

R.O.C.(Taiwan) - A Successful, Lively Democracy

A Story of Conciliation and Vision in the Past and Current Times

A **roundtable discussion** about Taiwan's democratic development

Taiwan created history on January 16 by electing Taiwan's first female president Tsai Ing-wen from the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). This was the third democratic transition of power. A new force has arrived on the political scene, arising from civil society movements of recent years – the left-leaning New Power Party is now a new factor in the Parliament. This roundtable discussion focuses on Taiwan's road from state of martial law to its current pluralistic democracy and how Taiwan was able to go so far. We chart the route from the activism of the 1970s and 1980s, to the conciliation process in the 1990s and the world of young Taiwanese today who spent their entire life in a democratic country.

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Opening remarks

Dr. Werner Langen MEP

EPP Group, Chairman of the EP-Taiwan Friendship Group

Ambassador Kuoyu Tung

ROC Representative to the EU and Belgium

Introduction to the roundtable discussion

Dr. Michael Danielsen

Chairman of Taiwan Corner

Roundtable discussion about Taiwan's road to a consolidated democracy

Presentations and Panel Discussion by

Eric Huang

Head of the International Department of Kuomintang Party (KMT)

Dr. I-chung Lai

Vice-President of the Taiwan Thinktank, Democratic Progress Party (DPP)

Dr. Jonathan Sullivan

Director of Research in the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Nottingham

Lin Fei-fan

Student Activist, New Power Party (NPP)

Dr. Alice Ekman

French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)

Dr. Malte Kaeding

Assistant professor in International Politics, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, UK

Followed by open discussion

Moderator: Dr. Michael Danielsen, Chairman of Taiwan Corner

Summary of the roundtable discussion and closing remarks by

Sven Schulze MEP

EPP Group and Member of the EP-Taiwan Friendship Group

Background

Dr. Michael Danielsen founded Taiwan Corner in 2008. It informs about Taiwan in Europe with members in four EU countries. He is also chairman of the International Committee in the capital region of the Social Democratic Party of Denmark and chairman of the party's research and technology committee.

Eric Huang served as international spokesman for Eric Chu's recent presidential campaign. He previously served as a Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary for Legislator Ting Shou Chong.

Dr. I-chung Lai is the Vice-President of the Taiwan Thinktank, an independent research institution for policy analysis on Taiwan. Dr. I-chung Lai's major research interest includes security issues in the Asia-Pacific region, Taiwan-China relation and the U.S.-Japan-Taiwan-China dynamics. He has served in various senior positions for DPP, including the Director General for China Affairs Department, the Director General for International Affairs, and the Executive Director for DPP Mission office in Washington, D.C. Dr. I-chung Lai also teaches at the Mackay Medicine College in Taiwan.

Dr. Jonathan Sullivan has published extensively on the Chinese media and internet, Cross-Strait relations and Taiwanese politics. He started studying Chinese 20 years ago and has spent 6 years living and studying in Taiwan. He publishes and is cited regularly on Taiwanese issues in international media.

Lin Fei-fan was the leader of the Sunflower Movement that occupied Taiwan's Parliament for more than three weeks in 2014. He graduated from the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Kung University, and is a postgraduate sophomore at the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University (NTU) in 2014. He is active in the New Power Party (NPP) and supported their candidates in the election campaign.

Dr. Alice Ekman is Head of China research of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI). She also provides analytical support to the European Union Institute of Security Studies (EUISS) as a Senior Associate fellow, and teaches at Sciences Po in Paris. Dr. Ekman was formerly Visiting Scholar at Tsinghua University (Beijing) and Taiwan National Normal University (Taipei), Research Officer at the Embassy of France in China, and Consultant in a Paris-based strategy firm. She holds a PhD from Sciences Po Paris in International Relations and an MA from the London School of Economics in International Relations, Economics, and Anthropology (China focus). She is currently a member of the EU committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP).

Dr. Malte Kaeding's main research areas are social movements, elections and democratization, identity and international politics with a regional focus on East Asia. He is also associate fellow of the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) at the University of Tübingen (Germany).

Dr. Werner Langen MEP graduated in economics and worked as a researcher in Bonn. He was Member of the State Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate and is since 1994 Member of the European Parliament. Dr. Langen served in several government positions on regional and State level, such as Minister for Agriculture, Winegrowing and Forestry in the State Government of Rhineland-Palatinate. In the European Parliament his focus is on Economics, Monetary Policy, Financial Markets, Taxes, Competition, Energy, Technology and Viniculture. Since 2009 Dr. Langen serves as Chairman of the Delegation of the European Parliament with the ASEAN countries.

Sven Schulze MEP graduated in industrial engineering at Technical University Clausthal, and worked as a sales manager in two medium-sized engineering companies in the Harz region and in Baden-Württemberg. He served in several political positions on a local and regional level in Saxony-Anhalt before being elected MEP in 2014. His focus in the European Parliament is in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs as well as in the Committees on Regional Development and Petitions.