



**Call for Papers**  
**CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY**

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The end of the Cold War has seen an extensive replication of the democratic model across the globe, a process taking place in societies with very different political and cultural traditions. Nevertheless, merely three decades after their expansion, the democratic normative model is showing increasing signs of fatigue, as well as increasing numbers of challenges on all fronts. These extensive challenges range from the rise and sustained success of hybrid regimes and illiberal democracies, to the complex systemic crises which have hit the postwar political establishment, as well as issues pertaining to democracy deficits encountered in global governance, concerns regarding accountability and rule of law, and, last but not least, the increasingly volatile security environment in the face of an upsurge in radicalism and threats posed by non-state actors.

Insights on a broad spectrum of themes are welcomed, including, but not restricted to:

- Contemporary practical challenges to social democracies and welfare states
- The legacy of the Iron Curtain in Eastern Europe's democracies
- The challenges posed by authoritarian and hybrid regimes
- Security versus freedom
- Political awareness and democracy
- Politics and economy
- Political philosophy
- Politics, democracy, and new media

**Submissions:**

Complete articles should have between 5,000 and 8,000 words and should be submitted in English. Abstracts should be written in English (150-200 words), followed by 5 keywords. Please provide full names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of all authors. Articles and all queries should be sent to the following e-mail address: [hypothesis@e-uvt.ro](mailto:hypothesis@e-uvt.ro).

For more details on drafting rules, please visit "For Authors" [section](#) on the journal's website.

**Important deadlines:**

- **June 30, 2021:** Full article submission.
- **September 15, 2021:** Results of the evaluation and final acceptance of the article; authors whose articles have been accepted will be notified by email.
- **December 15, 2021:** Online publication on the journal's website.

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