

Review of: "Neoliberalism, Strong State and Democracy"

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This is an excellent timely discussion of the origins of neoliberalism. The treatment of Schmitt along with Hayek and Mises makes this a rich piece. These threads of thought and neoliberal-era resurgent global interest in Schmitt and Hayek have much relevance for contemporary dedemocratization and the growing authoritarian tendencies (especially the fusions of hard-right populist politics with Hayekian economics). The paper might be enhanced by more discussion of Schmitt's antiliberal political side and his friend-enemy (foe) dichotomy. Also, the author might consider drawing out a bit more his closing comments about current directions of political winds.