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»Cultural hybridity and multiculturalism in Taiwan«



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Abstract: This presentation will argue for the importance of everyday life as a site for academic inquiry. It will start with a discussion of cultural hybridity employed in definitions of Taiwaneseness formulated in graphic novels and tourist souvenirs, through the lens of Tim Edensor's concept of everyday nationalism. The second part will explore representations of marriage migrants in documentaries, framing them through the concepts of homemaking, everyday multiculturalism and thirdspace. The presentation will also shed light on ideological agendas underlying specific discursive themes in representations of both cultural hybridity and migrants.