

## **Editor's Note**

This issue addresses the international dimensions of the rise of populism and illiberalism in the democratic world, as well as the advent of a new type of authoritarian regime. Based on a German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) project, organized by Laurence Whitehead, and a Nuffield College, University of Oxford workshop, the issue's seven topical essays, which were subject to this journal's anonymous external review process, explore new ways to conceptualize regime type and use it as a variable to explain patterns of international politics. The stand-alone book review essay assesses seven recently published books on contemporary liberal democracies and their present challenges from within and without.