

## **Early Southeast Asia: New Perspectives and Paradigms**

Early Southeast Asia before the modern period has been the subject of colonial and postcolonial historiographies. The latter has given way to the privileging of agency as against exogenous forces that older colonial historians have valorized – Indianization, Sinification, Hispanization or Westernization. As a result, new generations of Southeast Asianists have begun to view Southeast Asian history, not from the “deck of a ship”, so to speak, but from the other end of the colonized, the subaltern, or the endogenous actors or what the Filipino historian Renato Constantino called “the inarticulate”. Re-examining epigraphic, textual, archaeological, ethnographic and other sources, the history of early Southeast Asia has demonstrated that more can be uncovered and rediscovered, reread and reinterpreted, debunked and demythologized in the area of Southeast Asian studies.

This panel, then, invites papers dealing with early Southeast Asia or the Eurocentric term, classical period, from seventh/eighth to the early sixteenth century, or earlier, that question older historiographies, presents new evidences and unsettles the terrain of traditional scholarship.

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