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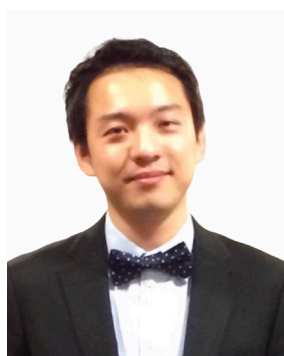


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The ROC's Nation-Building in Taiwan as the Final Anti-Communist Stronghold with Imperial Japanese Assistance under Martial Law, 1949-1954

ABSTRACT

This lecture brings everybody back to the early years of Martial Law and the Cold War in East Asia, and aims to look at the role that the White Group, Chiang's secret military advisory group consisting of more than 80 former Imperial Japanese military officers, who spent 20 years in Taiwan by helping retrain and reconstruct the ROC Armed Forces, drafting military plans for reconquering Mainland China, and 'reintroducing' wartime mobilisation system including conscription and mobilisation guidelines with the goal of defending Taiwan and retaking the mainland, played in the ROC's nation-building in Taiwan. The lecture investigates not only the influence of Japanese imperial military ideas on the development of post-1949 ROC military culture and ethos, but whether the 'reintroduction' of the wartime mobilisation system in Taiwan should be considered as the 'protection' for people of Taiwan from the invasion of the PRC or the 'accomplice' of Chiang's authoritarian rule on this 'accidental' island-nation.



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Time: 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CET
Location: Online. Please find the Zoom link on the registration page.

Introduction and Moderation by Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, University of Vienna
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