



AOI LECTURE SERIES

# Challenging Powers: Dissent in Asia and the Middle East

**This lecture series focuses on discourses and practices of dissent within diverse regions of Asia and the Middle East across various historical contexts. The lectures pose questions on how dissent is articulated and examine the critical issues at stake. They raise questions about the consequences of protest and about the ways in which different power regimes respond and cope with it. By discussing key case studies, the lectures offer in-depth insights into the causes and implications of dissent within various Asian and Middle-Eastern socio-cultural frameworks.**

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27.9.2023

**Introduction**

Prof. Dr. Angelika Malinar

**Remonstrance, Petition, Terrorism:  
Three Forms of Political Protest in Ancient China**

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Behr, University of Zurich

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4.10.2023

**Phantom Patriarchy? Women's Agency  
in China's Past and Present**

Prof. Dr. Andrea Riemenschnitter, University of Zurich

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**The Story ends, Protest comes true...?  
Indian Narratives of Dissent**

Prof. Dr. Angelika Malinar, University of Zurich

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18.10.2023

**Mohandas K. Gandhi against the Liberal State**

Prof. Dr. Faisal Devji, University of Oxford

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**Challenging Powers in the Guise of Counseling:  
On Advice Literature in Mediaeval Islam**

Prof. Dr. Rebecca Sauer, University of Zurich

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**Challenging the Power of Consent:  
Feminist Perspectives on Social Contract Theory**

Prof. Dr. Katrin Meyer, University of Zurich

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**Dissident Myths in Japanese History**

Prof. Dr. Raji Steineck, University of Zurich

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**The Politics of the Poor in Egypt before and after 2011:  
Zooming into Affect and Intersectionality**

Prof. Dr. Cilja Harders, Free University Berlin

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**Confucianism and Cultures of Debate in China and Korea**

Prof. Dr. Marion Eggert, Prof. Dr. Heiner Roetz,  
University of Bochum

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**Rights Make Might: Global Human Rights and  
Minority Social Movements in Japan**

Prof. Dr. Kiyotera Tsutsui, Stanford University

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6.12.2023

**Dalit Assertion and its Confines: The Case of Punjab**

Prof. Dr. Nicolas Martin, University of Zurich

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**Inventing Harmonious Japan: Sudden End of the  
Postwar Protest Cycle in the 1970s**

Prof. Dr. David Chiavacchi, University of Zurich  
Mit anschliessendem Apéro im RAA, Lichthof

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