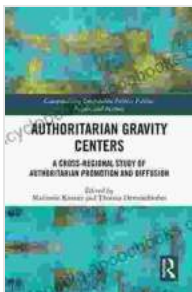


# Cross-Regional Study of Authoritarian Promotion and Diffusion: Conceptualising and Understanding the Spread of Authoritarianism

In recent years, the world has witnessed a resurgence of authoritarianism in various regions, raising concerns about the stability of democratic institutions and the erosion of human rights. This comprehensive study delves into the complex dynamics of authoritarian promotion and diffusion, providing valuable insights into how authoritarian regimes spread their influence and consolidate their power across different regions.



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## Conceptual Framework

The study adopts a multidisciplinary approach, drawing on concepts and theories from political science, international relations, and comparative

politics. It conceptualises authoritarian promotion as a deliberate strategy employed by authoritarian regimes to shape the political environment in their favor, while authoritarian diffusion refers to the spread of authoritarian practices, institutions, and ideas from one region to another.

The study identifies various mechanisms of authoritarian promotion and diffusion, including diplomatic pressure, economic coercion, military intervention, and the spread of authoritarian ideologies through media and propaganda.

### **Cross-Regional Analysis**

The study conducts a cross-regional analysis of authoritarian promotion and diffusion, examining the dynamics in different regions, including:

- **East Asia:** The study examines the role of China in promoting authoritarianism in the region, through economic pressure, diplomatic support for authoritarian governments, and the spread of authoritarian ideas.
- **Middle East and North Africa:** The analysis explores the spread of authoritarianism in the region following the Arab Spring, the role of regional powers like Saudi Arabia and Iran, and the influence of external actors.
- **Eastern Europe:** The study investigates the Russian government's efforts to promote authoritarianism in former Soviet states, through political and economic support for authoritarian leaders.
- **Latin America:** The analysis examines the rise of left-wing authoritarian regimes in the region, the role of economic populism, and the challenges to democratic institutions.

## Case Studies

The study presents detailed case studies to illustrate the mechanisms and consequences of authoritarian promotion and diffusion. These case studies include:

- **Russia's Annexation of Crimea:** The study examines the role of authoritarian promotion in justifying Russia's actions and the implications for regional security.
- **China's Belt and Road Initiative:** The analysis explores how China's economic diplomacy can both promote authoritarian influence and foster economic interdependence.
- **The Rise of Authoritarian Populism in Hungary:** The case study investigates the domestic and international factors contributing to the consolidation of authoritarianism in Hungary.
- **The Democratic Backslide in Nicaragua:** The analysis examines the erosion of democratic institutions and the role of external actors in supporting authoritarianism in Nicaragua.

## Conclusions and Implications

The study concludes with a comprehensive analysis of the implications of authoritarian promotion and diffusion for global politics and international relations. It identifies the challenges to democratic institutions, the erosion of human rights, and the potential for regional and global conflict.

The study provides recommendations for policymakers, civil society organizations, and international institutions to address the spread of

authoritarianism and promote democratic values. These recommendations include:

- Strengthening democratic institutions and promoting human rights.
- Countering authoritarian propaganda and promoting independent media.
- Supporting democratic movements and civil society organizations in authoritarian countries.
- Cooperating internationally to address the threat of authoritarianism.

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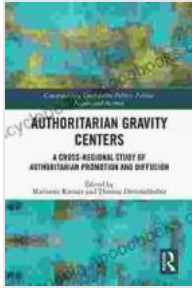
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## **Call to Action**

This comprehensive study provides invaluable insights into the complex dynamics of authoritarian promotion and diffusion. It is essential reading for scholars, policymakers, and anyone concerned about the global rise of authoritarianism and its implications for democracy and human rights.

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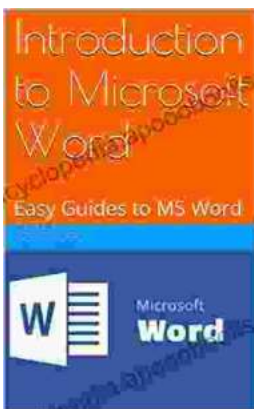


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