**NEW THREATS TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN ASIA**

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**SUGGESTED COURSES:**
- Politics
- Media Studies
- Asian Studies

**KEY CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS:**
- Academic freedom
- Censorship
- Self-censorship
- State-society relations
- Free speech
- Content moderation
- Knowledge production

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How do infringements on academic freedom impact knowledge production?
2. In what ways is self-censorship distinct from censorship?
3. Is academic freedom the same thing as free speech?
4. Aside from the state, which other actors and forces present the greatest threat to academic freedom in Asia?
5. How has the process of democratization or authoritarianization impacted academic freedom in some parts of Asia?

**EXTERNAL LINKS & RESOURCES:**
- https://www.chinafile.com/reporting-opinion/notes-chinafile/threats-academic-freedom-china
- https://academic-freedom-index.net/
- https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/
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