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## **Yet they persist: Democracy in an age of autocratization**

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The *Standing Group Political Regimes* of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) organises the one-day workshop **Yet they persist: Democracy in an age of autocratization**. The morning session will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of new papers, whereas a round table will be organized during the afternoon with Seraphine Maerz (Goethe University Frankfurt), Andrea Pirro (University of Bologna), Anna Kyriazi (University of Milan), Andrea Ceron (University of Milan).

Researchers who wish to participate can refer to the call for papers below. **Paper proposals** (max 300 words) must be submitted via email to Andrea Cassani ([andrea.cassani@unimi.it](mailto:andrea.cassani@unimi.it)) and Luca Tomini ([luca.tomini@ulb.be](mailto:luca.tomini@ulb.be)) **by 07 April 2023**. Only a limited number of papers will be selected and priority will be given to early-career researchers. Thanks to a grant of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP), we can contribute to cover travel and accommodation (exact amount per person will depend on the number of participants).

### **Call for papers**

A century has passed since Benito Mussolini' March on Rome, which triggered what Samuel Huntington later defined the first "authoritarian ebb", and much of scholars' attention is currently devoted to the unfolding of a new global trend of authoritarianism. However, we should not overlook the fact that democracy is proving resilient in several countries, despite the crises that characterized the first two decades of the 21st century – e.g. economic recession, wars, pandemics – and the challenges deriving from the spread of fake news, populism, polarization, extremism, illiberalism.

This workshop aims to bring together researchers interested in contemporary democratic regimes, the crises and challenges they face, their resilience and transformation, as well as their breakdown. Accordingly, we welcome paper proposals dealing with one or more of the following topics: democratic resilience, democratic innovation, democratic performance, satisfaction with democracy, democratic backsliding, autocratization and resistance against it.