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Between two Narratives War, Displacement, and Gendered Agency in the Life of Yangzom, a Tibetan Woman in Taiwan

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This discussion explores the life of Yangzom, a Tibetan merchant's daughter born in Lhasa who crossed the Himalayas in 1959, briefly lived in Calcutta, and eventually resettled in Taiwan, where she lived for over six decades. Drawing on oral history interviews conducted between 2021 and 2026, it traces how gender shaped Yangzom's experience of displacement, the constraints she faced and the agency she exercised, from Lhasa to Calcutta to Taipei. Yangzom's story is distinctive because it fits neither the standard narrative of Tibetan displacement, which centers Chinese Communist aggression as the primary agent of rupture, nor Taiwan Studies' focus on the mainlander (waishengren) experience. She occupied the space between these frameworks that often remains invisible within the dominant narratives.

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