

***New social movements and the Polycrisis of Democracy:
Comparative Approaches Between Europe and East and Southeast
Asia***

International Workshop

Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology

DAY 1, 5 March 2026

08.30-09.00 Breakfast (on campus)

09.00-09.30 **Opening of the workshop**

DISCUSSANT: Jay Chen (Director of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica) and Kinman Chan (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS

09.30-10.00 ***Social Movements Amidst the Polycrisis of Democracy***

Kinman Chan (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica), Eric Florence (University of Liege) and Kai Heidemann (University of Maastricht and University of Liege)

10.00-10.30 **Discussion**

10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**

CLUSTER I QUESTIONS OF REPRESSION AND (COUNTER) MOBILIZATION

DISCUSSANT: Jieh-min Wu (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica) and Wen-Chin Wu (Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica) – Online

11.00-11.20 ***Law and Justice From The Perspective of Protesters Resisting the Orbán Regime's Pride Ban in 2025 Hungary***

Eszter Kirs (Corvinus University of Budapest)

11.20-11.40 ***Mobilization on a Different Ground: The Role of Fear, Enemies and Threats in Political Participation in Hungary***

Marton Gero (ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest)

11.40-12.00 ***The Evolution of Anti-gender Activism in Taiwan in Times of Geopolitical Crisis***

Juliette Duléry (University of Liege)

12.00-13.00 **Discussion**

CLUSTER II THE QUESTIONS OF YOUTH AND GENERATION ACTIVISM

DISCUSSANT: Hsin-Hsin Pan (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)

14.00-14.20 ***Meme Generation Fights Militarisation: Indonesian Youth Protest in Prabowo's Indonesia*** (online)

Yatun Sastramidjaja (University of Amsterdam) - Online

14.20-14.40 ***From Memes to Movements: Youth Political Mobilization and Democratic Resilience in the Philippines***

Aries A. Arugay and Elize Mendoza (Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines-Diliman)

14.40-15.00 ***Changing Repertoires of Protest Among Students' Facing Authoritarianism in Serbia*** (online)

Nemanja Andjelkovic (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade) - Online

15.00-15.20 ***Transnational Activism in the Digital Age: The post-1987 Generation of Taiwanese Activists and their Global Networks*** (online)

Oscar Truong (Lyon Normal School) – Online

15.20-15.40 ***Metamorphosis of Social Protest and Shrinking Democratic Public Space in Contemporary France (2011-2021)*** (online)

Manuel Cervera-Marzal and Bruno Frère (University of Liège) - Online

15.40-16.30 **Discussion**

18.30 Welcome Dinner (on campus)

DAY 2, 6 March 2026

09.00-09.30 Breakfast (on campus)

CLUSTER III REPERTOIRES, ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS AND CAPACITY

DISCUSSANTS: Natalie Wai-Man Wong (National Chengchi University)

09.30-09.50 ***Why Litigate? Legal Opportunity Structures and Climate Justice Activism in Indonesia***

Josi Khatarina and Dirk Tomsa (La Trobe University)

09.50-10.20 ***Civil Society against the Democratic Backsliding: Taiwan's Bluebird Action and Great Recall Campaign***

Ho Ming-sho (National Taiwan University)

10.20-10.40 ***Growing Through Crisis: How Vietnamese Civic Organizations Redefined Post Mobilization Activism***

Dr Dang Thi Viet Phuong (Institute of Sociology and Psychology, Hanoi)

10.40-11.00 ***Shrinking Public Spaces and Party Militancy in the Belgian Workers' Party***

Thomas Goffard (PragmApolis, University of Liège)

11.00-11.45 **Discussion**

12.00-13.00 **Lunch**

CLUSTER IV QUESTIONS OF POST-MOBILIZATION AND RE-SCALING

DISCUSSANT: Lake Lui (National Taiwan University)

13.00-13.20 ***Post-mobilization and Community of Suffering in Hong Kong***

Kinman Chan (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)

13.20-13.40 ***Poetics of Post-mobilization activism: Literary Activism and the Democratic Polycrisis in Post-2019 Hong Kong. Resisting Erasure***
(online)

Tammy Lai-Ming Ho (Editor at *Cha* an Asian Literary Journal) - Online

13.40-14.00 ***The Rise and Decline of Community Newspapers in Hong Kong Since 2019***

Kai Chi Leung (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)

14.00-14.45 **Discussion**

14.45-15.15 **Coffee Break**

15.15-16.00 **Publication plans (Special issue, deadlines for second drafts) and next workshop in Belgium on 28-29 May 2026**