

Maintaining pluralism in authoritarian systems: Lessons from Turkey and beyond

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Turkey's new authoritarianism has created a highly reduced operating environment for the Turkish opposition to contest Erdoğan's power. Yet despite these political transformations, there is an ongoing resistance which has not only denied political hegemony to Erdoğan and his party but is critical to maintaining political pluralism. This webinar will look at how the political opposition in Turkey has survived under an authoritarian system and how it has found new ways of resisting and preventing the consolidation of authoritarian rule. Discussion will draw upon other experiences to help sketch out lessons from other authoritarian contexts.

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Further reading: [‘New forms of oppositional politics in Erdoğan’s Turkey’, by Dr Tezcan Gümüş & Iain MacGillivray](#)

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