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High Courts in Latin America: Independence, Public Support & Judicial Resistance

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Much as many courts worldwide, constitutional and supreme courts in Latin America are under pressure through executive and legislative attacks on their independence and power. Such attacks take various forms, from court-packing over repeated rhetoric attacks to institutional reforms that interfere with the autonomy of judges. The talk will cover the different threats by the other branches of government recently experienced by Latin American high courts and show how these courts engage in resistance against such attacks. In particular, high courts have pursued a strategy of court openness to increase public support and awareness of their work and thus find allies to defend themselves.

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