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Date: **Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

Time: **3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

Venue: **Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)**
No.4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Section 3, Sinyi Road, Taipei

Moderator: **Dr. Juo-Yu Lin (林若雱博士)**, **Professor, Department of Diplomacy and
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Discussant: **Dr. Huan-Kai Tseng (曾煥凱博士)**, **Adjunct Assistant Professor,
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Agenda:

- 3:00 – 3:10 Opening remarks by Dr. Juo-Yu Lin
- 3:10 – 3:30 Presentation by Mr. Dharndhanate Punndhanamahakarune
- 3:30 – 3:50 Comments by Dr. Huan-Kai Tseng
- 3:50 – 4:30 Open discussion

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

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The process of the nation-building and state-building of modern nation-states in East Asia since the nineteenth century, its consequence is not only the emergence of the nation-state, but also the political system. In other words, the formation of the nation-state has significantly caused political system, either democratic or non-democratic regimes. In many countries of East Asia (South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia etc.) after colonization and imperialism ended, students and intellectuals have made great contributions to the formation of democratization.

State maintains its hegemony and shapes political system through coercion (Repressive State Apparatuses - RSA) and consent (Ideological State Apparatuses - ISA). To transform political system (non-democratic or democratic regimes), students and intellectuals will challenge and replace the hegemony of the State during the process of nation-building by inventing an alternative democratic ideology of “*Das Volk als Staat*” (the “people as a State”) against the State non-democratic ideology of “*l'état, c'est moi*” (“I am the State”).

The challenge and replacement of the State hegemonic ideology will occur in the process called the “enlightenment revolution” led by students and intellectuals. The “enlightenment revolution” has the aim of freedom, equality and self-determination. When the “enlightenment revolution” prevails, the ideology of freedom, equality and self-determination will be the rules of the game i.e. democratization emerges. This research argues that democratization would occur if student revolution succeeds in challenging and replacing State Ideology.

This research examines democratization of Taiwan and Thailand through Comparative Historical Analysis with Neo-Gramscian Institutionalism. Democratization has succeeded in Taiwan because student revolutions have successfully challenged the Sino-centric ideology of the KMT-party state and replaced it with “Taiwan as a Nation-State” ideology. The hegemonic ideology of Taiwanese (i.e. self-determination, freedom, equality and justice) has been the rules of the games. While democratization in Thailand cannot be achieved because student revolutions fail to challenge and substitute Royalist Buddhist Ideology. The Nation-Building and State-Building under single creation and single design of Thai State without civil participations have accounted for a non-democratic system of polity.

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