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Cross-Strait Social Movements Impacts and Challenges for Both Sides

ABSTRACT

In the public discourse, China has been described as an authoritarian state which has become almost as powerful as it was in the prime time of the Qing rule under the Emperors, Kangxi, Yongzheng and Qianlong. In the case of China's relations with Taiwan, it is assumed that Taiwan is gradually, economically, politically and socially being taken over by the rising power in Beijing. However, one should not underestimate the influences of transnational and also cross-Strait "transregional" social movements, where activists who are not only from two sides of the Taiwan Strait meet and collaborate: these movements and the civil society linked with these movements have created new forms of participation for the Chinese third sector, have empowered citizens and have indirectly transformed the Mainland. At the same time, these movements are increasingly becoming cosmopolitan and although, for a long time, Taiwan's social movements were linked to the independence-leaning pan-green camp, these linkages have also been weakened.

Drawing on various examples, the lecture will discuss the impacts and challenges of these developments on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and thus offer a new perspective on cross-Strait relations.

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Altes AKH, Campus, Spitalgasse 2, yard 2, entrance 2.3
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Introduction and discussion lead by Dr Astrid Lipinsky – University of Vienna
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