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Myanmar's 2015 Elections: What Happens Next?

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On November 8, voters in Myanmar delivered a landslide election victory to the National League for Democracy, led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. However, what happens next is not an entirely straightforward matter. Partly this is because the 2008 Constitution, written by military leaders, provides for the emergence of "discipline-flourishing democracy", and to that end places many constraints on the will of the people. Partly it reflects wider issues inherited from half a century of misgovernment under various forms of dictatorship. At a critical phase in its history, the seminar will explore where Myanmar stands in its ongoing transition away from authoritarian rule.



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