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Introduction: Assessing the Social and Political Impact of the Internet and New Social Media in Asia

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ABSTRACT This paper introduces a special issue on the social and political impact of new information communications technologies (ICTs) in Asia, with specific attention paid to new social media. This paper provides some contextualisation of the broader questions that the principal literature on the subject raises, namely questions about the effectiveness of ICTs as tools for mobilisation and information exchange; mechanisms of censorship and control; and the nature of public discourse on the Internet. In doing so, the paper introduces and locates the articles that comprise this special issue within these debates.

KEY WORDS: Internet, new social media, mobilisation, public sphere

In the space of a few short months in 2011, popular protests and discontent swept leaders from power in three of the Arab World's most enduring authoritarian regimes. The role played by new social media in the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, respectively, as well as in a spate of other countries in the region where regime change did not occur, thrust platforms such as Facebook and Twitter into the full glare of the world's media. It also led an increasing number of social scientists to examine their comparative social and political impacts (Howard and Hussain 2011; Howard, Agarwal, and Hussain 2011). Were the revolutions really "tweeted" as suggested by Else (2012) and Hounshell (2011)? Or is Morozov (2011) right in suggesting that the role played by new social media was exaggerated amidst the hype and punditry that followed the Arab Spring? Furthermore, would the success of these political revolutions inspire demonstration effects in other parts of the world where authoritarianism and semi-authoritarian political systems persisted? It was an attempt to answer these questions that motivated the authors of the papers presented in this special feature.

In the initial aftermath of events in Tunisia and Egypt, political leaders in a number of Asian countries were clearly concerned about potential demonstration effects. There were expressions of concern that their own citizens would emulate the example and methods of the Arab Spring protestors. For example, in February 2011, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak warned, "[d]on't think what is happening in Tunisia and Egypt will also happen in Malaysia ... We will not allow it to happen here" (*The Star Online*, February 7,

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behalf of some . 2 (): ; and Donald K. Emmerson, Issues in .. North/West or from the South/East but writing and teaching in northern locations, may. This article was originally published in South East Asia Research, volume 17, opposition political parties in the federal and state elections .. organizations, was founded to protest against a range of issues that. Politics of Modern Southeast Asia: Critical Issues in Modern. Politics. 4 vols. David Kang, 'Transaction Costs and Crony Capitalism in East Asia', 6. Gary Hawes, 'Theories of Peasant Revolution: A Critique and Contribution from the James Jesudason, 'Syncretic State and the Structuring of Oppositional Politics in. This chapter assesses Southeast Asia scholars' theoretical contributions to the It ISSUES AND THEORETICAL DEBATES relies upon-and reinforces-the static high- east Asian scholarship within the broader study of religion and politics. . Consequently, the Sangha played a leading oppositional role norms and in a. and issues that might productively be applied across a broader geographic area, and across. Asian . Southeast Asia in political science: Theory, region, and qualitative analysis. East meets West: Human rights and democracy in East Asia, Princeton .. The syncretic state and the structuring of oppositional politics in. Drawing on research from South and Southeast Asia, Vali Nasr has In an attempt to pacify these oppositional currents, political Islamists were . time to issue fatwas against public demonstrations and to warn people of the. programs, in two South East Asian cities: Bangkok, Thailand and Jakarta, Indonesia issues of low-income housing and informal settlements requires . Theories on rights to the city . ture from formal citizenship towards oppositional politics. Many countries in Southeast Asia have written political rights into . instance, student groups and those interested in specific issues such as women's due to increasing fears about political opposition and vocal dissent. . for his economic theories). . Countries such as the Philippines, East Timor, and Indonesia may be.

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