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Blacklists of Oppressive Regimes

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Blacklisting is the primary means by which states around the world officially designate 'enemies of the state' and thereby legitimise a host of punitive national security measures. This power is ancient and common in liberal and non-liberal states alike, but the global proliferation of anti-terrorism measures after 2001 paved the way for authoritarian states to exploit blacklisting to label dissenters, human rights activists, NGOs and ethnic minorities as terrorist threats. This project will contribute to a broader ARC-funded project exploring the use of blacklisting globally.

This project will focus on two case studies - Egypt and Venezuela - to undertake a data-gathering exercise seeking out the ways in which 'blacklists' in these countries are enacted. The researcher will identify reliable reporting sources - NGOs, media reporting, state records, and so on - and assemble a dataset that sets out blacklisting instruments, their targets, and the intended/unintended effects of those blacklists.

The student will gain the following research skills and experience;

- Work on existing competitive grant
- Develop the ability to think critically about modes of state oppression
- Identify and exploit unique data sources from a wide range of case studies, internet sources and archives
- Synthesise and organise datasets
- Analyse and present data in creative and meaningful ways
- Create detailed resources that will form the basis of advice and insight for an international organisation audience.