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PREFACE

The essays in this volume represent the evolution of my thinking on early modern Southeast Asia over a long period, from 1975 to 1996. Of the twelve chapters, nine have appeared already in some form, though in most cases in places not readily accessible to the broader community of Southeast Asia scholars.

Chapters 3, 5 and 11 were presented at conferences in 1994–6, the first two in Bangkok and the last in Canberra, but have not been previously published.

The chapters have been arranged in roughly chronological order of their themes, not the order in which they were conceived. In fact the last chapter was the first to be conceived and delivered, at a time when I was just beginning to contemplate serious writing about the early modern period. Now that that chapter of my life is concluding, it seems timely to bring some of the different writings together.

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