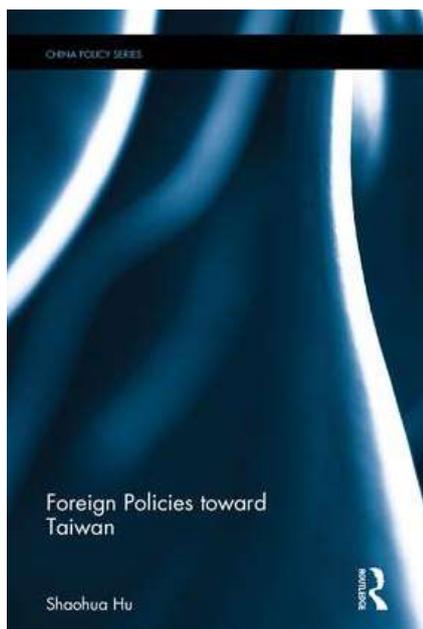


Global China Seminar

Taiwan's Diplomatic Allies in Oceania



Among Taiwan's 18 diplomatic allies, one third is in Oceania. They are Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. Why do these small states recognize Taiwan over China, a global power? The speaker will use the three levels of analysis to address the issue. The systemic level will focus on the impact of the international factors – Westphalian sovereignty, the Cold War, and the post-Cold War system. At the domestic level, the role of ideas, economy, and geography will be examined. Finally, the importance of leaders in these countries will be discussed at the individual level.

About the speaker

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