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Informalisation as instrument of neoliberal authoritarian governance: Long-term effects on Turkish politics

Neoliberal authoritarian policies do not only support the concentration of power at the top, they also enforce informalisation. Re-distribution through informal channels is a central tool in guaranteeing ruling parties' electoral victories. Informal bodies such as presidential advisors ("the palace"), without political or democratic legitimation and accountability, gradually replace ministerial bureaucracies and elected representatives. In his presentation, Cengiz Günay will highlight informalisation as a central instrument of neoliberal authoritarian governance in Turkey and discuss its long-term effects on state, society and the political system.

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