

Cambodia and China: An Archaeological Perspective

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Abstract

This talk investigates Khmer ceramic production and its interactive relationship with China during the Angkorian period (C.E. 802-1431) in an archaeological perspective. Angkor was the capital of the Khmer Empire in mainland Southeast Asia. The Khmer Empire covered modern Cambodia, Northeast Thailand, Southern Vietnam, Laos and Tenasserim of Myanmar. It argues that the intensive interregional trade and interactions with China was one of the crucial factors for the regional expansion of Khmer political power during the Angkorian period. Combining archaeological excavation findings with comparative analyses of two regions, this talk discusses that the contact the Khmer had with China motivated Khmer to begin ceramic production for local residences and temples. To what extent did the Khmer people make technological and social choices as they embraced new ceramic manufacturing technologies? How does archaeology provide a new placing of Angkor into the interregional trading networks of medieval Asia?

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