Lecture Abstract

Man-houng Lin will talk about Taiwan’s sovereignty status as it relates to the Treaty of Peace between the Republic of China and Japan (Taipei Treaty) signed in 1952 with the anti-Communist Asia-Pacific defense line in the Cold War period as the direct background. She will also discuss how Taiwan’s confusion about its own legal status comes from an epistemological neglect of the Asia-Pacific world imposed by the Cold War design to have the Republic of China (ROC) at Taiwan, Penghu, Jinmen and Mazu (TPJM) to represent the whole China. And, this neglect drags to these days along with a global epistemological neglect of the Asia-Pacific world.

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