Policy and Research Afternoon

Australian Democracy Promotion and Peacekeeping

Presentations by

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Topic

The promotion of democracy has been an important strand in the international relations of the post-cold war world. For the European Union in east and central Europe, for the US in the Middle East, for Australia in the South Pacific and for the UN everywhere, the promotion of democracy has been a major policy aim. But it is not clear that democracy is something that can be imposed from without. This raises a series of important questions, which this afternoon considers. Under what conditions can the promotion of democracy be successful? What sorts of strategies can best lead to a stable democratic system being established? Are there necessary prerequisites for the emergence of a democratic regime?

Program

The program consists of three presentations of 40 minutes and an open discussion of 30 minutes. Afternoon tea shall be served as shall drinks at the close of formal business.

When

Friday 25 May 2 to 5 pm

Where

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New South Wales Office, Level 10, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney

RSVP

RSVP by 18 May to the Program Coordinator of the Sydney Democracy Forum, Rowena Mueller (r.mueller@econ.usyd.edu.au or (02) 9036 5248). Spaces are limited so please RSVP early.
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- The conditions for a vigorous democracy
- The practice and institutions of democracy
- The philosophical underpinnings of democracy
- Human rights and democracy
- Foreign policy and democracy
- War and democracy
- Terrorism and democracy
- The history of democracy in the ancient and modern worlds.

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