

Is democracy really in crisis?

An IPU virtual panel on Democracy Day 2021

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Martin Chungong made double history in 2014 by becoming the first African and first non-European to be elected as IPU Secretary General. He has more than three decades of experience and knowledge of parliaments at national and international levels. He has dedicated his professional life to promoting and building democracy worldwide.

With guest speaker **U Aung Kyi Nyunt** – Head of the Committee Representing the Hluttaw (Myanmar Parliament elected in November 2020).



Moderation by **Ravi Agrawal**, Editor in Chief of Foreign Policy. Before joining FP, Agrawal worked at CNN for more than a decade, including as the network's New Delhi bureau chief and correspondent. He has shared a Peabody Award and three Emmy nominations for his work as a TV producer.

With a rising number of authoritarian and repressive regimes, attacks on parliaments and electoral dissatisfaction with traditional political parties, it seems that democracy has never been more fragile.

But is it really in crisis? Can democracy rebound and still deliver for the people? How can parliamentarians better connect with the people they are supposed to represent? Or do we need new forms of democracy that are more open and participative?

To answers these questions and many more, the IPU has put together a virtual panel of pre-eminent thinkers on democracy for 90 minutes of discussion and debate.



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