Cool living heritage in Southeast Asia: sustainable alternatives to air-conditioned cities
This project focuses on alternatives to electronic air-conditioning to encourage more sustainable urban lifestyles in Southeast Asia. It traces the historical emergence of climate-controlled interiors as spaces through which visions and expectations about national standards of living, comfort, productivity and leisure have coalesced.

A wide array of tradition-based, low-carbon thermal comfort alternatives to air-conditioning are examined, and the degree to which these can be reinstated within current discussions about urban planning and design is investigated by the team. The project addresses a significant aspect of built environment sustainability and contemporary urban culture in a dynamic and rapidly developing part of the world.

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