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Both the old Kuomintang regime and the Chinese today distort Taiwan's history for their own political purposes. Examining Taiwan's true history reveals that Taiwan and China had very separate histories. From the arrival of the Dutch in 1624, Taiwan underwent rule by six colonial regimes (rule by outsiders in the interests of the outsiders.) Only with democratization has Taiwan been able to reconsider its history and to pursue its own path.

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DR. J. BRUCE JACOBS: After studying Chinese as an undergraduate student at Columbia College of Columbia University, Bruce Jacobs made his first trip to Taiwan in 1965, where he studied in the Graduate Institute of History at National Taiwan University. He then returned to Columbia for postgraduate studies and wrote his first article on Taiwan in *The China Quarterly* (January/March 1971). He returned to Taiwan for doctoral field research on local politics in rural Taiwan. After receiving his PhD in 1975, Bruce migrated to Australia where he continued to visit Taiwan annually until placed on the blacklist in 1980. He came off the blacklist in 1992 and has returned to Taiwan regularly since then. His last teaching post in Australia was as chaired Professor of Asian Languages and Studies at Monash University (1991-2013) where he continues as Emeritus Professor of Asian Languages and Studies.

His recent books on Taiwan include *Local Politics in Rural Taiwan under Dictatorship and Democracy* (Norwalk, CT: EastBridge, 2008), *Democratizing Taiwan* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2012), and *The Kaohsiung Incident in Taiwan and Memoirs of a Foreign Big Beard* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016, in press). He has also edited the four-volume *Critical Readings in China-Taiwan Relations* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014). His current project is *A History of Taiwan*.



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