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## Abstract

This paper intends to provide a historical clue on Sino-America relations which focus on both sides of cross-strait relations. The triangle relation among China, US and Taiwan reflects the key situation among three aspects in the given time. For China, Taiwan can be seen as its part of sovereignty. Therefore, the United States different attitudes towards Taiwan are essential to mainland; also what the US thinking of Taiwan can impact China's policy-making. The paper pursues history of Sino-American relations, especially on Taiwan issue during several periods: first of all, introduction from open door policy to establishment of PRC. This is the period that America originated Taiwan issue; secondly the confrontation periods sharpened the issue between the United States and China. During this period, Taiwan issue was the biggest barricade of the two countries on the way of establishing their diplomatic ties; thirdly, the time since the 1970s, China and the US established their diplomatic relations, Taiwan issue was put forward to an official document. After the end of Cold War, the cross-strait relations become much ambiguity. As the rise of China, the relation between China and America, especially on the issue of Taiwan is complicated. In the end of paper, the author gives a perception of future trend on how the US could break through their thinking mode on reversing their attitude to Taiwan. Also, the paper could offer the possibility whether China can recover Taiwan.

Key words: Sino-US relations, Taiwan issue, China's reunification

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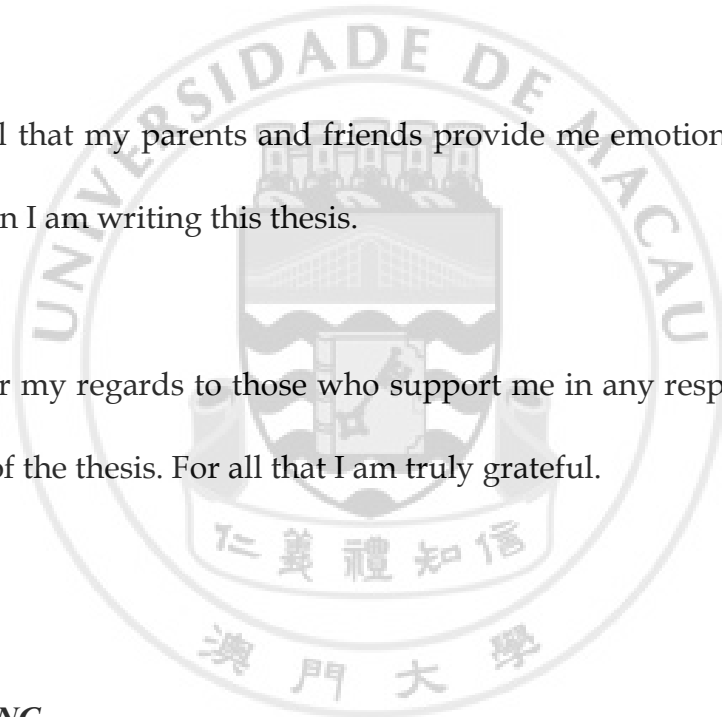
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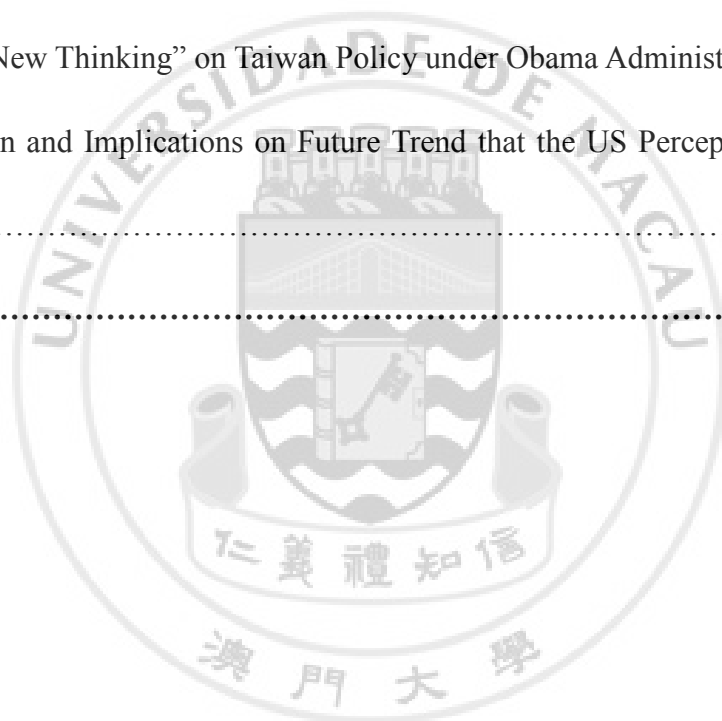
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