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Journalism and Democracy in Asia addresses key issues of freedom, democracy, citizenship, openness and journalism in contemporary Asia, looking especially at China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines and India. The authors take varying approaches to questions of democracy, whilst also considering journalism in print, radio and new media, in relation to such questions as the role of social, political and economic liberalization in bringing about a blooming of the media, the relationship between the media and the development of democracy and civil society, and how journalism copes under authoritarian rule. With contributions from highly regarded experts in the region examining a broad range of issues from across Asia, this book will be of high interest to students and scholars in political communications, journalism and mass communication and Asian studies. © 2005 selection and editorial matter Angela Romano and Michael Bromley; individual chapters, the contributors. All rights reserved.

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... Australian journalism researcher Romano provides us with a compact working definition of democracy, linking it directly to a concept I will later outline -the public sphere. She describe democracy as, " the capacity of citizens and organizations in the public sphere to gather information about conditions that impact upon their existence and to reach judgments on how to respond individually and collectively to such conditions " ([Romano and Bromley, 2005](#), p.xi). ...

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