

Aldo Madariaga, *Neoliberal Resilience, Democracy and Development: Lessons from Latin America and Eastern Europe* (IFiS PAN, Thursday, 27th of September 14:00, room 154)

I would like to invite you to join us for the seminar of the Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life, which will take place on **Thursday, 27th of September**, from **14:00 to 16:00** at Pałac Staszica, ul. Nowy Świat 72, room 154. During the seminar **Aldo Madariaga**, Assistant Professor at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, will present his forthcoming book „Neoliberal Resilience, Democracy and Development: Lessons from Latin America and Eastern Europe” (**Princeton University Press**).

The opening comment to the presentation will be done by Prof. dr hab. Anna Ząbkowicz (Institute of Economics, Finance and Management of the Jagiellonian University).

If you would be interested in joining us for our seminar, please write an email to marcin.serafin@ifispan.waw.pl before the seminar so that I can send you the paper that will be presented. You will find more information about Dr Madariaga and the abstract of his lecture below.

Abstract: This book studies the ability of neoliberalism to survive constant challenges and powerful alternatives, i.e. its resilience, studying the trajectory of four Latin American and Eastern European countries: Argentina, Chile, Estonia and Poland. The book provides two arguments: i) neoliberalism should be understood not just as an economic policy regime, but as a political project. This implies that for understanding neoliberalism’s resilience it is not enough to look at patterns of support and opposition to neoliberal policies by different societal actors; it is crucial to look at how neoliberalism transforms the very bases of social and political organization of societies; ii) that neoliberalism increases its chances of survival by protecting itself from democracy. Three mechanisms are analyzed: empowering neoliberal business elites through privatization (“support creation”); reducing political competition through non-representative political institutions (“opposition blockade”); and reducing policy influence by withdrawing key policy domains from partisan influence (“constitutionalized neoliberalism”). More generally, the book provides insights into the relation between the resilience of neoliberalism, the future of democratic capitalism, and the development prospects of less advanced economies.

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