

## What should the region do about Cambodia's crackdown?



The run up to Cambodia's July 2018 elections has seen the curtailment of political freedoms, an increase in politically motivated prosecutions, and the dissolution of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP). On 9 March 2018, the ANU hosted a special forum that brought together scholars, political leaders, and civil society to discuss the effects of Hun Sen's crackdown, place the current crisis of democratic space in its historical context, and consider the possible ways forward for Cambodia.

On this panel, expert speakers discussed the most effective regional responses to the Cambodian regime's crackdown ahead of Hun Sen's visit to Australia for the 2018 ASEAN-Australia Special Summit. You can listen to the audio of the discussion in the box above or [at New Mandala's Soundcloud page](#), where you'll also find more audio content from ANU and New Mandala public events.

### Speakers

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