

"Decline of Democracy in Turkey"

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What happened to Turkey? The authors of the forthcoming book, *Turkey Between Democracy and Authoritarianism* (Cambridge University Press), examine the recent transformation of Turkey from a Westward-looking, faltering, illiberal democracy to a religiously colored one-man authoritarianism. They argue that the mutual distrust between secular and Islamic-rooted elites precipitated Turkey's descent into the growing ranks of authoritarian, nationalist regimes. At different stages of this process, structural and agential factors shaped by global and domestic forces contributed to the decline. Changing coalitions between different political actors also played crucial roles.