

How to Push Back the Threats to Democracy

7 - 8 OCTOBER 2025
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SVEAVÄGEN 68, STOCKHOLM

Tuesday 7th of October:

08.00 - 08.30	Registration & Coffee
08.30 - 09.00	Welcome Speech from the organizers
09.00 - 10.30	State of Democracy Today <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Nord, vDem Institute • Seema Shah, International IDEA • Ann Linde, former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs <i>Questions from the floor</i>
SWEDISH FIKA	
11.00 - 12.30	Disinformation and AI <i>Speaker:</i> Magnus Ag, IMS, Copenhagen <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juliane Müller, International IDEA • Patrik Oksanen, Stockholm Free World Forum • Eva Šafránková, TOPog Party, Czech Republic
LUNCH	
13:45 - 14:30	Swedish PAO 30 years Interview and reflections <i>Moderator:</i> Per Olsson, SILC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadar Cars, Swedish Liberal Party • Helena Bjuremalm, SIDA • Emmy Otin, KIC • Pedro Urruchurtu, Vente Party, Venezuela • Sanna Eliasson, Olof Palmes Internationella Center
SWEDISH FIKA	
15:00 - 16:30	Strategy session 1 Discussions & Reflections on the topics of the day
19:00 - 21:00	Reception at Stockholm City Hall (by invitation only) <i>The reception is hosted by the City of Stockholm</i>

Wednesday 8th of October:

08.30 - 09.00	Morning Coffee
09.00 - 10.30	Political Parties - indispensable or irrelevant? <i>Speakers:</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Hussam Erhayel, Better Politics Foundation Yulia Netesova, OSCE <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petra Schleiter, Centre for Democratic Resilience, Oxford University • Liza- Maria Norlin, Party Secretary, Christian Democrats, Sweden • Hanna Gerdes, Civil Rights Defenders • Samuel Ross, Green Party, Sweden
SWEDISH FIKA	
11.00 - 12.30	Authoritarian Opponents <i>Moderator:</i> Erik Jennische, Civil Rights Defenders <i>Speaker:</i> Birgitta Ohlsson, NDI (former Swedish Minister for EU Affairs and Democracy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milosz Hodun, Projekt Polska • Tijmen Rooseboom, Director Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy • Kaija Doreen, National Unity Platform, Uganda • Pedro Urruchurtu, Vente Party, Venezuela
LUNCH	
13:45 - 15:00	Strategy Session 2 How to push back the threats to democracy
SWEDISH FIKA	
15:30 - 16:00	Concluding remarks

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