

Democratic Policing in Taiwan

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A growing body of research shows the “Idea of Police” is contextually defined, differing dramatically over time and space. Add to this the postcolonial insight that West European models do not define accurate standards by which to measure the world, and it seems clear that the study of police in East Asia must progress on the basis of models developed through empirical engagement with the history and culture of the region. This paper makes a case for taking Taiwan as the paradigm of East Asian democratic policing.