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Professor Chang's research examines democratization, social change, civil society, protest cycles, and human rights in South Korea from comparative and transnational perspectives. His publications include *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970-1979* (Stanford, 2015), *South Korean Social Movements: From Democracy to Civil Society* (co-editor, Routledge, 2011), and articles in *Social Forces*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Mobilization*, *Social Science Research*, *Journal of Korean Studies*, *Korea Observer*, and *Routledge Handbook of Korean Society and Culture*. He is also a Co-Investigator for the National Research Foundation of Korea grant on "Human Rights Information Sharing and Public Policy: Constructing the Infrastructure for Human Rights Improvement." His current project explores the emergence of non-traditional family structures in South Korea, including single-parent households, single-person households, and multicultural families. Professor Chang received his B.A. from University of California, Santa Cruz, M.A. from University of California, Los Angeles, M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School, and M.A. and Ph.D. (Sociology) from Stanford University.

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Professor Pharr has published extensively on democracy, women and politics, and civil society in Japan from comparative and global perspectives. She is the author of *Political Women in Japan* (California, 1981) and *Losing Face: Status Politics in Japan* (California, 1990), and co-editor of *Media and Politics in Japan* (Hawaii, 1996), *Disaffected Democracies* (Princeton, 2000), and *The State of Civil Society in Japan* (Cambridge, 2003). She has served as Chair of Harvard's Department of Government; Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Asia Foundation; Commissioner of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission; and member of the U.S. panel of the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON). Professor Pharr's awards include the Imperial Decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon from the Government of Japan (2008), and the Japan Foundation Award (2016). She received her B.A. (Political Science) from Emory University, and M.A. and Ph.D. (Political Science) from Columbia University.

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