



DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE SERIES

on

POLITICS OF DEFECTION AND DEMOCRACY IN CAMBODIA

Speakers

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Time: 9:00-10:30a.m

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is the state of political defection?
- 2) What are the motives for political defection?
- 3) What are the implications of political defection for the future of democracy in Cambodia?

Summary and Key findings

This dialogue examines the current state of political defection in Cambodia, considering recent instances, trends, and their impact on the political landscape. It explored the various motives driving political defection in Cambodia, examining factors such as ideological shifts, personal interests, and broader political dynamics influencing the decisions of politicians to switch affiliations. The dialogue also delved into the multifaceted implications of political defection for the future of democracy in Cambodia. This included a comprehensive examination of the potential effects on democratic institutions, electoral processes, and public trust in the democratic system.

The dialogue provided a nuanced understanding of the status of political defection in Cambodia, shedding light on the complex motives that drive such decisions. Participants collaboratively explored the multifaceted implications of political defection, contributing to a comprehensive analysis of its potential impact on the democratic trajectory of Cambodia. These insights serve as a foundation for informed discussions and future initiatives aimed at preserving and strengthening democratic values within the Cambodian political landscape.