

[Democracy's Digital Future: Lessons from Taiwan](#)

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September 8, 2021

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District Of Columbia, United States

Subject Fields:

Asian History / Studies, Political History / Studies, Political Science, Digital Humanities, Diplomacy and International Relations

Taiwan is a leader in considering how technology can promote democratic principles, a question that democracies around the world are currently grappling with. The pandemic has only intensified the digitization of Taiwan's democracy. How is Taiwan experimenting with innovative digital oversight mechanisms? What does its civic tech communities and digital ecosystem look like? And importantly, what does Taiwan's performance tell us about possible pathways to a digitized democratic future for others?

Moderator:

Deepa Ollapally (Associate Director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at The George Washington University)

Speakers and Presentation Titles:

Puma Shen (Assistant Professor at National Taipei University, Taiwan): How to Categorize and Respond to Disinformation Campaigns

Mei-Chun Lee (Anthropologist with research interests in civic tech, digital activism, and data politics): How Civic Tech Fights COVID-19 and Infodemic: Taiwan's Case

Melissa Newcomb (Senior Program Manager for the Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China Illiberal Influence programs at the National Democratic Institute): Taiwan and Democracy in a Digital Age

The webinar begins at 8:30pm EDT on Wednesday, September 8th.

Registered guests will receive an email with instructions for joining the webinar prior to the event.

Registration closes at 8:30pm EDT on September 7th, 24 hours before the event begins.

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