

The Archaeology of Late Modern History in Taiwan and Why Does It Matter

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The archaeology of late modern history focuses on the edge of our collective memory of present society. Only a decade ago, Taiwanese archaeologists began to approach materials dated to the time period. This article will provide an overall review on recent archaeological projects. The conclusion highlights the contribution from these studies to our understanding of the formation of Taiwanese society in general and our own discipline in specific. It also calls for more enthusiastic archaeological involvement in the writing of the history of Japanese occupied Taiwan.