Abstract

At first glance, the notion of finding local history in a journal which is regional in purpose and outlook seems foolhardy; more so if we accept that the field of Southeast Asian Studies had origins outside the region. But the Journal of Southeast Asian Studies is arguably a product of local scholarship, having been edited by the Department of History at the National University of Singapore since 1970. In the presentation, I will talk about how a historical study of the journal can provide some insights into the representations of the region, Southeast Asian History and Southeast Asian Studies. Such representations not only reflect the intellectual trends and institutional demands influencing the production of the journal, but also their implications on the editors' perceptions of history in the 1960s and 1970s.

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