

Research Seminar Series:

The Challenges of Collective Action: New Perspectives on Civil Society and Social Movements



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Seminar I (Monday February 17):

Civil society, social movements and contentious politics in Poland in comparative perspective

Seminar II (Wednesday February 19):

Social movement theory and research

Seminar III (Friday February 21):

Civil society theory and research

Time: 17.30 - 19.00

Venue: Rm 966 , 9/F., The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU



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