



Issues on European Elites & Democracy

SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONS

It is always difficult to provide a general introduction to a specific issue in just two seminars. This is even more true, if the argument is complex, multi-faceted, and particularly sensitive to our daily life as democracy is. In our two seminars we have dealt with several factors, elements, and actors. Here, there are four questions – two for each lesson – to focus once again your attention on some of the most important aspects touched together. Please, use these questions for self-evaluation. If you have doubts, do not hesitate to contact me.

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- *Democratization and failure at the European Border. Case studies from the Mediterranean area*
- 1. Which are the two independent variables taken into account by Brownlee, Masoud, and Reynolds in their article to explain the different political trajectories followed by Middle Eastern countries in the course of the Arab uprisings?
- 2. With specific reference to the Arab uprisings, can we say that after the fall of an authoritarian regime democratic rule always follows suit? And why?
- *A decline of democracy? A world view*
- 3. According to Foa and Mounk, which are the main signs of deconsolidation?
- 4. Why has the attractiveness of the world's leading democracy declined in the last decade?