Evolving Identity Politics and Cross-Strait Relations

Bridging Theories of International Relations and Nationalism

The cross Taiwan Strait clash has evolved from a regime challenge revolving around ideological confrontation between Taipei and Beijing into a conflict about Taiwan's nationhood. In Evolving Identity Politics and Cross-Strait Relations, Yana Zuo shows that Taiwan's future is still full of uncertainty and unpredictability. A mutually acceptable solution is not likely without the 'one China' principle as an independent Taiwan fundamentally challenges China's modern national identity. Zuo demonstrates that dialogues between nationalism studies and international relations are urgently needed in explaining much of the identity-related conflict. States are under pressure of finding balance between an ordered state and a harmonious society. National consciousness contributes as a possible starting point to bring the society back to constructivism theorization of identity.

This book contributes to the Taiwan Studies from an IR perspective, helping policy makers understand the influences of the overall international structure on regional security. Meanwhile, this book shows that national consciousness contributes as a possible starting point to do bring the society back to constructivism theorization of identity.



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