After the New Electoral System: Prospect of Political Development in Hong Kong

Abstract

Hong Kong's new electoral system introduced in early 2021 is a significant overhaul of the existing electoral arrangements since 1997, precipitating far-reaching implications for the future of the city. One of the most eye-catching rule of the new game is that the only "patriotic" figures can run for political posts. Although "Patriots Administering Hong Kong" is not a novel concept, the full implementation of it through the new electoral system will surely reshape Hong Kong's future political landscape. This dialogue seeks to understand, from different perspectives, the rationale and design of the new electoral system, its immediate and potential effect, as well as the its long-term influence on the politics of Hong Kong.