Invitation to IDCAR Podium:

“With a Little Help from my Friends”
The International Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes in Comparative Perspective

Podium:
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Time:
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Location:
GIGA, Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Room 519

Over the past few years, authoritarian regimes have become more confident, supporting each other in the face of demands for democratization from either domestic or external actors. This phenomenon has been most evident in Hong Kong, Ukraine, and many of the countries affected by the Arab uprisings, most notably Syria and Bahrain. Academic debates about a ‘reverse wave’ of democratization, the expansion of non-democratic rule, and a ‘backlash against democracy promotion’ have been controversial, and the international diffusion and cooperation of authoritarian regimes is an important emerging field of study. This podium discussion seeks to shed light on these dynamics by bringing together renowned scholars with expertise in various world regions, such as East Asia, the Middle East, and the post-Soviet space. It will provide a comparative perspective on globally relevant developments with critical implications for the success of democracy promotion and democratization.

All participants in the podium discussion are members of a new international research network entitled “International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes” (IDCAR), which is coordinated by the GIGA and funded by the Leibniz Association.

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