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Thursday, 9 November 2017, 12 noon

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Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg Street, Honolulu

Topic:

One Country, Two Systems? Assessing Hong Kong's Autonomy After Twenty Years

by

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According to the Sino-British Joint Declaration, a bi-lateral treaty duly registered with the United Nations, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) enjoys extensive autonomy, including its own common-law legal system, independent judiciary, and separate currency. Hong Kong residents also enjoy a much higher standard of civil liberties than residents of Mainland China. Nonetheless, as "One Country, Two Systems" enters its third decade, many commentators would agree that a crisis is brewing. Some young activists are even advocating for independence. Beijing has reacted harshly to this rhetoric and intervened in ways that threaten Hong Kong's longstanding traditions of civil liberties, rule of law, and clean government. Professor Petersen argues that both the Chinese government and certain pro-democracy advocates in Hong Kong have adopted unduly rigid positions, making it impossible for the moderates to bridge the divide. She proposes a new approach to preserve autonomy, one that relies less on street protests and more on gaining international recognition for Hong Kong's right to practice internal self-determination.

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