



Rosewood  
417 Queen Street,  
Kuripuni, Masterton

**Thursday, 22 July 2021**

8.00 pm – with tea and coffee from 7.30 pm

Non-members: \$5.00 door charge

All are welcome

*The New Strongmen: The Rise of Modern Despotism and the Decline of  
Democracy*

*Guest speaker: Dr Xavier Márquez*



Associate Professor, Political Science and International  
Relations Programme, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Also, Head of School in the School of History, Philosophy,  
Political Science and International Relations.

Dr Márquez has a PhD from the University of Notre Dame  
in Indiana, United States and has written and lectured  
widely on despotism in the modern world.

2000s, a new breed of populist strongmen has learned to undermine – with varying  
degrees of success – the norms and  
democracy around the world.

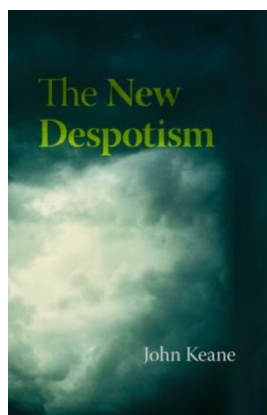
They range from Chávez in Venezuela  
Orbán in Hungary to Modi in India.”

These new strongmen are, Xavier  
different from the dictators of the 20th

“They win elections, skilfully use  
populist resentment of elites to shore

In his talk, Xavier Márquez will

what the historian John Keane has labelled ‘the new despotism’, discuss what makes  
it ‘new’, and provide reasons for the causes of its rise.



to Trump in the USA to

Márquez says, very  
century.

social media, and exploit  
up their positions.”

document the rise of

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