

Review and Prospect of Taiwan History Studies in Mainland China from 2009 to 2017: General Research and Pre-modern Era

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ABSTRACT

Over the past decade, research on Taiwan history in mainland China (general research and the pre-modern era) has made great progress in both breadth and depth. Particularly prominent is the study of Qing Taiwan history, with significant achievements in data collation and academic publications. Among the various fields, political history, social history and cultural history have aroused much research interest, while studies on economic history are less popular. It is worth noting that the mainland scholars are more interested in the study of aborigines than before, revealing the growth in diversity and depth of Taiwan history research in mainland China. Moreover, statistics on publications also indicates higher proportion of historical studies on cross-strait relations. Such dominance in research can be attributed to greater emphasis of mainland scholars on reconstruction of cross-strait historical ties of specific eras and availability of literature and archived documents conducive to related studies.

Interaction between compilation of historical documents and academic research in mainland China has proved to be mutually beneficial. On one hand, systemic compilation of historical documents collected facilitates in-depth research; on the other hand, academic research promotes further collation and organization of historical documents. Fruits of such interaction have been seen in compilation of public-sector archives and civil contracts as well as increasing achievements as a result of cross-strait academic exchanges.

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