

Behind the Curtains: How Politics and Economic Pressures Impact the Evolution and Exchange of Popular Culture in Northeast Asia

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The Asian 21st Century is exposing a new 'Asia Paradox'—although there are deepening trade and investment networks and rising wealth, tensions among the countries of Northeast Asia are also rising, threatening political instability. There is now a 'disconnect' between growing economic interdependence on one hand, and regressive political cooperation on the other.

Where cultural exchange was previously a natural flow among the neighbouring countries in Northeast Asia, there is now a re-emergence of historical disputes, igniting new power rivalries, nationalism and increased arms spending. A wave of anti-Korean sentiment has ensued. This presentation will further analyzes developing trends and the impact of political events on the exchange of popular culture in Northeast Asia, specifically in China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea.

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