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### At the Geographic Limits of Discipline: The Japanese Empire and Indigeneity in Colonial Taiwan

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**Abstract:** In Michel Foucault's terminology, the "disciplinary society" is produced by and in turn sustains the institutions that constitute individuals as subjects and objects of dispersed power. In colonial Taiwan (1895-1945), deficit spending on land-surveys, rentier-capitalist buy-outs, and "bandit eradication" established the foundations for disciplinary society in the densely populated areas of the island. However, in what became Taiwan's indigenous territories, the costs of building an infrastructure (including schools, courts, prisons, hospitals, banks) that could produce self-policing surplus-surrendering modern "individuals" outstripped returns on investment. Therefore, indigenous peoples would be ruled on-the-cheap, as members of units through appointed intermediaries and beat-cops in the interwar years. During this period, a concatenation of ethnological, touristic, literary, and iconographic initiatives from the Japanese side, met with cultural entrepreneurialism from the indigenous side, to pro-



duce the durable and spatially containerized ethnic groups known as "Atayal," "Bunun," "Paiwan," "Tsuo," "Saisiat," "Amis," "Rukai," and "Tao" (Taiwan Indigenous Peoples) today.

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