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The Presence of the Chinese Imperial State in South Taiwan Local Society during Qing

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A notion of state-society relations, implying a dichotomy between the two, conceals the powerful presence of state institutions and state-related activity within the cultural landscape and cosmic vision of ordinary people in Taiwan, when the island was under control of the Qing dynasty. How the contours of the imperial state were contained within a larger cultural vision will be explored, especially with reference to southern Taiwan's Hakka-speaking communities.



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