**Working Paper CLIO-INFRA: Unified Democracy Scores (UDS)**

1. Title

- Unified Democracy Scores (UDS)

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4. Version

- 1st version.

5. Variable group(s)

- Institutions

6. Variable(s)

- UDS – Unified Democracy Score

7. Unit of analysis

- Dimensionless, standardized score

8. Keywords

- democracy, politics, institutions, unified democracy score

9. Abstract (200 words)

- The UDS are estimated using a Bayesian statistical measurement model and, therefore, can be used to make probabilistic statements about other useful quantities, such as the difference in democracy levels between two countries in a given year.

10. Time period

- 1946-2008

11. Geographical coverage

- 188 countries

12. Methodologies used for data collection and processing

- Secondary literature and multivariable analysis.

13. Data quality

iii. Estimates

14. Period of collection

n.a.

15. Data collectors

n.a.

16. Sources

Different existing democracy measures. See Pemstein et al. (2010).

17. Text

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