

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.IJAR-54123

Title: Vietnamese Cultural History: A Journey Through Time

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision YES

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	YES			
Techn. Quality			YES	
Clarity		YES		
Significance		YES		

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Date: 29/09/2025

Detailed Reviewer's Report

The paper *Vietnamese Cultural History: A Journey Through Time* provides a well-structured and comprehensive overview of Vietnam's cultural development, tracing its trajectory from prehistoric Đông Sơn traditions to the contemporary globalized era while highlighting resilience through "selective assimilation, creative resistance, and hybridization." Its strengths include clear periodization, integration of diverse influences, and emphasis on continuity amid external pressures such as Chinese domination, French colonialism, socialist revolutions, and Đổi Mới reforms. However, the study could be improved with minor changes such as deeper critical analysis of tensions between modernization and preservation, stronger methodological justification, and inclusion of comparative perspectives from neighboring Southeast Asian cultures. Recommendations also include providing more concrete policy implications for cultural sustainability, enriching the discussion with ethnographic or case-based evidence, and suggesting strategies to engage younger generations through education, digital platforms, and creative industries. These minor refinements would elevate the work from being primarily descriptive to more analytical and impactful, making it not only a valuable academic contribution but also a guide for cultural policy and practice in Vietnam's future.

Suggestions for Author

- **Deepen the Critical Lens** – While the paper effectively traces Vietnam's cultural history, adding more critical evaluation of tensions (e.g., between cultural preservation and globalization, or tradition and modernization) would make the work more analytical rather than primarily descriptive.
- **Strengthen Methodology Justification** – The mixed-methods approach is well-chosen, but clarifying how each method directly contributed to findings would enhance the paper's academic rigor.

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- **Incorporate Comparative Perspectives** – Briefly comparing Vietnam's cultural trajectory with that of neighboring Southeast Asian countries (such as Thailand or Cambodia) could situate the research in a broader regional context and highlight Vietnam's unique path.
- **Expand Policy Relevance** – Suggesting practical applications, such as cultural heritage protection strategies, tourism guidelines, or youth engagement initiatives, would increase the paper's value beyond academia.
- **Integrate Contemporary Case Studies** – Including short ethnographic accounts, examples from urban or rural communities, or interviews could ground theoretical arguments in lived experience.
- **Engage Youth and Technology** – Propose innovative ways to preserve culture through digital media, creative industries, and education to ensure traditions remain relevant for younger generations.
- **Polish Structure and Style** – Minor refinements, such as tightening transitions, reducing repetition in the literature review, and standardizing references, would improve flow and readability.