



International Conference

# Civil Society versus the State?

## Emergent Trajectories of Civic Agency in East Asia in Comparative and Transnational Perspective

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This conference aims at consolidating research on recent interactions and conflicts between the states, who try to exert more influence across several fields (e.g. the environment, the labor market, freedom of expression, education) and newly emerging social movements as a counter-reaction to what is perceived by many as an

“illiberal turn” on part of the authorities. By bringing together different theoretical positions from a variety of disciplines, the relationship between civic awareness and different forms of agency, including resistance against what is perceived as authoritarian decision-making, shall be re-examined.

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