

The Flow of Memory: Historical Reading of Wushe Incident Monument

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ABSTRACT

The Wushe incident was a major aboriginal historic event during the Japanese Occupation. In addition to the tragic deaths of the Seediq people caused by the fighting, it also brought conflicts and disputes within the ethnic groups due to the dilemma of the weak peoples in the colonial structure. In this article, the establishment of the monuments and the history of flowing process related to the Wushe incident can see the governance behind the politics of memory which manipulated by the state, and can also observe how tribal people transform this memorial space to show their agency within the structure. In other words, the development and change of the Wushe Incident Monument provides a window for the study of colonial and post-colonial history, showing that the colonial legacy is still entangled in the lives of the people.

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