



A “Negotiated Transition” or Betrayal of Democracy?

Reflections on the Constitutional Reforms in Hong Kong

Abstract:

The breakthrough in 2010 is a surprise in two senses. First, few people could have envisaged the communists and democrats could eventually come to an agreement over the electoral arrangements in 2012; second, the tension and differences over the approach of engagement, content of the final reform package and the significance of the “breakthrough” among different pan-democratic parties is hardly expected. Is this a step forward or a betrayal of democracy? Have the moderates just dug their own grave and abandoned their moral leadership of the democratic movement? And what is the implication of the new constitutional arrangement? As an active player in the moderate camp, I will try to reflect on all these questions from a participant perspective in this presentation.

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