Dr. Scott Simon, a PhD in Anthropology from McGill University, has conducted significant research on the indigenous communities of Taiwan. His work on Taiwanese national identity, which he studied during his PhD from 1996 to 1998, focused on the rapid post-war industrialization and its impact on the local communities.

Simon's research in Taiwan includes the study of women entrepreneurs in Taipei, and his fieldwork in the indigenous communities of the Sediq and Truku tribes since 2004. He has been particularly interested in the processes of indigeneity and the development of institutions recognizing indigenous peoples in Taiwan.

Simon's recent research has been on the indigeneity and Indigenous resurgence in the Sediq and Truku communities. His work aims to understand how individuals reaffirm sovereignty through everyday practices and political tactics. He argues that the democratization of Taiwan has created opportunities for indigenous resurgence.

Simon is the author of three books and numerous academic publications. His research interests include human rights, indigenous-state relations, and ecological anthropology. His work reflects on the importance of indigenous knowledge and the role of language in the promotion of Indigenous resurgence.

Simon's work has been instrumental in raising awareness about the indigenous communities of Taiwan and their contributions to the country's development. His insights have helped to shape policies and institutions that recognize the rights of indigenous peoples.

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