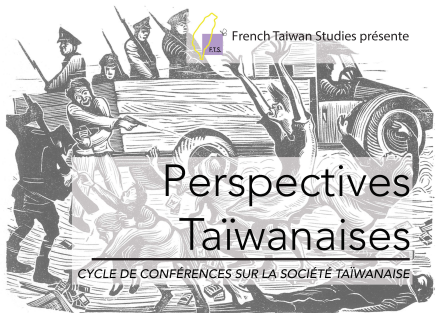


Stories of an original sin: the narrative of the 28 February Incident in Taiwan, from 1947 to today

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"The "February 28 Incident" refers to the brief Taiwanese uprising in 1947 against the ruling Kuomintang, an event that has long been a taboo subject and is now at the heart of struggles around Taiwan's memory. This presentation retraces the history of the successive narratives imposed on the event over the course of political and geopolitical change. From 1949 to the 1980s, the Cold War and dictatorships on both sides of the straight imposed an interpretation of the Incident as a communist insurrection. Political liberalization then allowed the the development of research, which refuted this

interpretation and showed the scope of the repression, thus making the tragedy of 1947 the main reference for the nativist opposition to the Kuomintang. Since the 2000s, the rise of China's power and the increased tensions in the region have put the PRC's irredentism and Taiwan's Japanese colonial legacy back at the heart of discussion.



Victor Louzon during his presentation.