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## PREFACE

The 27th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) was organized by the National University of Singapore and held online on August 20–22, 2020. We are proud to have had this opportunity to host the first AFLA meeting from Nusantara, the archipelago of the Malay world, as well as the first virtual AFLA, necessitated by the Covid 19 pandemic.

The AFLA 27 program included 22 regular talks — chosen from 40 abstracts received — as well as invited talks by Lauren Clemens, Kilu von Prince, Alexander D. Smith, Apay Ai-Yu Tang, and Coppe van Urk. True to previous AFLAs, talks spanned the Austronesian world and included many works by junior scholars as well as some native speaker linguists. Over 100 participants from around the world logged on to participate in the stimulating sessions in real time, with others also later engaging with the recorded talks posted to YouTube.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>We have chosen to keep videos of talks from the conference available online. A link to our YouTube page can be found on the conference website: <https://lingconf.com/afla27/>.