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**International conference**

**"Challenges to Democratic Processes in Asia"**

**Sapienza University, Rome, 3-4 September 2018**

**Jointly organised by:**

**EADI Global Asia Working Group**

**Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (Graduate Institute, Geneva)**

**Department – Italian Institute of Oriental Studies (Sapienza University, Rome)**

**Organisers:** Elisabetta Basile (Sapienza University, Rome), Christine Lutringer (Graduate Institute, Geneva), Diego Maiorano (National University Singapore), Giorgio Milanetti (Sapienza University, Rome)

**Venue:** Sapienza University  
Marco Polo Campus  
Dipartimento - Istituto di Studi Orientali  
Circonvallazione Tiburtina 4  
Rome

## PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

8:45 - 9:00: *Registration*

9:00 - 9:15: **Welcome address by the Director of the Departement – Institute of Oriental Studies, Sapienza University**

#### **PANEL 1: Democratization and authoritarianism (9:15 – 11:00, sala riunioni, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

Chair: Christine Lutringer

##### **Women Cadres Negotiating China's Local Politics: Rethinking Gender and Political Representation in Post-socialist Authoritarianism**

Yunyun Zhou, University of Oxford

##### **The portrayal of violence in independent documentary films**

Flora Lichaa, Center for Studies on Modern and Contemporary China (CECMC), Paris

##### **The construction and entrenchment of democratic authoritarianism in Vasai-Virar city**

Lalita Kamath, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

11:00 – 11:15: *Coffee break*

#### **PANEL 2: Challenges to democracy from social media (11:15 – 13:00, sala riunioni 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

Chair: Elisabetta Basile

##### **New Lyrics or Old Tunes? Shifting Political Attitudes in the era of the Internet**

Asha Venugopalan and Varsha Aithala, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University

##### **Activism without Radicalism: Online Political Communication and the Mass Appeal of the 2016 Candlelight Movement in South Korea**

Hyejin Kim, National University of Singapore

##### **The Role of Student-Centric Associations in Rebuilding and Renovating Community Interaction Among the North-Eastern Community in Bangalore**

Anisha Debbarman, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

13:00 – 14:00: *Lunch break*

**PANEL 3: Challenges to democracy under external influence (14:00 – 16:15, room T03)**

Chair: Giorgio Milanetti

**The Master, the Sempai, and the Kohai: The Developmental State and Democracy in Japan, Thailand, and Myanmar**

Ryan Hartley, International Graduate School of Accounting Policy (IGSAP) Tohoku University, Japan

**China, the US, and the Collapse of Democracy in Cambodia**

Sophal Ear, Occidental College, Los Angeles

**The semi-heavenly chorus: Civil society at the encounter of foreign aid and grassroots activism in Vietnam**

Thieu-Dang Nguyen, University of Amsterdam

**On the limitation of Indian Democracy in the Kashmir Valley. The use of repression.**

Nathalène Reynolds, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad

*16:15 – 16:30: Coffee break*

**16:30 – 17:30: MEETING OF THE EADI GLOBAL ASIA WORKING GROUP**

*20.00: Dinner offered by the EADI*

**TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**PANEL 4: Challenges to local democracy and participation (9:15 – 11:15, room T03)**

Chair: Diego Maiorano

**Why has democracy undermined community participation in Indonesia?**

Vita Febriany, University of Amsterdam

**Legislating Exclusion in Indonesia and South Korea**

Jamie Davidson, National University Singapore and Erik Moberand, Seoul National University

**Challenges of citizen engagement and ethnic identities, majoritarianism, and democracy**

Debangana Baruah, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

**Strengthening participatory democracy through distributive justice and inclusive governance in Pakistan: A case study of Balochistan**

Muhammad Mushtaq and Zahra S. Mizra, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Gujrat, Pakistan

**11:15 – 12:00: WRAP UP AND PLANNING OF PUBLICATION**

**12:00: END OF PROGRAMME**