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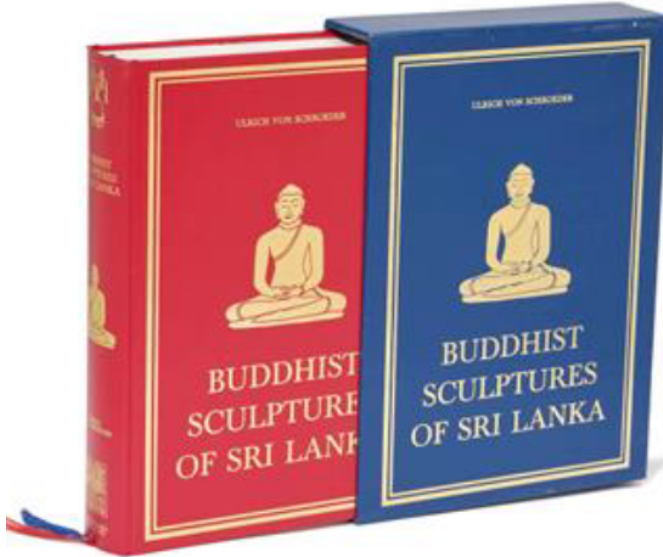
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This is the 11th issue of the **RASSL Library Newsletter**, an Electronic Newsletter issued by the Library Committee of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.

Its objective is to deliver information on new books and periodicals added to the collection of the Library of the RASSL to its members.

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Buddhist Sculptures of Sri Lanka by Ulrich von Schroeder



'Buddhist Sculptures of Sri Lanka', Ulrich von Schroeder's magnum opus is in many ways a beguilingly beautiful study with a wealth of sculptural forms representing the Buddha and the legends connected with him and describing the special details connected with his life and times. Often surprisingly the author describes the deep-seated relationship with Buddhist art.

First published in 1990, its 752 pages are closely packed with 1589 illustrations and text. Forty copies of this important volume have been generously gifted by the author to be distributed to the various institutions, museums and universities in Sri Lanka.

The text describes the extent to which Andhra Pradesh in South India paid an important role and influence in the development of Sri Lankan Buddhist sculpture. There are also interesting nuggets of information between the sculpture of the Buddha's image introduced from Sri Lanka to sites in Thailand both in Ayutthaya and Sukothai.

An interesting aspect of the text are the various cults that existed in Sri Lanka around the 9th to 12th century. The author discusses the various symbolic forms like the footprint, throne and other symbols which were in use even before the representation of the Buddha in human form.

Von Schroeder has added a comprehensive bibliography and an excellent glossary of terms used in Buddhist art. The overall text details the various features and postures that the sculptors used when representing the Buddha. The author's approach has transformed our knowledge not only of the art but also the civilization that produced these wonderful cultural objects.

(Quoted from a review to the book by Ismeth Raheem published on 3rd November 2024 in Sunday Times)

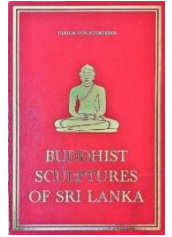
National Library Delegation Visits RASSL Library

On 14 October 2024, the Director and a team from the Sri Lanka National Library visited the RASSL Library. They expressed interest in establishing an inter-information exchange programme and invited us to consider proposing such a collaboration.

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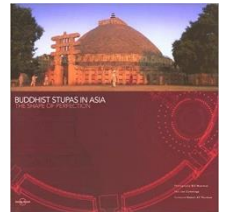


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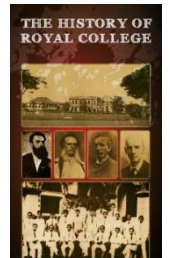
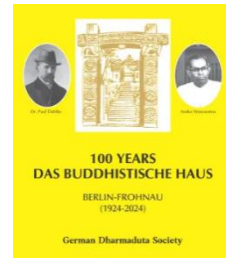
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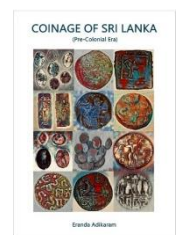
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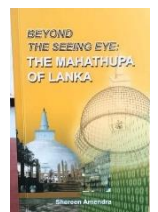
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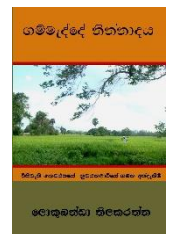
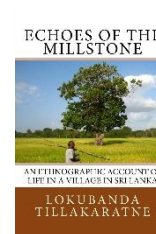
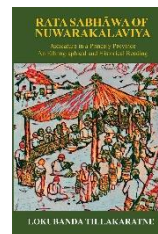
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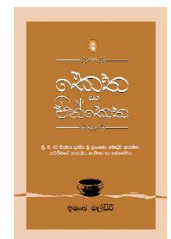


