

Toward a More Democratic China and a More Democratic World

(in English)

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Seminar Content:

Prof. Ho has been arguing, even before the publication of *Public Governance in Asia and the Limits of Electoral Democracy*, which he co-edited with Brian Bridges, that effective public governance that effectively curbs power abuses is far more important than electoral democracy. A regime, elected or otherwise, that responds to and satisfies people's needs is substantively democratic in the sense of "consumer's sovereignty." To build a more democratic China and a better world, we need to have a democratic culture that respects countries' sovereignty in experimenting with different forms of governments while maintaining the universal values of respect for basic human rights, the rule of law, press freedom, and equality. Trying to dictate a preferred form of government upon others is dictatorial, not democratic.

Prof. Ho holds a doctorate in Economics from the University of Toronto. His research interests span different public policy areas, and includes religion, spirituality and happiness. He has published in diverse journals including *Social Science and Medicine*, *Urban Studies*, *Regional Studies*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *Policy Sciences*, etc.

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