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A Sea of Interacting Islands

Rapa Nui and Ancient Polynesian Interaction Spheres

How were the people of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) able to thrive on a small Pacific island so remote from even the closest islands in Polynesia?

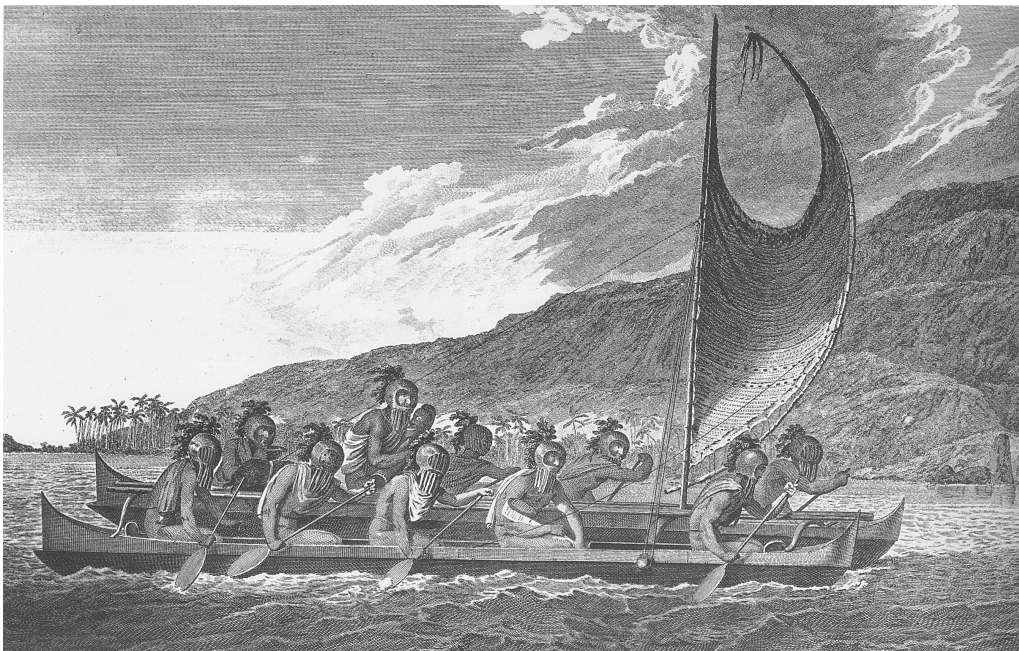
Insight may come from other, earlier interactions amongst cultures in the so-called 'Sea of Islands'.

Patterns of interaction in three distinct phases of settlement across the Pacific, from the Pleistocene to the Holocene, and from

Melanesia to eastern Polynesia, help us understand these tremendous navigational

achievements and the fascinating people who call the great Moana their home.

They also clarify what made it possible for the Rapanui people to flourish for some five



hundred years, creating thousands of megalithic features including *moai* (statues), *ahu* (platforms), and *pukao* (topknots).

THURSDAY, June 17, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

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