



A Public Talk

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Burma's Political Crisis

Over the past few weeks, Burma's military regime of more than four decades has faced a level of opposition that has not been seen since 1988. With Buddhist monks at the forefront of recent demonstrations, the protesters are now calling for democracy and political reform. Is this a turning point or will the military crackdown on the democracy activists? The speakers will assess the current situation and the likely outcomes.

Dr. Susanne Prager Nyein received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Heidelberg. Her dissertation was a study on the prevalent ideas and concepts in Burma's nationalist movement, explored through the prism of its leader Aung San. Dr Prager Nyein's research interests include the relationship between politics and millenarian Buddhism and concepts of state and power in Burma. She is a Visiting Scholar with the Carolina Asia Center.

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