

SELF-DETERMINATION AND ORGANIZATION IN TAIWAN AND ITALY

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The 2014 Sunflower Movement, a 24-day student-led occupation of Taiwan's Legislative Yuan and its surrounding area, was the largest social movement in Taiwan's history. A protest against the near-passage of a trade deal with China, the movement transformed Taiwan's political culture and redirected its geopolitical trajectory. This eyewitness account will clarify its causes, give a tour of the occupation sites and their social and spatial structure, and trace its lasting impacts.

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In 2001, the Principle of horizontal subsidiarity was enshrined in the Italian Constitution. In 2014, the first "Regulation to take care of common goods" was adopted at the local level to make the "pacts of collaboration" among public subjects, associations, informal groups and individuals possible. Today thousands pacts of collaboration are active in hundreds cities. Can we talk about a new "right to take care of common goods"? Can the Italian way of "sharing the administration" also inspire others contexts?

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