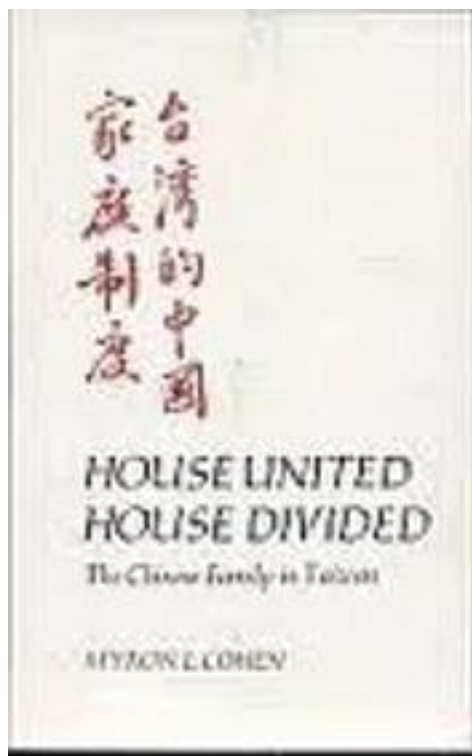


# House United, House Divided



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Through a study of the Chinese joint family in Yen-liao, a farming village in southwestern Taiwan, *House United, House Divided* gives a new view of the forces that keep Chinese families together or encourage them to divide. While all major forms of the traditional Chinese family are well represented in the village, the settlement is notable for its many "large" or "joint" families whose members in fact constitute the majority of the village's population. Based on the author's firsthand observations of the Chinese joint family, the book presents a wealth of new information on joint family economic and social organization. Emphasizing the process with which simpler

families develop into joint forms and subsequently become divided, Dr. Cohen discusses the importance of the family estate and the changing social and economic positions of key family members under the impact of major domestic events. This fascinating study gives the first comprehensive treatment of the economic role of women in the traditional Chinese family. In addition the extraordinary conjunction between modernization and tradition in present-day Taiwan makes it possible to learn a great deal about the dynamics of change in traditional Chinese society.

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Hymes推荐family history书籍。作者认为ECONOMIC FACTORS(TOBACCO PLANTING AND DIVERSIFICATION)是一个大家庭会不会分家的关键，其中还有很多有趣的人类学发现，尤其是关于妯娌关系与兄弟关系的对应，妻子的私房钱等等。寒假拖拖拉拉看完的第一本书，希望一些消息能将我打醒赶快起来继续读书。

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