

STOPPING THE CLOCK: Georgia's five minutes to dictatorship

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Georgia — once the “bright spot” of the post-Soviet space — is rapidly sliding into authoritarianism, leading some to conclude that it is now “**five minutes to dictatorship**.” What can be done to stop the clock and support those working to restore the country to its democratic and European trajectory?

This roundtable from **Lex Populi**, in collaboration with **Transparency International - Georgia**, will bring together leading experts to attempt to answer these pressing questions:

- How was the Georgian government able to consolidate one-party dominance so quickly, and what lessons can be drawn from this experience?
- What is the current state of the pro-democracy and pro-European movement, and how can efforts inside and outside the country be better aligned?
- How can Western and international actors respond more effectively, including through legal and policy tools such as cases before the European Court of Human Rights and universal jurisdiction mechanisms?

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