

## Call for Papers – Workshop on Post-Democratizing Politics in East Asia

The Institute of Social Sciences at Humboldt Universität and the Department of Political Science at the National University of Singapore seeks papers for a series of two workshops examine the impact of democratization and regime transition on the regional and domestic political order in Asia. These questions have become salient in view of political developments in the region over the past three decades. Democratic transitions in Taiwan and South Korea in the 1990s, followed by the collapse of the Suharto government in Indonesia and the advent and partial consolidation of democracy elsewhere in the region, such as Malaysia and Myanmar, point to a movement toward greater political liberalization. However, other parts of the region, notably Cambodia, the Philippines, and Thailand, are currently undergoing democratic backsliding that suggest the rise of greater authoritarian tendencies.

The proposed workshop series seeks to understand how such democratizing and democratic backsliding events shape inter-state and trans-national relations in Asia as well as its consequences on domestic politics. The workshop series is interested in answering following or related questions:

- How do those events affect support for democracy in the region and how do people understand democracy in the different social and political contexts in Asia?
- How do democratization and democratic backsliding affect security cooperation, regional security, and stability in Asia?
- How does democratization and regime transition in Asia influence legitimization strategies of political systems of the region?
- Is there an “Asian Model” of democracy and if so, what makes it special?
- Are there successful alternatives to democracy in the region and what makes them successful?

Two joint workshops (at Humboldt-Universität Berlin and National University of Singapore) aims to bring together researcher from NUS, HU and external scholars to exchange their research ideas and findings on these debates. The two joint workshops will be organized to enter a dialogue and to discuss further activities in terms of publishing and other forms of academic collaboration.

We welcome papers at different stages of progress that cover democratization and democratic backsliding in Northeast and Southeast Asia. The first workshops in this series is slated to take place in Singapore on March 12-13, 2019, followed by a second from September 30- October 1, 2019 in Berlin.

The deadline for submissions is December 15th and selected participants will be notified in January 2019.

Proposals shall not exceed 250 words. Please send your proposals to the workshop organizers: [polcji@nus.edu.sg](mailto:polcji@nus.edu.sg) and [norma.osterberg-kaufmann@hu-berlin.de](mailto:norma.osterberg-kaufmann@hu-berlin.de)

We apologize that we are unable to notify those whose papers are not selected.

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