



**NAME OF EVENT:** Saving Democracy

**DATE | TIME | LOCATION:** December 2:00pm-3:15pm EST | |Online

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

This month President Biden will convene the Summit for Democracy, which will bring together global leaders to set forth an affirmative agenda for democratic renewal and tackle some of the greatest threats faced by democracies today. This convening is happening against the backdrop of significant democratic decline both at home and abroad, where longstanding democratic norms related to good governance, judicial independence, and transition of power are being challenged by leaders with authoritarian tendencies. In the United States these trends are particularly troubling with experts arguing that the degree of democratic erosion we are currently seeing, particularly as it relates to electoral integrity and anticorruption, is customarily assigned to fragile corners of the globe rather than established democracies. In an era where waves of false and misleading information are sowing doubt in the inherent value of democratic governance, what can be done to stem the tide of democratic erosion? And what can we learn from other countries who have faced similar threats?

**SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:**

- **Ashutosh Bhagwat**, Boochever and Bird Endowed Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality and Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law, University of California Davis School of Law
- **Aziz Huq**, Frank and Bernice J. Greenberg Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School
- **Sarah Repucci**, Vice President of Research & Analysis, Freedom House
- **Kim Lane Scheppelle**, Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs.

**AGENDA OF PROGRAM:**

- Introduction (5 mins)
- Speaker Presentations and Moderated Conversation (55 mins)
- Q&A (15 min)

**READING MATERIALS:**

Ashutosh Bhagwat, *The Democratic First Amendment*, 110 NW. U. L. REV. 1097 (2016).

Aziz Huq, *Democratic Erosion and the Courts: Comparative Perspectives*, 93 N.Y.U. L. REV. ONLINE 21 (2018).

Aziz Huq & Tom Ginsburg, *How to Lose a Constitutional Democracy*, 65 UCLA L. REV. 78 (2018).



SARAH REPUCCI & AMY SLIPOWITZ, *FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2021: DEMOCRACY UNDER SIEGE* (2021).

Kim Lane Scheppele & David Pozen, *Executive Overreach, in Pandemics and Otherwise*, 114 AM. J. INT'L L. 608 (2020).

Kim Lane Scheppele & Laurent Pech, *Illiberalism Within: Rule of Law Backsliding in the EU*, 19 CAMBRIDGE YEARBOOK OF EURO. L. STUD. 3 (2017).

Kim Lane Scheppele, *The Rise of Authoritarian Democracies*, VITAL INTERESTS (Mar. 12, 2020).