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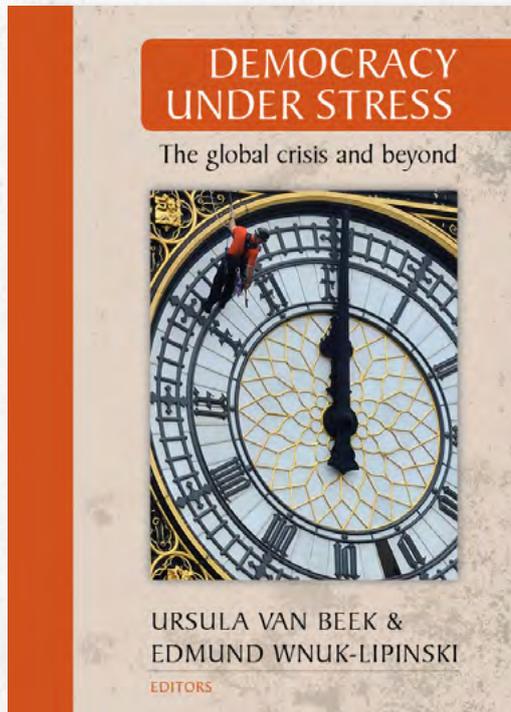
The global crisis and beyond

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