

RESOURCES

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[Civic Space Compendium - Transparency and Accountability Initiative \(transparency-initiative.org\)](#) by TAI, 2018

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[Funders Initiative for Civil Society | How can we defend and expand civic space?](#)
FICS research about principal drivers of shrinking civic space (2022)



<https://www.fundersinitiativeforcivilsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/FICS-Rethinking-Civic-Space-Report-FINAL1.pdf> 2020 FICS Report for Funders

Coming soon: Fund for Global Human Rights new research coming out analyzing the security playbook and levers to push back on it in the Philippines (by a panel of Filipino activists/academics), and, new research on narrative competencies that enable movements to work together to counter authoritarianism and securitisation - under a project called [Narrative Engagement Across Difference](#) (NEAD).

[The Protection and Promotion of Civic Space: Strengthening Alignment with International Standards and Guidance | en | OECD](#) The Protection and Promotion of Civic Space, Strengthening Alignment with International Standards and Guidance, OECD, December 2022

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Additional materials from Yanina Welp:

- Podcast on constitutions for democracy. The second episode on participatory authoritarianism 👉 [Here](#)
- Short piece in the news about participatory budgeting with some key findings 👉 [Here](#)
- 'El diablo está en los detalles' (book: overview of the main problems of mechanisms of direct democracy in latam) 👉 [Here](#)

[Key-Findings-.pdf \(arabfoundationsforum.org\)](#) ; [Arab Foundations Forum Report Launch | Arab Foundations Forum](#) Towards an Enabling Arab Civic Space for Resilience, Growth, and Sustainability, Araba Foundations Forum, November 2022

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[Map - CIVICUS - Tracking conditions for citizen action](#); [Civicus Monitor 2022](#): describes the status of civic freedoms in 196 countries, highlights regional trends and gives recommendations for enhancing civic space.



<https://learningcenter.ecnl.org/learning-package/surveillance-technology> A module by the European Center for Non-for-Profit Law, ECNL, providing free info on the different forms of tech used in the name of counterterrorism and their impact on human rights and civic space

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<https://ecnl.org/publications/fintech-new-technology-perpetual-challenges> - discussing the problem of financial exclusion/de-risking/bank exclusion problems of nonprofits

<https://ecnl.org/publications/good-practices-digital-fundraising> a set of initial standards that civil society and other stakeholders can follow when using digital fundraising tools and with the aim to increase access to resources.

<https://ecnl.org/publications/european-banking-guide-nonprofits> provides more indepth overview of banking practices ECNL developed with PILNet in response to problems of derisking but also in response to Ukraine and need to support civil society in exile.

[Global Nonprofits Guide - PILnet](#) DLA Piper, ECNL and PILnet introduce you to a free tool for navigating the nonprofit laws around the world, 2022

[Diversity, Care, and Sustainability in Collectively Responding to Oppression w/ Lydia Alpízar Durán - YouTube](#) 2022, interview by Malika Dutt

[Practical Ways CSOs Can Manage Closing Civic Space - Accountability Lab](#) Practical Ways CSOs Can Manage Closing Civic Space, by Accountability Lab July 2022

[Five Things We're Doing To Fight Back Against Closing Civic Space In West Africa - Accountability Lab](#) Five Things We're Doing To Fight Back Against Closing Civic Space In West Africa, by Accountability Lab July 2022

[Civic Space and Open Government Reform in Asia and the Pacific \(opengovpartnership.org\)](#), July 2022

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[System Justification Theory: What Makes Narrative Change So Hard? \(ssir.org\)](#)

[Narrative change: less talk, more action? \(onroadmedia.org.uk\)](#)

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