

“The Abnormal Club”: How Electronics Engineers Animated Two Taiwans

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Ever wonder how Taiwan became an electronics industry powerhouse? Chang and Downey explore how Taiwan’s complex socio-political scene shaped its engineers and electronics industry by examining the island’s historical legacies, split socio-political pathways, and the accidental collaboration of a group of islander and mainlander engineers that disrupted hierarchies and laid the material groundwork for democratization.



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