

# Discussion on the Future of Democracy in Bangladesh

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Bangladesh has recently undergone a notable shift towards authoritarianism, deviating from its initial trajectory towards democracy. Despite increasing levels of oppression, the country has witnessed the ascendance of a student-lead and seemingly military-backed people's movement that ousted the ruling party and compelled former Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, to flee the country. The Department of Political Science invites you to join our discussion and to assess the importance of these developments for the future of democracy in Bangladesh.

## Speakers:

**Mr. Abdullah Al-Farooq:** journalist, Formerly head of Bengali Programme at Deutsche Welle, Bonn

**Dr. Dieter Reinhardt:** political scientist at the South Asia Institute with focus on the socio-economic and environmental impact of international investments in the energy sector of Bangladesh.

**Dr. ASM Mostafizur Rahman:** political scientist with focus on the political economy of globalization and transformation in Bangladesh.

**Mr. Aniruddha Kar:** researcher at the University of Luxembourg, in co-supervision with Heidelberg University, focusing on the musealization and archivization of the memories of India's Partition (1947).



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