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# ABOUT US

The Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) was launched in November 2013 to conduct research related to democratic governance and human rights promotion in Asia. By identifying emerging threats to democracy and suggesting policy responses, the Network aims to contribute to the consolidation of democracy in the Asian region. By sharing expertise about their own countries, all members can develop a deeper understanding of problems and challenges in other countries and identify the issues that the region faces as a whole. Participation in ADRN is expected to increase the impact, quality, and reliability of the research produced by our member institutions for practitioners working for the democratization of the region.

## VISION

Our vision is to provide action-oriented and policy-driven research that supports the advocacy activities of Asian civil society organizations and their cooperation with corresponding international organizations. We aim to achieve a region-wide consensus on how to deal with both general and specific threats to democracy, and initiate inter-state and inter-institutional dialogues to reach such consensus.

## MISSION

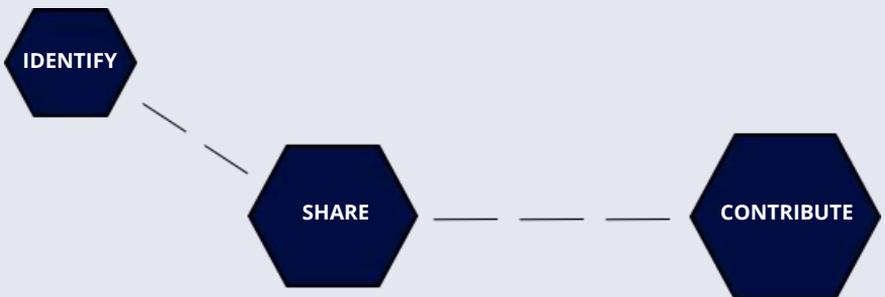
Our mission is to support democracy-related research collaboration and accompanying activities among our member institutions and think tanks. Ultimately, ADRN is commissioned to defend and promote democracy through critical analysis and policy suggestion.

# WHAT WE DO



## Engagement

ADRN collaborates with other networks focused on democracy research and advocacy. ADRN is a member of the Asia Democracy Network (ADN), which is a network of practitioners and activists. Established at the same time, the two entities work closely in various capacities. ADRN also cooperates with the East Asia Institute's (EAI) Myanmar program which assists in the capacity building of local civil society think tanks. ADRN engages with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a bipartisan funding and research organization based in Washington, D.C., as well as other international organizations on democracy. ADRN seeks to widen its cooperation with both non-profit and for-profit organizations who are friends of democracy and with governments interested in promoting democracy in Asia.



## Organizing Workshops



ADRN organizes workshops twice a year under the rotating initiative of the member institutions. All member institutions are encouraged to hold a national or a sub-regional workshop in order to engage local civil society organization leaders and policymakers. Some ADRN workshops and sub-group forums are held as side events at larger forums such as the World Movement for Democracy, Prague Forum 2000, and the Bali Civil Society and Democracy Forum.

### ADRN in Numbers

ESTABLISHMENT

2013

COUNTRIES

14

INSTITUTIONS

23

# Publications

ADRN publishes its research both online and offline. Our publications include thematic books, reports, and briefs as well as important democracy-related publications from our member institutions that are separate from ADRN activities. We also share videos of interviews with different experts, policymakers, researchers, and civil society activists as well as news about our workshops.

This special report evaluates the current state of shrinking civic space in the region. The report investigates pressing, contemporary questions such as: What evidence suggests shrinking of civic space in Asia? What successes and failures has each country experienced in protecting civic space? What lessons can be drawn to suggest policy actions for expanding civic space?

## **CIVIC SPACE IN ASIA: EMERGING ISSUES AND POLICY LESSONS FROM SIX ASIAN COUNTRIES**



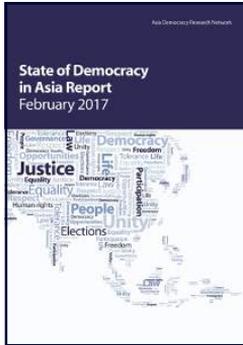
## **POLICY RESEARCH AND POLICY OUTCOMES REPORT ON GENDER EQUALITY IN ASIA: COMPARATIVE STUDIES**



ADRN published this special report to evaluate the current state of gender equality in the region. The report investigates pressing, contemporary questions such as: What is the state of gender equality in Asia? To what extent has each country achieved the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on gender equality? How can gender equality in Asia be strengthened?

# WHAT WE DO

## STATE OF DEMOCRACY IN ASIA (SODA) REPORT



The State of Democracy in Asia (SODA) Report aims to evaluate the current state of democracy in the region by providing insights from an Asian perspective. The report investigates pressing and contemporary issues such as: In what areas has democracy be strengthened in Asia? How can Asian democracy be strengthened? Drawing on a rich array of data, this report highlights the current state of Asian democracy and actual policy recommendations to improve democracy in Asia today.

In 2016, ADRN selected corruption, shrinking civic space, and gender inequality as the common challenges across Asia. It studied the strengths and weaknesses of each country's mechanisms including law and regulations, public participation, and public governance. ADRN published this special report to evaluate the current state of corruption in the region. The report investigates pressing, contemporary questions such as: What is the state of corruption in Asia? What successes and failures has each country experienced in controlling corruption?

