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Christian Fundamentalism in East Asia

Religious fundamentalism is sometimes portrayed as a threat coming from the underdeveloped world to the developed West. As a corollary, intolerance is then often marked as stemming from the 'illiberal' non-Western world pitted against the 'liberal West'. However, this picture distorts and conceals the reality that the West is plagued also by its own fundamentalism, which is already well acknowledged as the Christian Right. The most alarming thing is that it has quickly become a global export now. With the paucity of research on how Christian fundamentalism is now traveling, this panel tries to picture how it is recently creeping into East Asia. Papers are sought which account for the impacts of Christian fundamentalism to the East Asian regions marked by its varied receptions of Christianity. The panel hopes to add a new dimension of our understanding of the global reach of American Christian Right. Instead of prematurely claiming its decline in view of the Obama's victory, the panel tries to reveal how this western culture of intolerance is actively shaping societies and politics in this part of the world now.