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»Disenfranchising the overseas electorate – Taiwan going against global trends?«



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Synopsis: Taiwan presents a peculiar case in cross-border politics. The Republic of China granted extensive political participation and representation rights to overseas Chinese shortly after its establishment. However, unlike many global trends in the 1990s and other liberal democracies, it started to curtail these rights following its democratization. Today, the ROC lacks an extraterritorial voting system, and there are no seats reserved for emigrant legislators in its main political institutions. Nevertheless, political parties maintain strong partly ties with overseas constituents, whom they engage in electoral mobilization during election campaigns.

This lecture introduces students to key terminology in the study of Chinese migration and the comparative politics literature on political parties abroad. It explains why the Republic of China, following democratization, reactively reduced the political rights of overseas constituents, situating these constitutional changes within specific national developments and the broader global context.

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