

Uses and Misuses of Measures against Political Extremism

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Abstract:

Party bans and other measures against political extremism are usually proceeded by a securitization discourse that – for better or worse - problematizes anti-system movements and parties as threats to state security, democracy or core social and political identities. This is an attempt to justifying measures against extremists to the general public. However, such measures against “extremist” parties and movements might be taken to really defend to democracy or they might legitimate de facto a coup against democracy. They may also be mobilised by the very groups targeted by measures of ‘democratic defence’ to reinforce anti-elite and anti-establishment discourses. The panel presents theoretical reflections, case studies as well as Small-N-comparisons on the uses and misuses of measures against political extremism.

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