

'Dealing with the past': former authoritarian political elites after democracy's onset.

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One of the main dilemmas in managing the processes of transition to democracy refers to the degree and the kind of involvement that the former authoritarian political elites may have in the new regime and democratic elections. Should they and their respective political parties be re-integrated? If so, should the re-integration be limited? This lecture aims to clarify the contextual conditions that determine the different fate that former authoritarian political elites and authoritarian successor parties have had in distinct democratic transitions in recent decades, as well as the implicit advantages and disadvantages for the consolidation of that emerging democracies. The session is divided into two parts. The first part consists of a general theoretical and empirical approach conducted by the instructor. The second part invites students to reflect and participate in a debate on the Tunisian casuistry.

Readings:

James Loxton (2015) Authoritarian successor parties. *Journal of Democracy*, 26 (3): 157-170.

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