While the global level of democracy is not changing dramatically, and the majority of the world’s population lives in a democracy, one third of the world’s population – 2.5 billion people – live in countries with declining democratic traits. With this in mind, the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) initiative has utilized its well established and unique approach to analyse historical, multidimensional, and disaggregated data, employing a state-of-the-art methodology, to come up with a nuanced view of the complex measurement of democracy. Through this, V-Dem produces the largest global dataset on democracy with some 19 million data points for 201 countries from 1789 to 2017. Involving over 3,000 scholars and other country experts, V-Dem measures hundreds of different attributes of democracy. V-Dem enables new ways to study the nature, causes, and consequences of democracy embracing its multiple meanings.

The Interactive Panel Discussion seeks to present the V-Dem Democracy Report 2018 and discuss the findings, namely that global levels of democracy are still close to an all-time high. Despite, this, even though the electoral aspects of democracy have improved in many countries in recent years, freedom of expression, media, and civil society are under threat in other parts of the world. The report also presents evidence that political exclusion based on socioeconomic status is becoming increasingly severe.
Agenda

Democracy for All
A global status update from the Varieties of Democracy Institute

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Venue: Conference Room 8, GA Building, UN Headquarters, New York

Keynote Speaker:

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Discussant:

Mr. Niall McCann
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Moderator:

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