## COMBATING CORRUPTION TOWARD CLEAN GOVERNANCE IN ASIA: COUNTRY CASES



# ADRN MEMBERS

## **Bangladesh**

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)

## **India**

Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)

Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

## **Nepal**

Samata Foundation

## **Pakistan**

Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT)

South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP-PK)

Jinnah Institute (JI)

## **Sri Lanka**

Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA)

Verité Research

## **Japan**

Genron NPO

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

## **Mongolia**

Academy of Political Education

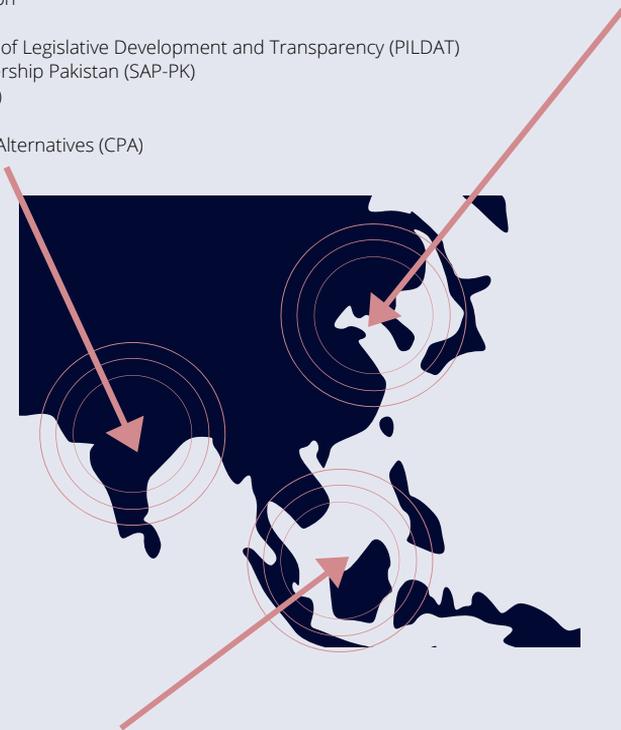
## **South Korea**

East Asia Institute (EAI)

## **Taiwan**

Academia Sinica/Asian Barometer

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)



## **Indonesia**

Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta

Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

## **Malaysia**

Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS)

## **Myanmar**

Sandhi Governance Institute

Yangon School of Political Science (YSPS)

## **Philippines**

Jesse M. Robredo Institute of Governance (JRIG)

International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Governance (INCITEGov)

## **Thailand**

King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI)



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台灣民主基金會



KIPS  
Korea Institute for Policy Studies

# MILESTONES



## NOV. 2013 – SEP. 2015

ADNR was founded with nine members in November 2013 and held its first workshop in South Korea with initial funding provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

## OCT. 2015 – SEP. 2016

ADNR began receiving its funding from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). ADNR held two workshops in South Korea and Mongolia, and published four working papers and the first SODA Report.



## OCT. 2016 – SEP. 2017

During the second period of NED funding, ADNR held two workshops in Taiwan and South Korea and published three ADNR reports and eleven video interview series.



## OCT. 2017 – SEP. 2018

ADNR held the sixth workshop in Sri Lanka, the seventh workshop in Thailand and published the second SODA Report.



## OCT. 2018 – SEP. 2019

ADNR held the eighth workshop and the Asia Middle Power Democratic Coalition Forum in South Korea, and the ninth workshop in Malaysia. Reports on populism are being prepared for publication.



## OCT. 2019 – PRESENT

ADNR held the tenth workshop in Indonesia and participated in the Bali Democracy Forum. Research reports on social media, democracy, and disinformation in Asia will be published in 2020.



# ABOUT ADRN SECRETARIAT EAST ASIA INSTITUTE

The East Asia Institute (EAI), a leading public policy think tank in South Korea, serves as the secretariat responsible for ADRN. EAI has received global recognition owing to its active, network-based research activities. EAI is doing its utmost to promote linkage between ADRN and other trans-regional and global forums, and networks working for democracy.

## THE RESEARCH CENTERS

**01**  
**CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

NATIONAL SECURITY PANEL

**02**  
**CENTER FOR NORTH KOREA STUDIES**

GLOBAL NORTH KOREA

**03**  
**CENTER FOR CHINA STUDIES**

RISING CHINA AND NEW CIVILIZATION  
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

**04**  
**CENTER FOR JAPAN STUDIES**

KOREA-JAPAN (EAST ASIA) PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY  
KOREA-JAPAN FUTURE DIALOGUE

**05**  
**CENTER FOR PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH**

ASIA-PACIFIC PUBLIC POLL ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES  
KOREAN IDENTITY  
KOREA-JAPAN (EAST ASIA) PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

**06**  
**CENTER FOR TRADE, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSFORMATION**

THE AGE OF DIGITAL ECONOMY AND  
KOREA'S ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

**07**  
**CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE FUTURE**

FUTURE OF AMERICA 2030  
FUTURE OF JAPAN 2030

**08**  
**CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC COOPERATION**

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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN  
MYANMAR  
KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY IN SOUTH KOREA



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