



A New Perspective on the Asia Pacific

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Burke Room, Burke Museum (Inside front door of the Museum)

In her talk “A New Perspective on the Asia Pacific” Lu Hsiu-lien will present her proposal for resolving the military crisis over the Diaoyutai Island territory, claimed by Taiwan, Japan, and China, as well as highlight new strategies for improving foreign relations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Lu Hsiu-lien (Annette) is a writer, politician, and antinuclear activist. A graduate of National Taiwan University, University of Illinois, and Harvard University, Lu rose to prominence as the founder of feminist movement in Taiwan. Later, she became a leader in an opposition movement calling for democracy and an end to the Kuomintang authoritarian rule. On December 10, 1979, she delivered a speech at an International Human Rights Day rally (known as the “Kaohsiung Incident”), and charged with “violent sedition” and sentenced to prison by a military court. Lu was released in 1985 after 1,933 days of imprisonment. In 1993, Lu was elected as a member of Taiwan’s national parliament and in 1997 she was elected as the Magistrate of Taoyuan County. In 2000, she was elected the first female Vice President. In 2004, she was re-elected after being struck by a bullet on the eve of the election. After her retirement in 2008, Lu established the International Federation of Business and Professional Women-Taiwan. She is currently involved in two national campaigns: the “Less Meat, Less Heat” Campaign to combat climate change and a movement to halt construction of Taiwan’s 4th nuclear power plant.