

The World's Coolest Dictatorship? The Decline of Democracy and the Citizen Response in El Salvador

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Since the arrival of Nayib Bukele to the Salvadoran government, this Central American country has experienced the greatest democratic decline since the signing of the Peace Accords in 1992. The current administration has demolished judicial independence, closed the spaces for freedom of expression, attacked the independent press, and has taken unconstitutional steps to ensure Bukele's permanence in power. In the context of a serious economic and public health crisis, the government has also promoted the adoption of Bitcoin as legal tender, which has increased economic uncertainty among the population. In this context, the bicentennial celebration of independence on September 15, 2021 was marked by the largest citizen protests the government has seen in recent years.

This panel is comprised of prominent observers in Salvadoran politics who will discuss the social and economic situation of the country and the prospects for the reestablishment of democracy in El Salvador.

Registration: <https://go.fiu.edu/ElSalvador>



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Panelists:

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Héctor Dada Hirezi

Former Minister of Economy and former Director of FLACSO El Salvador

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Former Ambassador of El Salvador to the United States

Moderator:

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