

Transnational Bonding versus Local Integration

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Transnationalism - The Debates

- ◆ Is it new?
- ◆ What's new?
- ◆ The role of nation-state
- ◆ Transnational Chinese
- ◆ Chinese nationalism and patriotism

The Overseas Chinese Policies of PRC and ROC (Taiwan)

- ◆ Definition – overseas Chinese ‘huaqiao’ ,
- ◆ Chinese overseas ‘huaren’
- ◆ Taiwanese overseas ‘taiqiao’
- ◆ Who is compatriot ‘tongbao’?

Historical Origin and Transformation

- ◆ ROC (Taiwan) overseas compatriot policy –support for Taiwan’s survival and international stature
- ◆ The PRC overseas Chinese policy – on behalf of China’s modernization and reunification

Policy Guidelines

- ◆ ROC (Taiwan), three periods;
 - ◆ post-1949 to 1960s , 1970s-1990s , since 2000
 - ◆ PRC, two periods; before 1979 and after 1977
- ◆ - Political bonding
- ◆ - Social bonding
- ◆ - Economic bonding
- ◆ - Cultural bonding

Social Networking - ROC (Taiwan)

Perspective

- ◆ Organs: OCAC (Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission) at cabinet level
- ◆ Activities: visits, meetings, annual conferences
- ◆ Support: participation, trainings, sponsorship, giving honour

Social Networking – PRC Perspectives

- ◆ Organs: Party, Government and semi-official organization or ‘mass organization’
- ◆ Activities: visits, sending and receiving delegations, up and down and horizontal networking

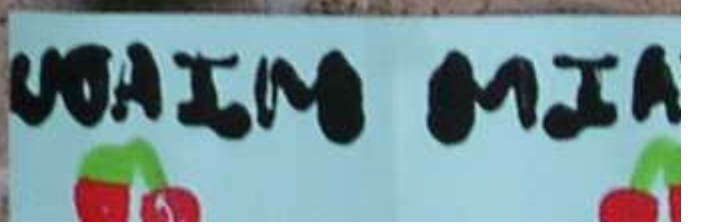






Cultural Bonding - Supporting and Promoting Chinese Language Education

- ◆ ROC (Taiwan) Perspective – Chinese schools, E-learning, teachers' training, networking, data bank, returned students
- ◆ PRC Perspective – Chinese schools, Confucius college







Incentives for Economic Bonding

- ◆ ROC (Taiwan) and PRC Perspectives
 - ◆ - organizing, training, overseas consulting, etc.
 - ◆ - investment privileges; fiscal, financial, and other facilities



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Building up Imagined Communities through Global Broadcasting and Mass Media

- ◆ Taiwan Macroview TV, Macroview Weekly, Electronical News <http://mactv.cts.com.tw/ocnews/default.htm>
- ◆ PRC Central TV, Xinhua News Agency and hundreds of overseas Chinese journals and news agencies



Characterization and Comparison

- ◆ Provocative nationalism and patriotism
- ◆ Multiple bonding as enforcement of imagined communities
- ◆ Continuity, flexibility, diversity and contingency:
institutionalization, legislation
- ◆ Inclusiveness and exclusiveness

How the Chinese overseas responds to the bonding policies and what are the implications?

- ◆ A two-levels approach:
- ◆ - Organizational level and individual level
- ◆ - What does Chinese organization mean to the overseas Chinese?
- ◆ - How do individuals respond? Biographical method analysis

Stories of Bomas Yu and Pang

- ◆ Bomas, a Teochou born Chinese, being educated in Hong Kong, modern and traditional education
- ◆ Came to Belgium as student and part-timer in Horeca sector
- ◆ Married a Thai born Chinese, worked in Bangkok for 7 years and then decided to start up his business in Belgium
- ◆ A Thai buddhist, speaking Teochou, Cantonese, Thai, Mandarin, English, French, Dutch
- ◆ Involved in Chinese Restaurateurs' organization, member of KMT, supporter of Thai buddhist community

Stories of Bomas Yu and Pang

- ◆ Pang, a housewife, came to Belgium as dependent, involved in Horeca since her husband gave up his study
- ◆ She was a Taiwan born Chinese mainlander of Qingtian origin, spoke Qingtian and Mandarin
- ◆ Felt excluded by the 'new Taiwanese' discourse and alienated from Taiwanese organization and joined pro-PRC organizations
- ◆ Sense of belonging would be reconstructed when the KMT would win the next presidential election in 2008

Some remarks

- ◆ Constructing individual's own order of life journey
- ◆ Multiple Chinese versus one Chinese identity
- ◆ Multicultural Chinese versus homogeneous Chinese

Who is Confucius?



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