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Civil Society at a Crossroads: Challenges in an Uncertain Future

This presentation explores the prime functions of civil society within the socio-political arena. It reviews current challenges to civil society action, both at the global level and nationally, particularly in developing countries. It argues that the space for civil society structures is shrinking due to state counter terrorism measures, efforts to co-opt non-state organisations into quasi-public sector service provision and recent trends in overseas development assistance, especially the retreat from middle income countries. Finally, it calls for a radical re-think of the role of civil society in democratic processes.

Date: October 31st, 2011 (Monday)

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