

# The One-China Policy: State, Sovereignty, and Taiwan's International Legal Status

An Informational Guide

## INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This manual provides an overview of the book "*The One-China Policy: State, Sovereignty, and Taiwan's International Legal Status*" by Frank Chiang. The book examines the complex issue of the One-China Policy and Taiwan's international legal status from an international law perspective, proposing potential peaceful solutions. It is structured to detail the concept of the State, the theory of sovereignty, and their relations with international law, followed by an analysis of the political status of the Republic of China in Taiwan and the legal status of the island of Taiwan.

## KEY CONCEPTS AND OVERVIEW

The book is divided into two primary parts. The first part establishes foundational knowledge regarding the concept of the State, the theory of sovereignty, and their interplay with international law. The second part applies these principles to analyze the specific political and legal status of Taiwan. Key themes explored include:

- The definition of a nation-state from first principles.
- Application of international law on territory to Taiwan's relationship with the People's Republic of China.
- Critique of the roles of the United Nations and other global actors concerning Taiwan.
- Historical analysis of Taiwan's status post-World War II.

This section serves as the primary informational guide to the book's content, analogous to an "Operating" guide for understanding its intellectual framework.

## CONTENT STRUCTURE

The book is organized to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. While not a traditional "setup" process, understanding the book's structure is crucial for effective engagement with its arguments.

1. **Part I:** Focuses on the concept of the State, the theory of sovereignty, and their relationship with international law.
2. **Part II:** Analyzes the political status of the Republic of China in Taiwan and the legal status of the island of Taiwan in international law, building upon the concepts established in Part I.

The book also includes a foreword by Prof. Jerome A. Cohen and an afterword by John J. Tkacik Jr., providing additional perspectives on the topic.

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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- Refer to official documents and treaties related to the One-China Policy and Taiwan's historical status.
- Explore works by other scholars mentioned or referenced within this book.

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**Image 1:** Front cover of the book "The One-China Policy: State, Sovereignty, and Taiwan's International Legal Status". It features the title prominently, the author's name, and the publisher's series information. The background is a gradient of grey tones.

The One-China Policy: State, Sovereignty, and Taiwan's International Legal Status comprises two related parts. The first part is on concept of the State, the theory of sovereignty, and their relations with international law. The second part of the work analyzes the political status of the Republic of China in Taiwan and the legal status of the island of Taiwan in international law based on the concept of the State and the theory of sovereignty derived from the analyses in the first part.

Against the backdrop of the increasing, global importance of the controversial Taiwan and the one-China policy, Peter A. Dutton, Fellow of the US-Asia Law Institute and adjunct professor of law at New York University, USA, reviews Professor Chiang's important contribution to this issue:

*Frank Chiang's impressive analysis of the status of Taiwan today shows us why this lush land is truly an island apart. Chiang demonstrates in great detail why Taiwan possesses the attributes of sovereignty, yet stands apart from the community of states. He shows Taiwan's ties to China through its government under the Republic of China, but also lays out the argument that the last century and a quarter of the island's history have left it fundamentally apart from the mainland and not under Chinese sovereignty. Not truly free, not fully part of China, Chiang carefully constructs a legal and factual argument that Taiwan stands in a category of its own. Not a state, and not subject to the sovereignty of any state, Chiang is determined to give it a status in order to devise possible solutions. Carefully analyzing the post-World war II history, Chiang concludes Taiwan essentially remains under the occupation of the United States. Accordingly, Chiang argues, it is time for the United States to help Taiwan end its status as a civil society in limbo. His suggested solution is for the United States to facilitate an opportunity for the people of Taiwan to democratically decide their own political future. This will come as a welcome suggestion to some readers and a cause for alarm to others. But every reader will undoubtedly learn much from the richness of Chiang's carefully constructed legal and historical arguments to make his case that the island of Taiwan is free as a matter of international law and should therefore have a right to choose its own fate.*

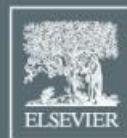
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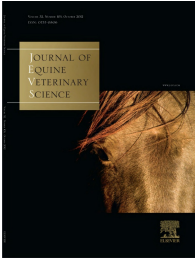

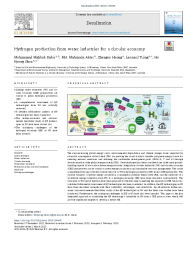
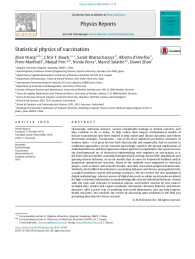
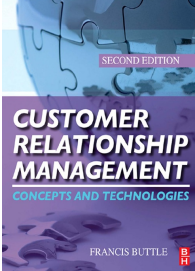
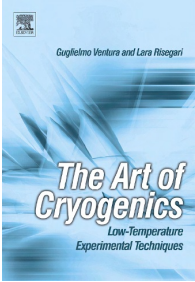
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**Image 2:** Back cover of the book "The One-China Policy". This image provides a summary of the book's contents, including its two main parts, and highlights key aspects of the author's analysis. It also includes the ISBN barcode and publisher details.

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