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BIO

Larry Diamond is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University. He also chairs the Hoover Institution Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region and is the principal investigator of the Global Digital Policy Incubator, part of Stanford's Cyber Policy Center. For more than six years, he directed FSI's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, where he now leads its Program on Arab Reform and Democracy. During 2017–18, he cochaired, with Orville Schell, a working group formed of researchers from Hoover and from the Asia Society Center on US-China Relations, culminating in the report China's Influence and American Interests: Promoting Constructing Vigilance (published by the Hoover Institution Press in 2019). He is the founding coeditor of the Journal of Democracy and also serves as senior consultant at the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy.

Diamond's research focuses on democratic trends and conditions around the world and on policies and reforms to defend and advance democracy. His latest book, Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency, analyzes the challenges confronting liberal democracy in the United States and around the world at this potential "hinge in history," and offers an agenda for strengthening and defending democracy at home and abroad.

Diamond is professor by courtesy of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford University, where he teaches courses on democracy and American foreign policy. He is currently offering Comparative Democratic Development as a massive open online course (MOOC) on the edX platform.

During 2002–03, Diamond served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and was a contributing author of its report Foreign Aid in the National Interest. He has also advised and lectured to universities and think tanks around the world, and to the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, and other governmental and nongovernmental agencies dealing with governance and development. During the first three months of 2004, Diamond served as a senior adviser on governance to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad. His 2005 book, Squandered

Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq, was one of the first books to critically analyze America's postwar engagement in Iraq.

Diamond's other books include In Search of Democracy (2016), The Spirit of Democracy (2008), Developing Democracy: Toward Consolidation (1999), Promoting Democracy in the 1990s (1995), and Class, Ethnicity, and Democracy in Nigeria (1989). He has also edited or coedited some fifty books on democratic development around the world. Among them are Democracy in Decline? (2016); Democratization and Authoritarianism in the Arab World (2014); Will China Democratize? (2013); and Liberation Technology: Social Media and the Struggle for Democracy (2012), all edited with Marc F. Plattner; and Politics and Culture in Contemporary Iran (2015), with Abbas Milani. With Juan J. Linz and Seymour Martin Lipset he edited the four-volume series Democracy in Developing Countries (1988–89), which helped to shape a new generation of comparative study of democratic development.

Diamond writes a monthly column for the American Interest and frequently writes, speaks, and consults about how to defend and reform liberal democracy

He received all of his degrees from Stanford University, including a B.A. in 1974, an M.A. in 1978, and a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1980. He taught Sociology at Vanderbilt University from 1980-85.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Hoover Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
- Senior Fellow (By courtesy), Political Science
- Professor (By courtesy), Sociology
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Teacher of the Year Award, Associated Students of Stanford University (May 2007)
- Kenneth M. Cuthbertson Award for Exceptional Service to Stanford University, Stanford University (June 2016)
- Dinkelspiel Award for Distinctive Contributions to Undergraduate Education, Stanford University (June 2007)
- POSCO Visiting Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu (August 1999)
- Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Visiting Lecturer in Sociology at Bayero University, Kano (1982-83)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Board of Directors, Voices of a Democratic Egypt (2008 - present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Council for a Community of Democracies (2006 - present)
- Member, Advisory Commission on Voluntary Foreign Aid (U.S. Agency for International Development) (2004 - 2007)
- Member, Stanford University Task Force on Student Mental Health and Well-Being (2006 - 2008)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Haas Center for Public Service (2007 - present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Hillel at Stanford (2004 - present)
- Member, Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward Reform in the Arab World (2004 - 2005)
- Member, Faculty Steering Committee, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University (2003 - 2006)

- Consultant, U.S. Agency for International Development (2001 - 2003)
- Member, Executive Board, Society for Comparative Research (1997 - 2002)
- Member of the Editorial Board, Current History (2000 - present)
- Member, Editorial Board, India Review (2001 - present)
- Member, International Advisory Board, International Human Rights Consortium, Center On Rights Development, Denver University (2001 - present)
- Co-coordinator, Democratization Seminar, Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (1994 - 2002)
- Co-coordinator, U.S. and World Affairs Seminar, Hoover Institution (1990 - 2003)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies
- Center for Human Rights and International Justice
- Iranian Studies
- Program in International Relations
- Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Stanford University , Sociology (1980)
- M.A., Stanford University , Food Research Institute (1978)
- B.A., Stanford University , Political Organization and Behavior (1974)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

democratic development and regime change; U.S. foreign policy affecting democracy abroad; comparative trends in the quality and stability of democracy in developing countries and postcommunist states; and public opinion in new democracies, especially in East Asia

PROJECTS

- Taiwan Democracy Project - Stanford University

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Democracy, Economy, and Society in Taiwan: OSPGEN 33 (Sum)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2025-26

- Comparative Democratic Development: POLISCI 147 (Win)
- Service Learning Practicum: EDUC 98SI (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2024-25

- Democracy, Economy, and Society in Taiwan: OSPGEN 33 (Sum)
- Human Rights, Information Integrity, and Democratic Values in a Digitized World: INTLPOL 263 (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

2023-24

- America in One Room: Research Practicum: COMM 138A, COMM 238A (Spr)
- Human Rights, Information Integrity, and Democratic Values in a Digitized World: INTLPOL 263 (Win)
- The Spirit of Democracy: COLLEGE 110 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Young Jee Kim

Master's Program Advisor

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Democracy's Arc: From Resurgent to Imperiled** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
  Diamond, L.
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- **Reset: Reclaiming the Internet for Civil Society (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
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- **Democratic regression in comparative perspective: scope, methods, and causes** *DEMOCRATIZATION*
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- **Demography and the Future of Democracy** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
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- **BREAKING OUT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SLUMP** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
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- **Democracy Demotion How the Freedom Agenda Fell Apart** *FOREIGN AFFAIRS*
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- **THE THREAT OF POSTMODERN TOTALITARIANISM** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
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- **THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL PACT** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
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- **THE COMING WAVE** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
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- **Elections Without Democracy: Thinking about Hybrid Regimes** *Journal of Democracy*
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- **Liberation Technology: Social Media and the Struggle for Democracy**
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- **Democracy's Third Wave Today** *CURRENT HISTORY*
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- **“A Fourth Wave or a False Start: Democracy after the Arab Spring** *Foreign Affairs*
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- **EFFECTS OF INVESTMENT DEPENDENCE ON ECONOMIC-GROWTH - ROLE OF INTERNAL STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND PERIODS IN THE WORLD-ECONOMY** *INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY*
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- **DEMOCRACYS RACE AGAINST TIME** *NATION*
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- **BOOM TIME ALONG SUEZ** *NATION*
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