



## Austronesian Research Seminar: Written Cultures and Cultures of the Spoken Word

Is writing the 'natural' evolution for literate societies? How to explain the spread and use of alphabets in certain parts of Southeast Asia and not in others, despite close proximity? How do people pass on knowledge without the use of written forms? Why do some groups use orality for some activities, and writing for others? Those are the questions that will be dealt with over the semester, with the aim of understanding how orality and literacy interact among Austronesian-speaking people in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia, but also beyond.



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### Schedule:

Thu, 12.00 – 14.00  
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