

Assessing the Ma Ying-jeou presidency and the implications of Taiwan's January 2016 elections

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In this talk Dr Jonathan Sullivan will assess the gains and failings of Ma Ying-jeou and the KMT's two terms in office, setting his presidency in the broader context of socio-economic change in Taiwan. He will explain why a President who raised relations with China to an all time high recorded the lowest approval ratings in Taiwan's history. Examining how the DPP converted popular discontent into historic electoral victories, the lecture will assess the prospects for Taiwanese domestic politics and cross-Straits relations within this new configuration.

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