

2019 General Election and the Formation of the BJP System in India

Against most poll forecasts, Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party and its coalition partners (NDA: National Democratic Alliance) won massively in 2019 general election in India. It is after 35 years that the single party got more than 300 seats among 543 in the lower house. This result confirms the formation of the BJP system, which is the second one-party (one alliance) dominance system in India, after the Congress system in which Indian National Congress dominated politics for 20 years immediately after the independence.

In this presentation, I want to analyze the victory of BJP by focusing on the new strategy of Hindu supremacist which developed under the first Modi government (2014 to 2019), using the original survey data of Bihar state in which NDA got almost all 39 seats among 40. The important factors which contribute to the victory of BJP also explain the characteristics of the new BJP system. Finally, I want to discuss about the future of religious minorities and the crisis of democracy under this new BJP system.