

KINGS and DICTATORS:

The Legacy of Monarchy and the New Authoritarianism in Asia

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Kingship is both ancient and modern. This conference investigates the history and legacy of monarchy in Asia, as well as the current rise of authoritarianism which frequently involves the revival and manipulation of the legacy of kingship. Presentations and discussion will concern both monarchy in history or today, and how today's new dictators draw on the legacies of monarchy for the legitimization and mystification of their power and position, across Asia.

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