

Taiwan Week Event on *Taiwan's Democracy In Action* 3-18 Sunflower Student Occupy Movement: Reflection and Prospects



Date: **Thurs 27 March 2014, 6-8 pm**

Venue: **New Theatre, East building (E171), LSE**

Chair: **John McNeil Scott (LSE Taiwan Research Prog)**

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The controversy in Taiwan over the Cross-Strait Service Trade Agreement and its ratification has over the past 10 days resulted in dramatic action by protesters. Since 18 March 2014, students in Taiwan have been occupying the Parliament building to protest the forced passing of Agreement without detailed review. The protest, which has come to be known as the 3-18 Sunflower Movement, has gathered wide public support. Responses to developments have included violent repression by riot police of a breakaway attempt to occupy central offices of the executive branch of government on Sunday 23 March.

Democratic development in Taiwan is at a determining and pivotal moment, and student associations in Taiwan have called for a strike in support of the peaceful

movement. To understand recent developments and what may and could now happen, this panel discussion draws on academic expertise and international perspectives to reflect and analyse the current situation.

The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session, and we would like to invite everyone to debate the importance, impact and future prospects of the Sunflower movement. The panelists are:

- **Student Movements in Taiwan: then and now: by Dr Fang-Long Shih**
- **Global Occupy: methods and strategies: by Dr Paul-Francois Tremlett**
- **Democracy and Democratization: theories and problems: by Dr Bill Kissane**

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