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This presentation analyzes the growing involvement of courts in policy-making and democratic conflict, and the resulting tension between judicial power, democratic legitimacy, and accountability. It addresses the empirical challenge of comparing judicial roles across polarized and institutionally fragmented systems, and the theoretical challenge of explaining how courts build legitimacy when their decisions have political effects.



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