AUTHORITARIAN LEGALITY IN ASIA

A cluster of Asian states are well known for their authoritarian legality while having been able to achieve remarkable economic growth. Why would an authoritarian regime seek or tolerate a significant degree of legality and how has such type of legality been made possible in Asia? Would a transition toward a liberal-democratic system eventually take place? And, if so, what kind of post-transition struggles would likely be experienced? This book compares the past and current experiences of China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, and Vietnam and offers a comparative framework for readers to conduct a theoretical dialogue with the orthodox conception of liberal democracy and the rule of law.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BORO Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance
CPCCCP Communist Party of China
CDP China Democracy Party
CDPF China Disabled Persons’ Federation
CECCentral Election Commission
CEMCentral Election Management Commission
CEO chief executive officer
CFACourt of Final Appeal
CHRLCG China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group
CPC Criminal Procedure Code
CPVCPC Criminal Procedure Code
CPVCPC Communist Party of Vietnam
CSSTACross-Strait Service Trade Agreement
DCDistrict of Columbia
DGdeputy governor
DPCDemocratic Party of China
DJPDemocratic Party of Japan
DPDPDMDemocratic Progressive Party
DRVNDemocratic Republic of Vietnam
EMBElection Management Body
GAOGovernment Accountability Office
GDPGross domestic product
GRCGroup Representation Constituency
HIVHuman Immunodeficiency Virus
HKSARHong Kong Special Administrative Region
HKUUniversity of Hong Kong
ICACIndependent Commission Against Corruption
ICCPRIInternational Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCRInternational Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
IDentity
IDEAIInstitute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
IPEInstitute for Public and Environmental Affairs
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ISA Internal Security Act
JCP Japan Communist Party
KMT Kuomintang
LDP Liberal Democratic Party
LGBT lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender
LOOPC Law on the Organization of People’s Courts
LSG leading small group
MTI Ministry of International Trade and Industry
MP Member of Parliament
NA National Assembly
NCMP Non-constituency Member of the Parliament
NGO nongovernmental organization
NMP Nominated Member of Parliament
NPC National People’s Congress
NPCSC Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress
NPO nonprofit organization
NTU National Taiwan University
OCI Open Constitution Initiative
OCM Occupy Central Movement
PAP People’s Action Party
PD pan-democrat
PRC People’s Republic of China
PSU Professional Supervisory Unit
ROC Republic of China
ROK Republic of Korea
RSDL residential surveillance in a designated location
RTL Reeducation through Labor
RVN Republic of Vietnam
SAR Special Administrative Region
SARS severe acute respiratory syndrome
SASPL Students Against Secret Protection Law
SCAP Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers
SEALDs Students Emergency Action for Liberal Democracy
SNTV single-non-transferable vote
SOE state-owned enterprise
SRVN Socialist Republic of Vietnam
SSC State Supervision Commission
SSL State Supervision Law
TI Transition Institute
TSCS Taiwan Social Change Survey
UK United Kingdom
UPP United Progressive Party
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

US United States
USA United States of America
USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VBF Vietnam Bar Federation
VM vice-minister
WTO World Trade Organization