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## DISCUSSION

# FROM SPRINGTIME OF THE PEOPLES TO SPRINGTIME OF THE CLASSES?



Street protest today is perhaps the only access path for the masses to democratic politics. However, in the countries most severely hit by the crisis demonstrations of thousands of people are being suppressed with batons. In Ukraine so far protests are predominantly combated legally – through banning them in court decisions and restricting public gatherings in new bills. Visual Culture Research Center invites to discuss the variety of forms of protests today, the possibilities and menaces the protesters are facing.

The debate is taking place in the framework of the exhibition *Democracies* by Artur Zmijewski, which consists of film series documenting various political actions around the globe.

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