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**When Identity Clashes with Interest: the China
Complex in Taiwan**

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Over the past decade, Taiwan has witnessed a rising Taiwanese consciousness pulling it away from a Chinese identity. However, economic development across the Taiwan Strait unfolds in the opposite direction, drawing Taiwanese people into closer interactions with and dependence on China. As Taiwanese find it increasingly difficult to disentangle their complicated feelings toward China, this study sets out to demonstrate and explain the multifaceted nature of the Taiwanese people's conflicting views toward China. In particular, this talk examines whether the support for closer economic integration will increase the support for unification against the rising tide of Taiwan identity in recent decades.

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