



# UMBRELLA MOVEMENT: Two Years On

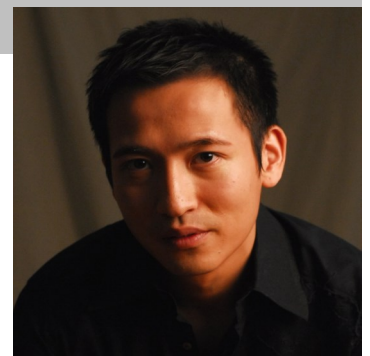
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Hong Kong hasn't been the same since the mass protests of 2014 shook the former British colony to the core. The opposition has radicalised, talks of independence have gained traction, society has been split asunder. Jason Y. Ng, a Canadian-trained lawyer and Hong Kong-based news columnist and author of *Umbrellas in Bloom: Hong Kong's Occupy Movement Uncovered*, will give an update on Hong Kong's ever-shifting political landscape two years after history was made.

Jason Y. Ng (JDIMBA, U. of Toronto, 2001) is the bestselling author of *HONG KONG State of Mind* (2010) and *No City for Slow Men* (2013). His latest work, *Umbrellas in Bloom* (2016), is the first book in English to chronicle the Umbrella Movement and the last instalment of his Hong Kong Trilogy. Bloomberg Television called the book "authoritative, compelling and full of surprises" and the *New York Times* said that it "offers a vivid account with firsthand observations and explanations of the semiautonomous Chinese territory's arcane political system."

Born in Hong Kong, Ng spent his entire adult life in Italy, the United States and Canada before returning to his birthplace in 2005 to rediscover his roots. He contributes regularly to the *Guardian*, the *South China Morning Post* and Hong Kong Free Press. His social commentary blog "As I See It" has attracted a cult following in Asia and beyond.

Ng is also a full-time lawyer and an adjunct associate professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong. In September 2016, he was elected President of PEN Hong Kong, the local chapter of PEN International which promotes literature and freedom of expression around the world.



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