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Dokdo/Takeshima

Territorial Dispute and Social Activism in Japan and Korea

Speakers: Alexander Bukh and Nils Clauss

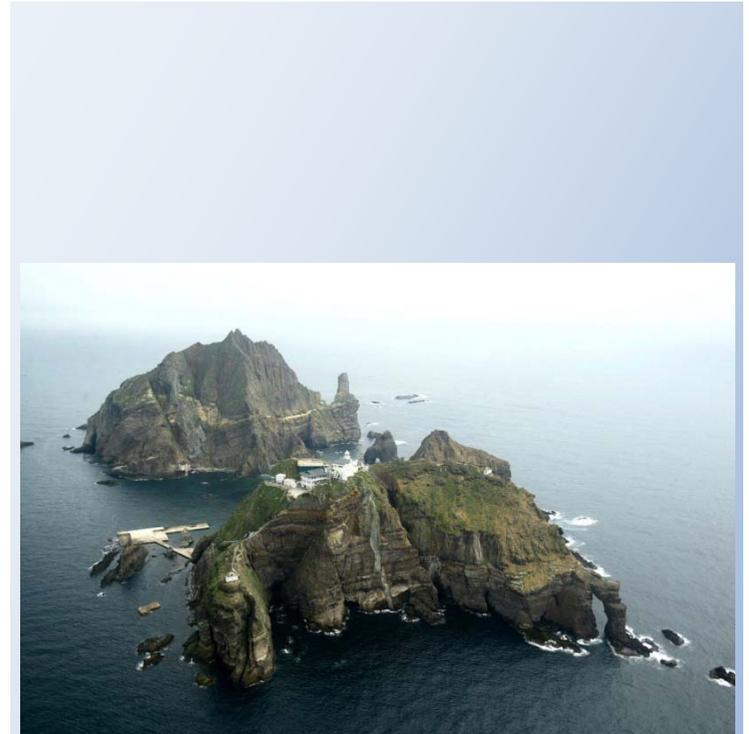
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The territorial dispute between Japan and Korea over the ownership of Dokdo/Takeshima islets resurfaced in early 2000s and today is one of the major stumbling blocks in bilateral relations. The dispute however is not limited to state to state relations as in both countries there are citizens' groups actively engaged in protesting, lobbying and educating the public. Who are these people however? What do they do in their everyday life? What motivates them to engage in this kind of activism? How do they see the other side? In this talk Alexander Bukh and Nils Clauss will discuss their documentary film that aims to provide some answers to these questions.

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