

Language in Southeast Asia: between cultural heritage and cultural production

Language is one of the key factors of cultural heritage for most communities worldwide. This panel will address some of the many challenges, such as IT diffusion, which affect Southeast Asian languages in Southeast Asian countries.

Issues to address include how the many Southeast Asian scripts inherited from past generations can be maintained by the present generation for the benefit of future generations, despite being widely used in new communication technologies and social media; and how Southeast Asian languages have been affected by the use of the Internet and mobile phones, as well as by the globalizing and standardising influence of major languages such as English and Indonesian.

Further questions include: how can new digital technologies be used to help preserve traditional Southeast Asian manuscripts? And how can Southeast Asian languages, as cultural heritage, be culturally productive?

Papers which touch on these or other topics related to language are welcome.

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