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Democracy in Asia: Building Sustainable Institutions and Practices in Turbulent Times

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This symposium brings together a distinguished group of scholars whose work either frames contemporary global assessments of the state of democracy around the world or focuses attention directly on the political struggle now underway between democracy and authoritarianism across the Asian region. Its purpose is to bring current comparative research on the evolution of democratic institutions and practices of government into dialogue with cutting-edge conceptual work on democracy and democratization. The participants together address the challenge of maintaining domestic and international stability when countries are facing competing political imperatives generated both by globalizing capitalism and by the contemporary diffusion of systemic power.
**Speaker Biographies**

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Phillip Lipsy’s fields of research include international and comparative political economy, international organizations, and the politics of East Asia, particularly Japan. His book from Cambridge University Press, *Renegotiating the World Order: Institutional Change in International Relations*, examines how countries seek greater international influence by re-forming or creating international organizations. His second book manuscript examines the domestic institutional sources of variation in energy and climate change policy. He has also published extensively on Japanese politics and foreign policy. His research appears in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, Annual Review of Political Science, Asian Survey, Journal of East Asian Studies, and Japanese Journal of Political Science.*

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Lynette Ong is an associate professor of political science, jointly appointed with the Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, UofT. She writes about authoritarian politics, contentious politics and development issues in China, and other Asian countries, such as India, Malaysia and Singapore. She is the author of *Prosper or Perish: Credit and Fiscal Systems in Rural China* (Cornell University Press, 2012). She has published in a range of journals in comparative politics and area studies, namely, *Journal of Comparative Politics, Perspectives on Politics, China Quarterly and China Journal*, etc. Her opinion pieces and research have been featured in *Foreign Affairs, The Economist, The Washington Post*, and *Foreign Policy*, etc.

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Dan Slater is the author of Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, 2010) and coauthor of Coercive Distribution (Cambridge Elements Series on the Politics of Development, 2018). He has published articles in journals such as the American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, International Organization, Journal of Democracy, Perspectives on Politics, and World Politics. He is an occasional contributor to online political sites such as East Asia Forum, Foreign Affairs, Inside Indonesia, The Monkey Cage, New Mandala, and Nikkei Asian Review, and comments on the global politics of democracy and authoritarianism on Twitter at @SlaterPolitics.

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Lucan Way’s research focuses on democra-tization and authoritarianism. His most recent book, Pluralism by Default: Weak Autocrats and the Rise of Competitive Politics (Johns Hopkins, 2015), examines the sources political competition in the former Soviet Union. His book, Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War (with Steven Levitsky), was published in 2010 by Cambridge University Press. His work on competitive authoritarianism has been cited thousands of times and helped stimulate new and wide-ranging research into the dynamics of hybrid democratic-authoritarian rule.


Joseph Wong held the Canada Research Chair in Health, Democracy and Development for two full terms, ending 2016. He teaches in the Munk One program and directed the Munk School’s Asian Institute from 2005 to 2014. He publishes widely in the field of innovation studies, global public health, democracy studies, and social welfare policies in the Global South.