THE POLITICS OF POLARIZATION:
TAIWAN IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8:15 AM - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 3:30 PM

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Bringing together specialists from Taiwan, the U.S., and elsewhere in Asia, this conference will examine the sources and implications of political polarization in comparative perspective. It will include a special case study of the Trade in Services Agreement with China that triggered this past year’s protests, as well as a more general overview of the politics of trade liberalization in Taiwan, prospects for Taiwan’s integration into the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other regional trade agreements, and a consideration of the implications for Taiwan’s long-term democratic future.

Conference speakers will include: Chung-shu Wu, the president of the Chung-Hwa Institute of Economic Research (CIER) in Taipei; Steve Chan of the University of Colorado; Roselyn Haush of Temple University; Yun-hui Chu, the president of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation; and Thitinan Pongsudhirak of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

SCHEDULE

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POLITICAL POLARIZATION IN TAIWAN: WHAT IS IT AND HOW IS IT CHANGING?

11:15 - 12:45  PANEL 2
THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF CROSS-STRAIT ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

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COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL POLARIZATION

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THE POLITICS OF FTAs IN TAIWAN: THE TRADE IN SERVICES AGREEMENT (TISA) AND BEYOND

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TAIWAN’S ECONOMIC FUTURE IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION: PROSPECTS FOR CROSS-PARTY COOPERATION

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