Regime Change and the Proliferation of Ethnic Democracies

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Ethnic democracies – characterized by democratic forms of government where a dominant group maintains formal and deeply institutionalized ownership of the state – can be found in many regions of the world that experienced democratic transition in the previous century, including post-Communist Europe. This presentation analyzes how and why ethnic democracies emerge following transition, what influences the varying treatment of minorities in such regimes, and what lessons can be drawn from these experiences for the question of democratization and ethnic group relations more generally.

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