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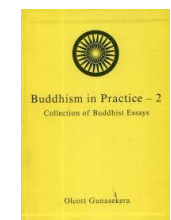
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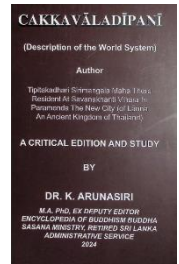
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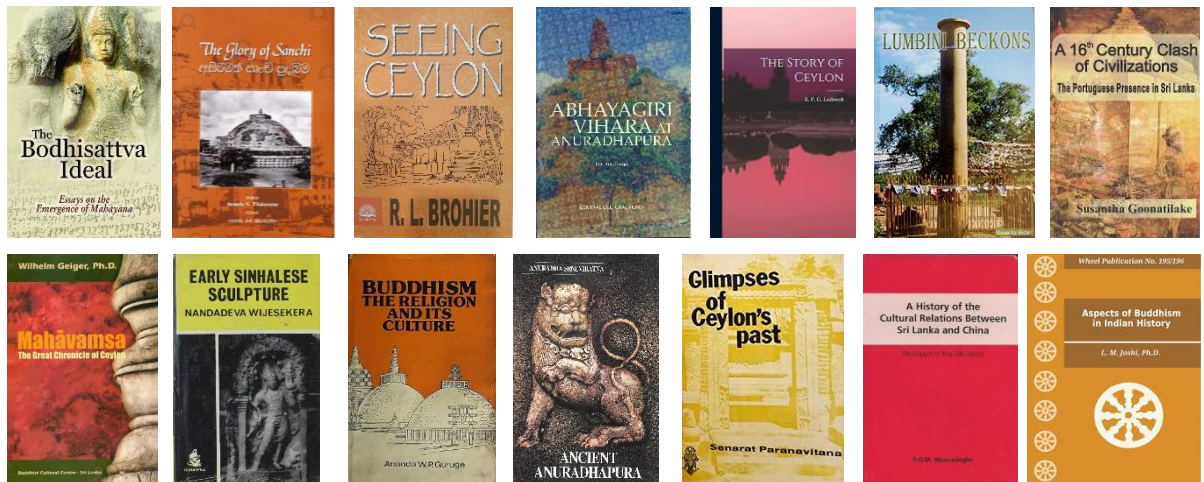


