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Money, Images, and the State: Taiwanization of the ROC, 1945-2000

ABSTRACT

As a widely circulated medium through which the state can make its values visible, the images on money circulated in post-war Taiwan reveals almost no “Great China” ideology even that produced between 1946 and 1975, when Chiang Kai-shek ruled over the island. Chiang ordered the Bank of Taiwan to issue the Taiwan Dollar in 1946 and the New Taiwan Dollar in 1949, rather than having a Taiwan branch office of the Central Bank of China circulate the legal tender of the Republic of China. From 1961 onward, a picture of the ROC's presidential office building in Taipei appeared on banknotes. The images used on money up to 2000, as well as related currency laws, reveal ROC's Taiwanization. At first, although affected by factors relating to mainland China, this process was heavily driven by the Japanese legacy and American influence; later, it was shaped more by Taiwan's democratization. Even imperial China's culture was reinstated and pre-1949 ROC symbols were reproduced; the unification façade of ROC's Taiwan money image diverges from the diversification façade of that of Imperial China and of pre-1949 ROC.



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Introduction and discussion lead by Dr Astrid Lipinsky – University of Vienna
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