TOMÁŠ HALÍK MAKING THE WORLD THINK AGAIN REASON, HOPE, AND FAITH IN AN AGE OF POPULISM



Almost three decades ago the people of Central and Eastern Europe celebrated the fall of communism and the return of democracy. Today, confidence in liberal democracy is eroding. In Europe, the United States, and indeed, around the world, civil discourse is giving way to the emotional authoritarian rhetoric of populists and nationalists. The post-communist countries of Europe offer an important lens through which to study the reasons for this trend and to to explore how we might rebuild the cultural and moral biosphere of democracy.

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