

*PROPOSED TITLE:*

**Recent Developments in Understanding Upper Pleistocene - Mid-Holocene Modern Human Dispersal(s) and Population History in Southeast Asia**

*ABSTRACT:*

Southeast Asia has long been of interest to researchers of archaeology due to the cultural, linguistic, biological, genetic diversity it possesses; the presence of archaic populations; and even the potential introgression of ancient hominins (i.e. Denisovans) with anatomically modern *Homo sapiens* (AMHs). In recent years, growing research has put Southeast Asia under the limelight to elucidate its crucial role and strategic position in understanding AMHs movement(s) within the Indo-Pacific region.

This session seeks to highlight and discuss recent developments on modern human dispersals and population histories in Mainland and Island Southeast Asia. By promoting an interdisciplinary perspective and holistic understanding of the current debates of this theme, papers regarding palaeoanthropological, genetic, linguistic, and material evidences -- as well as those dealing with evidences indicating possible modern human behaviour, art and symbolism, that highlight modern human movement and exploitation of this region-- are invited. Studies employing novel scientific methods such as 3D analyses are also welcomed.

A multidisciplinary effort in tackling debates involving the timing, routes, migration event(s), biological-cultural affinities of modern human arrival(s) into this region is most encouraged, and is the primary objective of this session.

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