

## **Women Political Leaders in Asia: Are they Gender Game Changers?**

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In recent decades Asian countries produced a handful of women presidents and women prime ministers. Most recently in 2012 South Korea elected Park Geun-hye to the presidency. These women leaders intrigue many people in the world because Asian societies are stereotypically known for persistent traditions of patriarchy and because national politics in general has been dominated by men. Drawing upon the current example of South Korea and other Asian countries, Dr. Seungsook Moon will examine how these women leaders can make a difference and often failed to do so and why.

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