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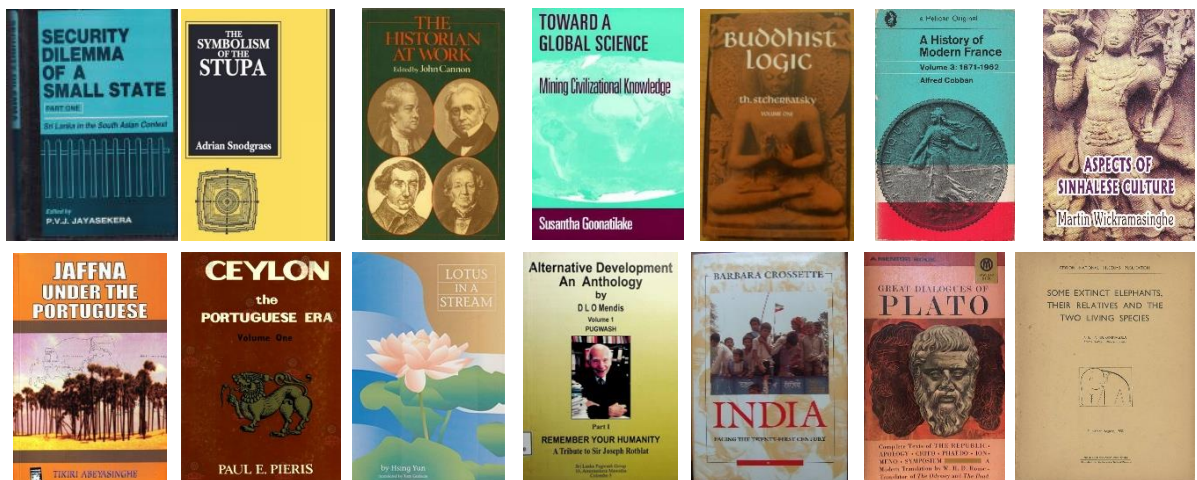
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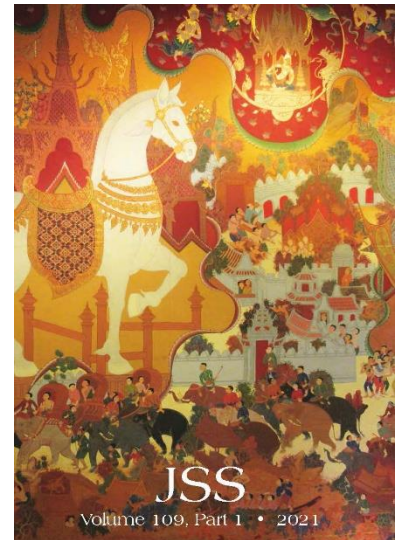
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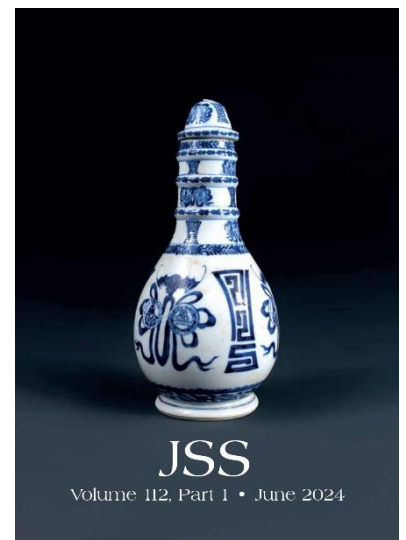
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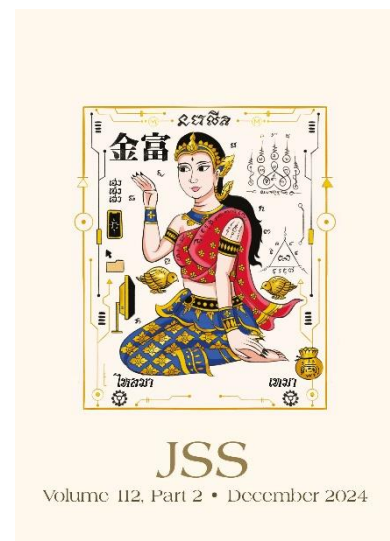
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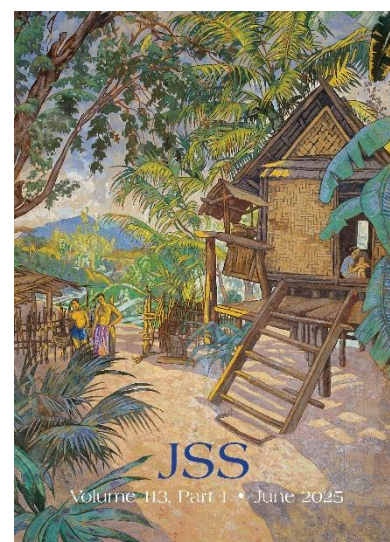
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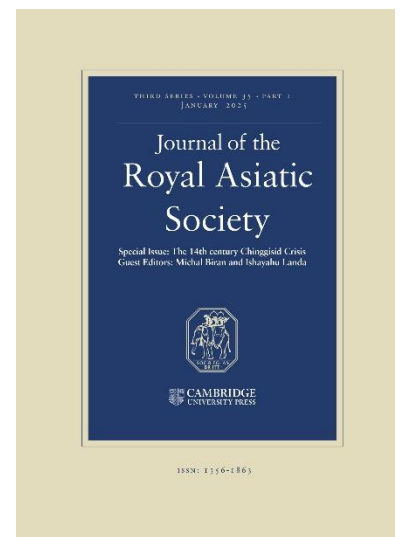
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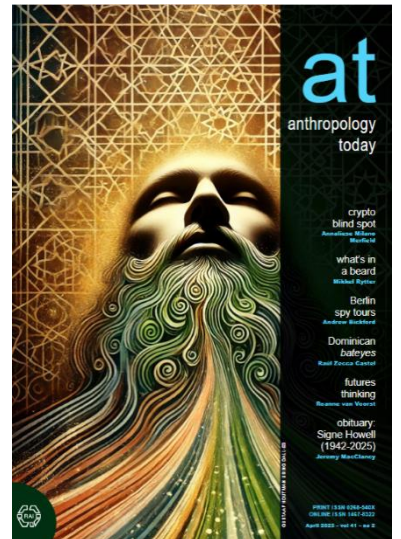
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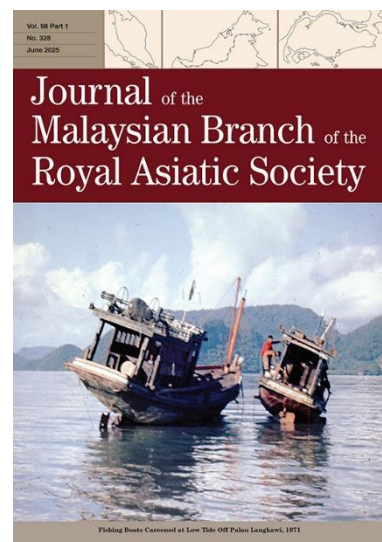
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