

“Institutionalist perspectives on international policy coordination in Asia: the case of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) prevention policy ”

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Abstract

This seminar develops the argument that there is greater international policy coordination capacity in Asia than commonly acknowledged in claims about strong mutual assertions and recognition of national sovereignty. The presentation will dissect the notion of ‘weak institutions’ at the international level by building conceptually an argument about relationships between formal and informal institutions. The argument is then illustrated by cases drawn from public health policy coordination in Asia. A concluding section highlights the relationship between formal and informal institutions as critical to investigations of the strength of different modes of international policy coordination in Asia.

Speaker's Profile



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