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# Civil Society in Taiwan and Hong Kong

## Looking back and Reaching out

International Conference, June 7–8, 2015

# Conference Outline

This two-days conference will focus on reviewing the progress in the development of civil society in Taiwan and Hong Kong, and the emergent trajectories of civic agency. The key subjects for discussion include the achievements and shortfalls of civil society in Taiwan and Hong Kong, directions for future development, and the prospect of their civil society reaching out to Mainland China. This is an interdisciplinary forum that aims at generating robust and wide-ranging discussion among experts and informed individuals. This is a joint conference between the Department of Chinese Studies at the University of Zurich and the Taiwanese Studies Program of the China Policy Institute at the University of Nottingham.

# Program

Day 1 Sunday, June 7, 2015

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09:30–09:45 Registration and coffee

09:45–10:00 Welcome Address

Andrea Riemenschneider, Vice Director, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Professor of Modern China Studies, University of Zurich  
Steve Tsang, Head of School and Professor of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham

10:00–11:10 Session 1

**Taiwan's Civil Society since Democratization: A Critical Audit**

Chair: Steve Tsang (China Policy Institute)

Speaker: Michael Hsiao (Academia Sinica)

11:10–11:40 Break

11:40–12:50 Session 2

**The Sunflower Movement: Success or Failure of Civil Society?**

Chair: Gemma O'Neil (UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office – FCO)

Speaker: Dachi Liao (National Sun Yat-Sen University – NSYSU)

12:50–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:10 Session 3

**Gender Equality and Human Rights Protection: Role of Civil Society**

Chair: Andreas Fulda (China Policy Institute)

Speaker: Wan-ying Yang (National Chengchi University – NCCU)

- 15:15–16:25**    **Session 4**  
**Balancing Rights of Workers Against Economic Wellbeing of Taiwan:  
Role of Civil Society**  
Chair: Chun-yi Lee (China Policy Institute)  
Speaker: Yu-bin Chiu (National Pingtung University)
- 16:25–16:45**    **Break**
- 16:45–17:55**    **Session 5**  
**Keeping Democratic Politics on Track: Role of Civil Society**  
Chair: Natalia Lisenkova (University of Zurich)  
Speaker: Shelley Rigger (Davidson College & China Policy Institute)
- 18:00–18:30**    **Introduction of Greater China Field School**  
By Andreas Fulda (China Policy Institute)

## Day 2    Monday, June 8, 2015

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### Burgeoning Civil Society in Hong Kong and Taiwan: Emergent Trajectories of Civic Agency

- 09:15–10:25**    **Session 6**  
**Rethinking the Dual Impetus of Civil Society in Hong Kong: From the  
First of July March in 2003 to the Umbrella Movement in 2014**  
Chair: Daniel Kübler (University of Zurich)  
Speaker: Agnes Shuk-mei Ku (Hong Kong University of Science and  
Technology – HKUST)
- 10:30–11:40**    **Session 7**  
**Hong Kong's Civil Society: Linkage with their Taiwan Counterpart**  
Chair: Simona Grano (University of Zurich)  
Speaker: Malte Philipp Kaeding (University of Surrey)
- 11:40–12:00**    **Break**

- 12:00–13:10**    **Session 8**  
**Scope for Taiwan and Hong Kong’s Civil Society to Reach out to Mainland China**  
Chair: Brigit Knüsel (University of Zurich)  
Speaker: Ho-fung Hung (Johns Hopkins University)
- 13:10–14:15**    Lunch
- 14:15–15:30**    **Session 9**  
**Trajectory of Civil Society in Taiwan**  
Chair: Jonathan Sullivan (China Policy Institute)  
Speaker: Ming-sho Ho (Sociology, National Taiwan University – NTU)
- 15:30–16.15**    **Session 10**  
**Umbrella Creativity: Artistic Expression and Resistance in Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement**  
Chair: Scott Pacey (China Policy Institute)  
Speaker: Helena Wu (University of Zurich)
- 16.15–16.25**    Closing  
Speakers: lead person from Nottingham and Zurich
- 16:25–17:00**    Coffee Break
- 17:00–18:00**    Public Panel Discussion  
With Dafydd Fell (SOAS, University of London), Agnes Ku, Malte Kaeding, André Beckershoff (University of Tübingen), Steve Tsang, Simona Grano

# General Information

<b>Location</b>	University of Zurich Room SOC 1-106 Rämistrasse 69 CH-8001 Zurich
<b>Date</b>	Sunday, June 7, 09:30–18:30 Monday, June 8, 09:15–18:00
<b>Organizers</b>	Taiwan Studies Programme, the China Policy Institute, University of Nottingham Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies – Chinese Studies, University of Zurich
<b>Convenors</b>	Prof. Dr. Andrea Riemenschneider, Prof. Dr. Steve Tsang, Dr. Simona Grano, Dr. Chun-Yi Lee, lic. phil. Brigit Knüsel, Dr. Natalia Lisenkova, M. Phil. Helena Wu
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<b>Registration</b>	Registration is required by June 5, 2015
<b>Internet</b>	<a href="http://www.asienundeuropa.uzh.ch/events/conferences/taiwan.html">www.asienundeuropa.uzh.ch/events/conferences/taiwan.html</a>



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