



The **Department of Political Affairs** and the **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)** are pleased to invite you to special lecture series in

commemoration of the late

*Margaret Vogt*

former SRSB for the Central African Republic

on

**“Democracy’s Uncertain State”**

with

**Professor Thomas Carothers**

Vice President for Studies of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

with an introduction by Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs

and moderated by Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the UN

*Date: Thursday, 5 May 2016*

*Reception starting at 12:30*

*Lecture and discussion 13:15 - 14:30*

*Place: UN Conference Room 7*

At the end of the 1990s, democracy appeared poised to continue on a path of rapid global expansion in the new century ahead. Today, a decade and a half later, democracy's global situation is fraught with troubles and uncertainties. Many new or struggling democracies are experiencing blockages and backsliding while older, established, democracies are roiled by new internal challenges and questioning of democratic values and processes. Alternatives to democracy have gained attention and interest in many regions. Why is democracy struggling widely? Are the problems of democracy across the developing and developed worlds basically similar or different? Are the political challenges that are making themselves felt so widely in democratic countries specific to democracy or are they symptoms of a more general difficulty of establishing legitimate and effective governance in today's globalized, information-rich world where citizens question all forms of power? How can international actors, including the United Nations, find renewed ways of supporting democratic progress?

**Thomas Carothers** is vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and director of Carnegie's Democracy and Rule of Law Program. Widely recognized as a leading authority on democratization and international democracy support, Mr. Carothers has worked on democracy and governance assistance projects for many public and private organizations and carried out extensive field research on these topics around the world. He is the author of six critically-acclaimed books and numerous articles in prominent journals and newspapers. He has been a visiting faculty member at the Central European University, Oxford University, and John Hopkins SAIS. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, the London School of Economics, and Harvard College.



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<u>Names of Attendees:</u>	<u>Titles:</u>

<u>Affiliation:</u>	<u>Contact Information:</u>
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