Hong Kong made international headlines in 2014 when thousands of people occupied major roads to demand the introduction of meaningful democracy following a number of challenges from the Chinese government to the freedoms apparently promised by the one country, two systems formula. The protest, dubbed the Umbrella Revolution, eventually lasted for 79 days and involved almost a quarter of the population. Although the movement failed to achieve its goals, it strengthened many Hong Kongers’ sense of civic and local identity. This caused concern for the Beijing authorities, which then sought to implement further measures to ensure Hong Kong’s conformity with Beijing’s mandates, the same problem which had caused people to take to the streets in the first place.

In this workshop, we look at film, still images and text to explore whether and how Hong Kong’s distinctive identity and liberal instincts can survive under the jurisdiction of an illiberal state.

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