

The Paradox of Authoritarian Networks: Disrupting Democracy and Stabilizing Autocracy

Conference of TUDISC (Disruption and Societal Change Center)

Dresden, 27/28.11.2025

Program

26.11.2025

Arrival

Joint Dinner

Optional: Joint walk through Dresden and oldest Christmas market in the world

Optional: Visit the opera "Turandot" in the Semper Opera of Dresden

27.11.2025

9.15 Registration

9.30 Welcome words

9.45-10.00 Introduction to the theme and the rationale of the conference
(Marianne Kneuer)

10.00-11.30 Panel I: Conceptual aspects

Chair: Aurel Croissant

Discussants: Uwe Backes, Aurel Croissant

Marianne Kneuer, Kristin Eichhorn and Erik Vollmann

Licia Cianetti & Johannes Gerschewski

Steffen Kailitz

Sergiu Spatan

11.30-12.30 Lunch break

12.30-15.00 Panel II: Transnational authoritarian networks I

Chair: Marianne Kneuer

Discussant: Thomas Demmelhuber

Tina Freyburg

Anna Holzscheiter

Julia Leininger

Panel III: Transnational authoritarian networks II

Chair: Rachel Beatty Riedl

Discussant: Piotr Kocyba (tbc)

Karrie Koesel

	Stephen G. F. Hall (tbc) Murad Nasibov
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-17.00	Key note Rachel Beatty Riedl
19.00	Dinner
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9.30-11.00	<u>Panel IV: Media and communicational networks</u> <i>Chair: tbc</i> <i>Discussant: tbc</i> Sven Engeßer Philip Lorenz-Spreen Orit Halpern
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	<u>Panel V: Far-right networks</u> <i>Chair: Oliver Decker (tbc)</i> <i>Discussant: Oliver Decker (tbc)</i> Meier-Vieracker, Simon & Torben Rath Manès Weisgerber
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.30	Discussing further avenues: possible funding schemes for a research consortium
Christmas Market, City Tour	
18.30	Dinner