



ASEAN Region's Culture and Religion by the end of 21st Century: A Dialogue of Past with Present?

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Modern South and Southeast Asia is an idea as much as it is a place in time and space. It is an idea that is constituted by many historically identifiable components, such as collectivism and practicality. In a map with a place called South and Southeast Asia made up of nation-states, populations, currencies, religious lives, culture patterns, heritages and lifestyles, Southeast Asian countries (under ASEAN) stands prominent. Thanks to its capacity to accept, absorb and acculturate, the region stands before us as a fit case of study in the contemporary global scene. Along with the dynamism of the various cultures and religions, today as never before, we see rapid change brought about by science and technology in this region.

With the above foundational concepts of (1) the varied and fluid nature of culture—including traditions and all that is seen to be static and everlasting—and (2) the continually intensifying impact of new means, the nations falling under ASEAN are interesting field to undertake academic study. Posing the end of the 21st century as a time to pivot back to the present retrospectively, we consider following issues (but *not confined to*) sub-themes:

- Theorising Religions of South and Southeast Asia
- Philosophy , Interpretations, and Schools of Thought
- ASEAN Diaspora: Fertility, Religiosity and Survival
- ASEAN Culture and Heritage: Preserving the Past for Future
- Traditional Practices in Medicines, Nature and Environment
- Mind, Meditation and Wellbeingness in South and Southeast Asia

- Festivals, Gatherings and Pilgrimage
- Acculturation of Globalisation in South and Southeast Asia
- Symbolism in Arts
- Media, Language and Literature

A special section would be devoted on the topic, ***Cham Culture: Past, Present and Future***". [Papers on other topics related to South Asia and Southeast Asia are also welcome.](#) We also welcome panels.

Note:

The SSEASR operates under the policies and principles of the parent body International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), which seeks to promote the activities of all scholars and affiliates that contribute to the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. As such, the IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetic, or other similar concerns.

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We are working on a 3 day/2 night (July 12-14) post conference tour which would take you to all marvels of tangible heritage. Other details regarding the accommodation and the mode of payment for registration fee would be announced very soon. For details, and registration form online filling, please visit the website www.sseasr.org or email us at VIETNAMSSSEASR@hotmail.com or secretariat@sseasr.org

Important Dates

Early Registration Deadline: March 15, 2017

Panel Submission closes: April 15, 2017

Last Submission of Abstract: May 10, 2017

Submission of Full Paper: June 6, 2017

REGISTRATION FEES

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS	FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS	DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS
Early Registration: US\$ 100	Early Registration: US \$300	Early Registration: US \$250
Late Registration: US\$ 150	Late Registration : US \$350	Late Registration : US \$300
Full Time Students: US\$ 100	Full Time Students: US \$200	Full Time Students: US \$150
Overseas Persons: US\$ 200 (Living in Vietnam)	Retired Academicians:US\$250	Retired Academicians: US \$150 (With Late Fee) : US \$200

The registration amount covers conference day meals, dinners, coffee/tea, conference publications, pickup service at the airport and entry to cultural and heritage sites and cultural evenings. It does not include air tickets, hotels and other personal expenses.

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