



# RESILIENCE and RECONCILIATION

Democracy in Crisis and Repair across History  
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## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Democracies fracture. They collapse under pressure, betray their ideals, or spiral into civil strife. Yet time and again, they return — sometimes stronger, often transformed. But do they truly endure, or are they reimagined beyond recognition? This roundtable invites papers exploring how resilience, reconstitution, and reconciliation intersect in the reinvention of democracy. We seek historically grounded, theoretically ambitious, and critically engaged contributions from across disciplines — tracing how communities and institutions, ancient or modern, navigate crisis, uphold democratic forms, or abandon them altogether. Two sessions will frame the discussion: the first addressing conceptual dimensions, the second focusing on historical and contemporary case studies.