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## RESISTING AUTOCRATIZATION:

The Protest-Repression Nexus in  
Hong Kong's Anti-ELAB Movement

How does repression on opposition protests affect citizens' attitudes towards government concessions and political institutions? This presentation tries to answer this question through two experimental studies on Hong Kong's Anti-ELAB (Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill) Movement spanning between June 2019 and June 2020 as well as the natural experiment when Beijing suddenly adopted the National Security Law (NSL) in June 2020 to repress dissident's protest mobilization. The presentation will also explain how the NSL drove a wedge in the Hong Kong society by making the pro-establishment camp more satisfied with the post-NSL institutions on the one hand, while alienating the pro-democracy camp on the other. As Beijing is transforming Hong Kong's current institutions from within in hopes of bringing about a new political equilibrium, this presentation helps provide a timely assessment of Hong Kong's political future.



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**In-Person:** LANG 301 - Gallery Theatre

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