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**Submissions are now being accepted for the summer 2013 issue.**

The topic proposed is **Democracy and the Rule of Law**. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the European Union (EU) in 2012 for its work towards peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe. However, the EU's work in strengthening democracy within and outside its borders is far from complete. In the last two years, we witnessed democratically imbued uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa, but also the erosion of democracy and the rule of law in EU member states such as Romania and Hungary. In Romania, the July 2012 impeachment of the Romanian president generated a serious political crisis. The controversial adoption of the new Hungarian Constitution in April 2011 without the consultation of the Hungarian opposition parties raised questions regarding the commitment towards democracy of the Hungarian government. Do such events indicate a true degradation of democracy? What

mechanisms does the EU use to tackle such events and how effective are those mechanisms? Are the EU's actions firm and objective or context-dependent and driven by transnational party politics?

PolSci invites articles and book reviews that touch upon these issues and answer some of the questions posed above. **The Journal is also willing to publish outstanding articles/ reviews that do not fall under the main topic proposed for the summer 2013 issue.**

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