

Retrospect and Prospect: Research on Documents of Spanish-Taiwan in 16th-19th Centuries

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ABSTRACT

Spanish sources related to Taiwan, their studies and compilation, and fruits of associated research are mainly of the 16th, 17th and 19th centuries, with particular importance given to the collections, translations and publications of historical materials on Spanish colonization of northern Taiwan. This paper attempts to contribute in the following areas: (1) review research on Spanish documents about Taiwan in the 16th, 17th and 19th centuries, focusing especially on studies published before 2010 in Spanish, which were mostly neglected by the academia in Taiwan, as well as publications in different languages (including Chinese, English and Spanish), released after 2010; (2) release other 18th-century documents on Taiwan, apart from that on the Lin Shuangwun event; and (3) make known some new documents of the 16th, 17th and 19th centuries other than the recognized sources.

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