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A 17th Century Depiction of Women in Dutch Formosa Source Materials

ABSTRACT

This project examines the accessibility of disclosed and undisclosed archival materials related to early modern Taiwan history over the past decades. The integration of digital humanities tools and methods has accelerated this accessibility within the academic community. However, it emphasizes the importance of methodological validity, and to formulate solid questions rather than solely relying on data availability. A key concern arises when analyzing historical data from the 17th century. For the historian these materials are part of the legacy of Dutch colonial history, and are revealing a male-centric perspective that shapes the discourse on women. This construction of discourse creates power positions that have come to inhabit different levels of privilege and obscure a more layered and intricate post/colonial historiography. The presentation adopts an intersectional lens to explore colonialism as an epistemological endeavor, highlighting the intertwining of gender and race. Utilizing archival data, the project aims to make visible the women histories that have been marginalized within dominant historical narratives.



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