

DEMOCRACY, AUTONOMY AND “ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS”: WHERE IS HONG KONG HEADING?

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The escalating conflicts between Beijing and elements of Hong Kong’s democracy movement currently threaten the very essence of “One Country, Two Systems”. Professor Petersen will suggest concrete steps to moderate the increasingly polarizing rhetoric and to negotiate a mutually beneficial compromise on democratic reforms. Faithfully and creatively implemented, “One Country, Two Systems” could provide Hong Kong with “internal self-determination” while also reassuring China of its right to territorial integrity and enhancing its international reputation. But this will require good-faith negotiations on both sides and a public commitment to civil liberties, peaceful advocacy, and respectful dialogue. It will also require strong leadership from the middle and a commitment not to vilify those who seek genuine compromise on democratic reforms.



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