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Extreme Protests: Changing Protest Repertoires in Labor Movements in Neoliberal Korea

This talk focuses on the question of changing protest methods of labor contention in neoliberal Korea and asks what explains the emergence of extreme repertoires in labor movements in times of institutionalized democracy and capitalist affluence. My study suggests a move beyond and beneath nation-state oriented, structural arguments for protest repertoire change and instead explicates how the varied position of the sectoral movement within power relations vis-a-vis state institutions and corporations forces activists to resort to protest methods that represent their acute and dire circumstances within the neoliberal market hierarchies.



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