

# Taiwan and Fujian: Promoting a Closer Cross-Strait Relationship: Economic vs. Political Issues

## Description

Relationships between Mainland China and Taiwan have been controversial for several decades. As a result of China's opening up process, links between the two have steadily increased. However, over the last six decades, links between China and Taiwan have varied accordingly to the political party in government. Since 2008, with the return of the KMT party to power, talks of an economic agreement accelerated. Furthermore, the development of a special economic zone in Fujian province provides a platform in which cross-strait agreements can be built on. This paper tries to determine whether economic ties would prevail over political issues with ECFA replicating CEPA between Hong Kong and China; which provided a framework for further successful integration in the PRD region.

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