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The Origins of Taiwan's Polity: A Historical Overview

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List of Terms

Austronesian Dispersal
 From Madagascar to Rapa Nui/Easter Island
Chinese Dynasties
 Ming (1368-1644)
 Qing (1636-1912)
Dutch East India Company
Zheng Chenggong, aka Koxinga (1624-1662)
Sinification and Taiwanization
Indigenous Guard (or Boundary) Line
Mountain Indigenous
Plains Indigenous
First Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)
Republic of China (1911 – present)
Nationalist Party of China (Kuomintang or KMT)
Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945)
“Mainlanders,” aka *waishengren*
“Provincials,” aka *benshengren*
2-28 Incident, 1947
Martial Law (1948-1987)