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# Time, Legal Mobilization and Filial Piety Laws

**This essay examines how we can imagine and study legal mobilization -- the use of law to make a claim or express grievance -- as being in a constant state of interregna. Social scientists and philosophers have long conceptualized time not as singular but multiple in that there can be any number of social times among individuals, social groups, and their society. State law imposes and keeps its particular version of social time, but it does so in the midst of other normative legal orders and temporal orders, both state and non-state. Thus legal mobilization takes place in interregna, in the context of legal and temporal pluralism where power and dominance morphs and changes according to the ebbs and flows of people, places and times. In this essay, I consider these issues inspired by my ongoing qualitative fieldwork that seeks to understand the legal mobilization of state laws in Vietnam, China, Taiwan and Singapore that require adult children under certain circumstances to provide financial maintenance and even emotional care to their elderly parents.**



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