

Soil, Roots and Civilization: Malaysia's Big History and our Global Future

We invite you to join a discussion of deep time, present scholarship and future directions in the Malay Archipelago with Professor Dr. Shamshuddin bin Jusop and Professor Dato' Dr. Mokhtar Saidin. They will share ideas about human history, survival, ecology, and the future. Their questions for the audience: How does this Southeast Asia experience compare with other parts of the world? How can we better work together to survive and flourish as a global community?

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Dr. Shamshuddin Jusop has taught soil science at the Universiti Putra Malaysia for fifty years and is a Sr. Research Fellow in their Faculty of Agriculture as well as elected Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia. Shamshuddin also works in public science education, such as with his book, *The Earth Story: Lessons from the Quran and Science*. He participates in big history through his study of soils and society in Southeast Asia, to learn how humanity uses their environment and can adapt for the future.

Dr. Mokhtar Saidin is professor of archaeology at Universiti Sains Malaysia and directs their Centre for Global Archaeological Research. He works in public education, advising on heritage for parks, museums, industry, and collections. Among his discoveries is a Neolithic burial found in a shell midden in Penang. Mokhtar engages with big history through the lens of deep time in Southeast Asia, seeing how humanity adapts to form their social identities, as in his book, *From Stone Age to Early Civilization in Malaysia*.

Moderator: Dr. Barry H. Rodrigue / Facilitator: Tan Chee Keong

**This webinar is open to 100 people, so reserve your spot while they are available!
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This event is co-sponsored by the Asian Big History Association, the International Big History Association, and the Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts in advance of their 2021 conference, *Changing the World: Community, Science and Engagement with Big History*, details at <bighistory.org>

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