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“Mass opposition movements and democratization since the French Revolution”

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Abstract: In his talk, Carl Henrik Knutsen will discuss how organized anti-regime mass movements, and their social composition, organizational features, and choice of tactics, influence prospects for democratization. Knutsen will first talk about his previous research on how, in particular, organized mass movements where urban working classes participate or even dominate tend to enhance the chances of democratization in the wake of the mobilization. Further, Knutsen will talk about research on how broad social coalitions as well as choice of nonviolent tactics relate to prospects for regime change (of different kinds). Finally, Knutsen will talk about an ongoing (and soon finalized) data collection project – the Opposition Movement and Groups 1789-2019 Dataset – that will allow researchers to study these types of questions, on a global scale, with even more precision.

Bio: Carl Henrik Knutsen (PhD 2011) is Professor of Political Science and Research Group Leader at the University of Oslo and Research Professor at PRIO. His research interests include democracy measurement, regime change, autocratic politics, and the economic and other effects of political institutions. He has published around 50 articles and authored or edited eight books. Knutsen leads several large research projects, including an ERC Consolidator Grant on autocratic politics, and he is co-PI of Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem).