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International conference

"Challenges to Democratic Processes in Asia"

Sapienza University, Rome, 3-4 September 2018

Jointly organised by:

EADI Global Asia Working Group

Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Department – Italian Institute of Oriental Studies (Sapienza University, Rome)

Organisers: Elisabetta Basile (Sapienza University, Rome), Christine Lutringer (Graduate Institute, Geneva), Diego Maiorano (Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), Giorgio Milanetti (Sapienza University, Rome)

Venue: Sapienza University
Marco Polo Campus
Dipartimento - Istituto di Studi Orientali
Circonvallazione Tiburtina 4
Rome

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

8:45 - 9:00: *Registration*

9:00 - 9:15: **Welcome address by the Director of the Departement – Institute of Oriental Studies, Sapienza University**

PANEL 1: Democratization and authoritarianism (9:15 – 11:00, sala riunioni, 3rd floor)

Chair: Christine Lutringer

Women Cadres Negotiating China's Local Politics: Rethinking Gender and Political Representation in Post-socialist Authoritarianism

Yunyun Zhou, University of Oxford

The portrayal of violence in independent documentary films

Flora Lichaa, Center for Studies on Modern and Contemporary China (CECMC), Paris

Provincializing a new middle class identity? Constructing democratic authoritarianism in Vasai-Virar city

Lalita Kamath, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

11:00 – 11:15: *Coffee break*

PANEL 2: Challenges to democracy from social media (11:15 – 13:00, sala riunioni 3rd floor)

Chair: Elisabetta Basile

New Lyrics or Old Tunes? Shifting Political Attitudes in the era of the Internet

Asha Venugopalan and Varsha Aithala, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University

Activism without Radicalism: Online Political Communication and the Mass Appeal of the 2016 Candlelight Movement in South Korea

Hyejin Kim, National University of Singapore

The Role of Student-Centric Associations in Rebuilding and Renovating Community Interaction Among the North-Eastern Community in Bangalore

Anisha Debbarman, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

13:00 – 14:00: *Lunch break*

PANEL 3: Challenges to democracy under external influence (14:00 – 16:15, room T03)

Chair: Giorgio Milanetti

The Master, the Sempai, and the Kohai: The Bureaucratic-Developmental State and Democracy in Japan, Thailand, and Myanmar

Ryan Hartley, International Graduate School of Accounting Policy (IGSAP) Tohoku University, Japan

China, the US, and the Collapse of Democracy in Cambodia

Sophal Ear, Occidental College, Los Angeles

The Semi-Heavenly chorus: Civil Society at the Encounter of Foreign Aid and Grassroots Activism in Vietnam

Thieu-Dang Nguyen, University of Amsterdam

Kashmir: A corrosive influence on Indian democracy?

Nathalène Reynolds, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad

16:15 – 16:30: Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30: MEETING OF THE EADI GLOBAL ASIA WORKING GROUP

20.00: Dinner offered by the EADI

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

PANEL 4: Challenges to local democracy and participation (9:15 – 11:00, room T03)

Chair: Diego Maiorano

Legislating Exclusion in Indonesia and South Korea

Jamie Davidson, National University Singapore and Erik Moberand, Seoul National University

Negotiating Citizenship: everyday struggles of Bengali Muslim migrants from Assam in South Mumbai

Debangana Baruah, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Strengthening participatory democracy through distributive justice and inclusive governance in Pakistan: A case study of Balochistan

Muhammad Mushtaq and Zahra S. Mizra, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Gujrat, Pakistan

11:00 – 12:00: WRAP UP AND PLANNING OF PUBLICATION

12:00: END OF PROGRAMME