



The Mechanism of Party-Movement Relations: the Case of DPP and the Sunflower Movement in Taiwan

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Date: Monday, August 13, 2018

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Venue: Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
No. 4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Sec. 3, Sinyi Rd., Taipei

Moderator: Dr. Yeh-chung Lu (盧業中博士), Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Discussant: Mr. J. Michael Cole (寇謐將先生), Chief Editor, Taiwan Sentinel

Agenda:

15:00 – 15:10	Opening remarks by Dr. Yeh-chung Lu
15:10 – 15:40	Presentation by Mr. Chung Yin Kwan
15:40 – 16:00	Comments by Mr. J. Michael Cole
16:00 – 16:30	Open discussion

※ Please note that this event will be conducted in English.

Abstract

The increasing chasm between political parties and the society around the globe is not anything new as Peter Mair announces that “the age of party democracy has passed”. The recent Brexit and the defeat of the Democrats in the United State have again raised the question of how mainstream parties, particularly the social democratic parties, fall apart in civil society and in modern politics. Nevertheless, there is a dearth of existing literature articulating the party-movement relations. In this research, it aims at articulating the relationship between political parties and social movements in Taiwan and especially focusing on DPP and the Sunflower Movement. Activists were distancing themselves with DPP during the movement. Why DPP, as the then opposition party, failed to connect with the Sunflower Movement? This project is in



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part an attempt to articulate the development of party-movement relationship in Taiwan, the other part an attempt to theorize the mechanism of how the political parties and social movements operate and work together.

Speaker Biography

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