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Research Topic

Mongolia and Taiwan are both new democracies, but despite Mongolia's successful transition to democracy, much remains to be done to strengthen the new political system and to prevent backsliding to an authoritarian regime, as has happened in many cases in Central Asia. The parliament is at the center of Mongolia's democracy; however, it is hindered by its poor capacity for analyzing policy issues. Therefore, there remain significant gaps in government accountability, contributing to public disaffection with the political process. In turn, lack of participation may lead to low quality policy formulation, poor implementation and enforcement of laws, and large gaps between the law on the books and its actual role in governing society, politics, and the economy.

In the light of these concerns, during her time as the TFD's first Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow, Ms. Naranzul worked to explore ways in which to increase informed policy formulation and decision making in Mongolia through a study and comparison of Taiwan's methods and laws. In particular, she looked at the Legislative Yuan's work and discussed with public policy experts and politicians at the national level ways in which similar methods could be introduced to Mongolia.