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# Palmetto Forum Seminar: Fascism and the Demise of Democracy



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Fascist regimes are products of post-democracy. Fascist parties and their leaders come to power because they win elections in democratic countries. Fascists don't usurp power through coups or otherwise seize governments; they are elected by huge numbers of voters. Focusing on the Weimar Republic between 1924 and 1933, I shall try to explain exactly how Hitler and the Nazi Party managed to get themselves elected. What happened in Germany after 1933 needs little explaining



Fee: \$25 (Includes lunch)  
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