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This issue of *Asian Review* is eclectic. Supang Chantavanich traces the anthropological and historical underpinning of the *ang-ji* or Chinese secret society during their heyday in Siam. Nguyen Quang Dung makes an anthropological and sociological study of the Muser in Tak province of Thailand, showing how the younger generation is undergoing a process of socialization into Thai-Buddhist society, and causing concern to their elders. Thun Theara describes the tragic episode of the Khmer Rouge regime and its impact on children who were forcibly socialized to become defenders of the regime as performers of revolutionary songs. Jesse Odum studies the drug trade in Myanmar and its operation across borders into China, Laos, and Thailand. Deniz Kocak questions the whether ASEAN has any claim to be called a security community. Area-wise, this issue deals with Southeast Asia, while subject-wise, it deals with various forms of social transformation.