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# **CROUCHING TIGERS, HIDDEN ELEPHANTS**

**Dr. Noel Hidalgo Tan Cruz, Senior Specialist in Archaeology  
at the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine  
Arts in Bangkok**

Southeast Asian rock art studies boomed in recent decades, with sites multiplying from a few in the 1960s to over a thousand today. Improved recording and analysis techniques fueled research, as shown by the surge of related papers. Indonesia and Thailand hold the most sites, with ongoing research challenging ideas about art's origins and revealing past societies' movements. This lecture explores Southeast Asian rock art across time, demonstrating its value for understanding the region's archaeology.

Noel Hidalgo Tan is the Senior Specialist in Archaeology at the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts in Bangkok, where he works to promote the archaeology of Southeast Asia by building capacity among regional archaeologists, finding ways to engage the public about archaeological and cultural heritage, and conducting archaeological research.



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