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Dr Wen-chi Li: The Gay Rights Movement and Its Challenges in Taiwan

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13:00 (GMT)

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An IASH Work-in-Progress seminar, delivered by [Dr Wen-chi Li](#) (Susan Manning Postdoctoral Fellow 2022-23; University of Zurich)

The Gay Rights Movement and Its Challenges in Taiwan

The gay rights movement in Taiwan can be traced back to the 1980s when Chi Chai-wei became the first person to come out on television, launch a campaign against the stigmatization of HIV, establish a halfway house for people living with AIDS, promote safer same-sex practices, and advocate for acceptance of the gay community on the island. The final triumph of legalizing same-sex marriage in 2019 demonstrated that thirty years of activism had established Taiwan as both the most LGBTQ+-friendly country in East Asia and a world-leading nation in queer rights. This work-in-progress seminar intends to provide a sociohistorical view and showcase how gay rights activists and LGBTQ+ people encountered social challenges such as stigmatization, sexual bigotry, media sensationalism, and school violence. It will particularly focus on certain cases such as the death of the rose boy Yeh Yung-chih and the inauguration of the trans woman Audrey Tang as the first Minister of Digital Affairs to show how Taiwan has amended its law and become an inclusive society.

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