

## **Review of Recent Mainland Chinese Research on Taiwan History during Japanese Colonial Era and Early Retrocession Period**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In recent years, research on Taiwan history during the Japanese colonial era and early retrocession period has been growing in mainland China. Related studies on political history, economic history, cultural and educational history, literature history, aboriginal history and historical figures, as well as the discovery, organization, and publication of related archives and historical materials have also flourished. While numerous mainland Chinese scholars are engaged in Taiwan history research of these two periods, the Graduate Institute for Taiwan Studies at Xiamen University and the Institute of Taiwan Studies at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences remain the two leading institutes in this research field. Despite of differences in opinion, there has been extensive cross-strait academic exchange. Nevertheless, in terms of research field and paradigm, few interdisciplinary studies, little research on relationships between the colonies and their colonizer Japan, adequate use of historical materials in foreign languages, and scant field studies are drawbacks and limitations to be overcome by mainland Chinese academics.

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