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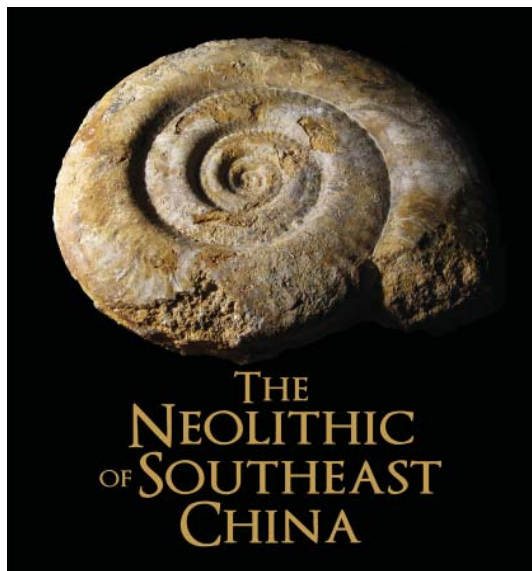
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Description

The Neolithic of Southeast China takes us through the three periods: early (ca. 6500–5000 BP), middle (ca. 5000–4300 BP), and late (ca. 4300–3500 BP), detailing the transformation of subsistence patterns and the development of regional interaction spheres. The Neolithic people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait were proto-Austronesians. They first expanded to Taiwan around 6500–5000 BP, and maintained regular contacts with the mainland until 3500 BP. Their expansions were possibly motivated by multiple factors such as trade and new immigrant pressure.

Given the increasing international attention on the search for the homeland of Austronesian speakers, this book is especially timely since it addresses the implications of the Neolithic cultural changes of Southeast China and adds to our understanding of the early expansion of the proto-Austronesians.

The foreword to this groundbreaking study is by world renowned archaeologist and scholar, Professor Ofer Bar-Yosef of Harvard University.



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