



# CROWDFUNDING THE HOSPITAL

## Why Tzu-Chi's Hospital Project Succeeded but Other Grassroots Hospital Projects Failed?

In the 1970s, the Taiwanese government initiated a series of projects to privatize health and medical services. Many business conglomerates and religious organizations took the opportunity to launch their hospital projects. In this talk, I focus on those hospital projects initiated by religious organizations—Lotus Society, Chao-Tian Gong and Tzu-Chi. I ask why among these three projects, only Tzu-Chi's project succeeded while the other two failed. In contrast to the common understanding (i.e., the state sponsorship), my explanatory framework is hinged upon the role of the creation of multiple social networks during the mobilization period.

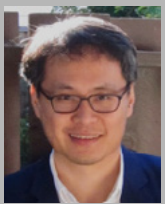


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