

Editorial Note: Integrating Local Perspectives into Southeast Asian Archaeology

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We are delighted to present this special section of the SPAFA Journal as the outcome of selected papers from the “Integrating Local Perspectives into Southeast Asian Archaeology” panel presented at the 21st Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association Conference in September 2018 in Hue, Vietnam. The panel seeks to explore a broader range of viewpoints in conceptualization and practice by integrating local or indigenous knowledge into the archaeology of Southeast Asia.

This section consists of several novel research articles, each article having its own uniqueness presenting regional research issues such as indigenous cosmology, prehistoric periodization, and heritage management.

These articles not only advance our archaeological knowledge but also reflect a range of theoretical and methodological issues from local and non-local viewpoints in contemporary archaeology and critical heritage studies in Southeast Asia. The papers in this section may serve as a functional venue for a cross-discipline dialogue and cross-cultural comparative study. We wish to thank the contributors for presenting their work at our panel, and also sharing their research in this section.