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Early Maritime Interaction in the South China Sea: A View from South China and Taiwan

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Together with textual records, archaeological research indicates increasing interaction between the islands and coastal regions of the South China Sea by the first millennium BCE, well before China's expansion into southern China and present-day Vietnam in the 2nd century BCE. Consisting of coastal travel, inter-island hopping, and possibly open water crossings, these emerging trade and exchange maritime networks involved the movement of a range of objects, raw materials, technical knowledge, artistic styles, as well as the artisans themselves. This lecture covers several related topics. It compares the South China Sea with the Mediterranean, pointing to certain physical and environmental differences which may have impacted early seafaring in these two bodies of water. It also reviews the early history of China's participation in what is often referred to as the 'Maritime Silk Route', and discusses early Taiwan's increasing links with its southern maritime regions, an orientation which some associate with the suggested earlier expansion of Austronesian speakers out of Taiwan during the 2nd millennium BCE. The lecture ends by contrasting southern China and Taiwan in regard to the nature, chronology and extent of their respective participation in maritime networks centered on the South China Sea.

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