

## **Roundtable on Cambodia's Politics**

Cambodia's scheduled July 2018 elections were widely expected to bring about a significant realignment in the country's politics, given the strong performance of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in both the 2013 general election and the June 2017 commune council elections. However, the recent court-imposed closure of the CNRP leaves the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) with no significant challenger in the 2018 elections; meanwhile a recent crackdown on civil society and media organisations which has included the shutdown of the English-language *Cambodia Daily* has had a chilling effect on political life in the country. This roundtable will discuss the latest political situation in Cambodia, with respect to electoral politics, the growing role of the courts, the sphere of civil society and the salience of both mainstream and social media.

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