

DEMOCRATIC DRAIN: GLOBAL MIGRATION AND THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

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ABSTRACT | "Democratic Drain" links two of the most compelling topics of our time: immigration and democracy. Based on extensive fieldwork and data analysis, Justin Gest explores how global migration filters people with liberal democratic values out of authoritarian spaces, enabling democratic backsliding around the world.

BIO | Justin Gest is a Professor of Policy and Government at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government. He is the author of seven books and a variety of peer-reviewed articles on immigration and the politics of demographic change. He co-edits the Oxford University Press book series, "Oxford Studies in Migration and Citizenship" and has provided reporting or commentary for ABC, BBC, CBC, CNN, The Atlantic, The Guardian, Los Angeles Times, NPR, The New York Times, Politico, Reuters, Vox, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post. In 2014 and 2020, Professor Gest received Harvard University's Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize and George Mason University's Teaching Excellence Award, respectively each university's highest award for faculty teaching. In 2013, he received the Star Family Prize for Student Advising, Harvard's highest award for student advising. In 2007, he co-founded the Migration Studies Unit at the London School of Economics (LSE).

