don Podesta, CIMA *(June 30)*

"The Promise of Rural Journalism in Guatemala's Fragile Democracy" María Martin, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Geoff Thale, Washington Office on Latin America *(June 25)*

"The Black Coat Revolution: How Pakistan's Lawyers Turned the Tide Against General Musharaf's Dictatorship" Zahid F. Ebrahim, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Brian Joseph, NED *(June 22)*

"Brutal Censorship: Targeting Journalists in the North Caucasus" Fatima Tlisova, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Jon Sawyer, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting *(June 15)*

"From Turkmenbashi to the Present: Prospects for Change in Turkmenistan" Farid Tuhbatullin, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Janice Helwig, U.S. Helsinki Commission *(June 4)*

"When Does U.S. Democracy Assistance Work?" Valerie J. Bunce, Visiting Fellow *(May 5)*

"The Voice of Freedom: Improving Radio Programs for the Citizens of North Korea" Sangsoo Kim, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Nathaniel Kretchun, InterMedia, and John Knaus, NED *(February 18)*

"The State of Iraqi Research Institutes: Current Challenges and Prospects" Salah Albedry, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Rahman Aljebouri, NED *(February 17)*

"Corruption and Abuse of Power in Kenya: Will the Proposed New Constitution Enhance Government Accountability?" Migai Akech, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Joel D. Barkan, Center for Strategic and International Studies *(February 10)*

"The Backlash Against Election Monitors: How the Profession Can Respond" Peter Novotny, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Patrick Merloe, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs *(January 28)*

"Breaking the Resource Curse: Freedom of Information in Sierra Leone" Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Sahr J. Kpundeh, World Bank *(January 20)*

"Syria's Democratic Past: Lessons for the Future" Radwan Ziadeh, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, with comments by Steven Heydemann, U.S. Institute of Peace *(January 7)*