

Asian Studies Program Presents:

Protests and Numbers in South Korea: Height, Duration, Scale, and Date

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Dramatic acts of resistance and solidarity are a mainstay in South Korea's political landscape, especially for protesting workers and unionists, students, religious leaders, and human rights activists. While many social movement scholars have examined the instrumental and structural factors that promote strategic forms of collective action, Ju Hui Judy Han is interested in paying close attention to the expressive, embodied, and spatial dimensions of these political protests. Her talk discusses the variety of ways in which protest engages emotionally with numbers—precarious occupations of high-altitude structures, perilously long-term tent encampments, spectacular mass rallies, and commemorations of significant dates that become a recurring part of the protest repertoire. These numbers are not just about demonstrating size and political strength, she argues, but also a way of fostering radical interdependency and shaping how we relate to protest spaces as part of our everyday social lives.

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