

## **Taiwan's China Dilemma: Contested Identities and Multiple Interests in Taiwan's Cross-Strait Economic Policy**

### **Abstract**

Despite similar cultures and extensive economic ties, Taiwan and Mainland China have not achieved a stable political relationship, let alone progress toward the unification that both governments once claimed to seek. Professor Syaru Shirley Lin explains this puzzle by examining the connection between Taiwan's consolidating national identity and its oscillating economic policy toward the Mainland. She also shows how the growing backlash against globalization among the younger generations has affected Taiwan's relations with Mainland China.