

Retrospect of Studies on Ethnic Migration History (2017-2019) and Prospect of Research Trends (2004-2019)

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, studies on retrospect and prospect of Taiwan history have mainly analyzed past literature, examined relevant findings, expounded the academic insight accrued, and explored future research possibilities. On the theme of ethnic migration history, this article reviews research findings and contributions from 2017 to 2019 and reflects on trends and features of research over a longer span of time from 2004 to 2019. The analysis showed substantial increase and improvement in research on the Hakka ethnic group in recent years due to government support on studies of ethnic migration history. As for research trends, in addition to traditional topics on migration and ethnic relationships, issues such as ethnic identity and cross-border movement have started to receive attention, demonstrating that ethnic migration history deals not only with historical issues concerning internal ethnicity but also population movements and external connections. Moreover, by reviewing recently published proceedings and books, this article also expounds potential discussions and issues for further research in ethnic migration history.

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