

Singapore Chinese people population: Data, annotation and imagination

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This paper aims to analyze, based on official sources on Chinese population such as Straits Settlement population census, official reports, blue books, correspondence and others on Chinese population and related information, to find out the colony officials' understanding and imagination of the Chinese in Singapore during the period from 1871 to 1947. I would argue that these understanding and imagination would play an important role in the formation of policies that deal with Chinese in the colony during that historical period.