

# **Codifying the Indigenous Research Ethics for Taiwan— Taking the Implementation of Protection Act for Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples as an Example**

## **Abstract**

Along with the political motivation of de-colonialization, reflections on the colonial thesis asserted to the barbaric and uncivilized faces of the dominated ‘the Others’ by ‘We Group’ has also become the main current of modern indigenous studies. Hence the latter’s focus gradually shift from the authoritative gazing to the contemplation over the issues of their cultural survival and fragmentation. Among them the most prominent issue is the context and practice of indigenous research ethics, which is essentially tangled with metaphor of corrective justice. To name its representing part will be the recognition of the legitimation of their collective rights and customary laws. This article is therefore intending to analyze the pragmatic phase of research ethics of indigenous study in Taiwan, with the implementation of the Protection Act for Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous People, which is promulgated in the year of 2007 and could have served as a primitive model of codified research ethic applied specifically to the discipline. A fair measurement of the merits and difficulties of indigenous research ethics are expected to be systemically constructed.