

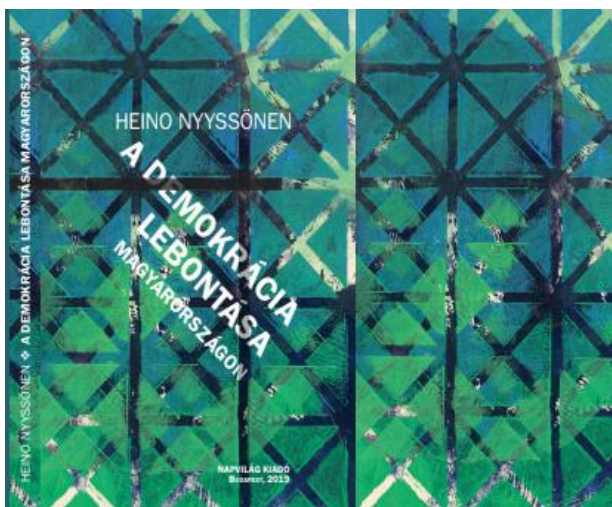


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TRANSITION AND THE DEMOLITION OF DEMOCRACY IN HUNGARY

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Hungary's current governance is contested. According to recent opinion polls the current state of democracy is not a problem for the supporters of the government, whilst the opposition has a precisely different opinion. Dr. Heino Nyysönen discusses democracy in Hungary and beyond; The events 1989 and its aftermath as the uses of history. He argues that democracy is not only a question of opinion, polling of the electorate, or even the governing structures alone. Already the concept of democracy is contested, and therefore democracy is an everyday lived concept that progresses forwards also in between elections and beyond transition. Dr. Heino Nyysönen's new book *A demokrácia lebontása Magyarországon* was published in April in Budapest.

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