

LECTURE & DISCUSSION

Ivan Krastev

Democracy Disrupted

The Politics of Global Protest

In his newest book Ivan Krastev discusses the relationship between protest and democracy. Is protest a better instrument than elections for keeping elites accountable? Does the last wave of protests signal a radical change in the way politics will be practiced? Or are the protests all around the world simply a spectacular but ultimately insignificant eruption of public anger? Is it the technology, the economics, the mass psychology or just the *zeitgeist* that's caused this global explosion of revolt? Will it be the empowering energy of the protests or the conservative backlash against them that will shape the future of democratic politics?

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