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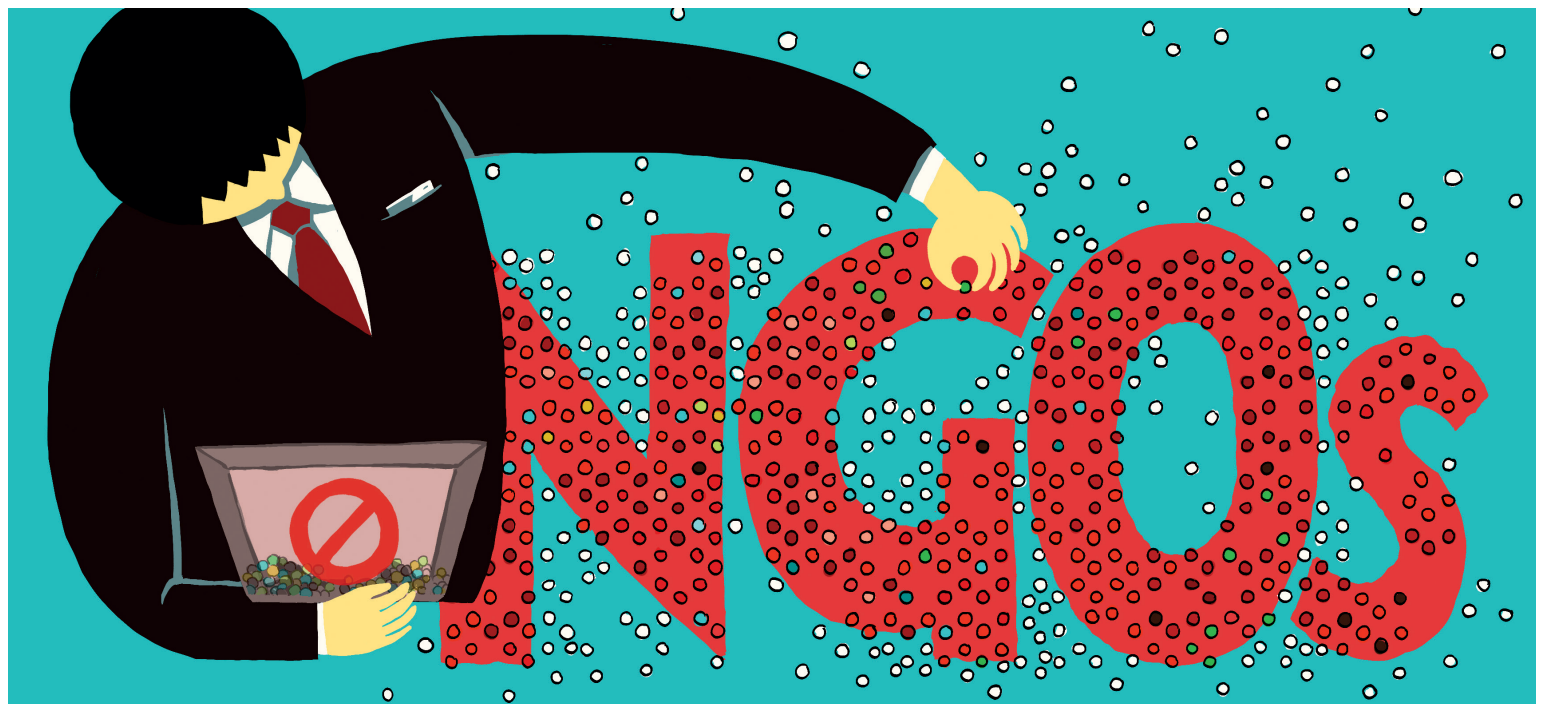
Shawn Shih-hung Shieh is the deputy director of China Labour Bulletin, a Hong Kong-based labor rights NGO. He was the founding director of the English-language China Development Brief in Beijing from 2010–2014. Before that, he was an associate professor of political science at Marist College in New York, and received his Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University.

David Bandurski is the author of “Dragons in Diamond Village” (Penguin/Melville House) and editor of the University of Hong Kong’s China Media Project website. A frequent commentator on Chinese media and current affairs, his writings have appeared in the New York Times, the Far Eastern Economic Review, China-File, the Wall Street Journal and other publications. He received a Human Rights Press Award in 2007 for an investigative piece about China’s internet censorship guidelines.

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One of the main characteristics of Xi Jinping’s presidency is an ever-increasing tight grip on China’s civil society, resulting in visibly shrinking spaces of interaction amongst organizations locally and internationally. The new law on managing foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs), taking effect on January 1, 2017, seems to confirm that trend. Will it support and enhance cooperation between Chinese and foreign institutions or will it make their ability to work together next to impossible? How can one make sense of the steadily growing contradiction of China as an increasingly global stakeholder with an increasingly national(ist) mind-set? What does the future of China’s civil society look like?

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6:00 pm
Guest Arrival

The Robert Bosch Stiftung warmly invites you to

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6:30 pm
Welcoming Remarks by
Oliver Radtke, Senior
Project Manager, Depart-
ment International Rela-
tions America and Asia,
Robert Bosch Stiftung

With David Bandurski, Shawn Shieh, Nora Sausmikat and Janka Oertel

6:40 – 7:30 pm
Panel Discussion

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Straße 32, 10117 Berlin

7:30 – 8:00 pm
Q&A

The event will take place in English and will be followed by a small reception.

8:00 – 9:30 pm
Small Reception