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1. Discovering Southeast Asia through summer study abroad

There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer through NIU, in addition to a just-added program to the Netherlands that will cover European colonialism in Indonesia. With application deadlines coming up, now’s the time to consider Southeast Asian studies travel over the summer. NIU faculty—including Center associates Trude Jacobsen, Eric Jones, Andrea Molnar, and Jui-Ching Wang—will lead six of the seven study abroad programs being offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office. Click on the links for each program listed below for complete information and online registration. Many of the course credits may be applied to the Center’s Southeast Asian studies minor or graduate concentration. In addition, NIU students may apply for the Provost’s Travel Grant for Study Abroad for funding support; for an application and to review other funding options, click here. For other questions about studying abroad with NIU, contact the Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0700 or email at niuabroad@niu.edu. You can also attend a session of Study Abroad 101, which is offered at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in Williston 417.

Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam

Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, “NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam)” will look at how development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts. “Since I arrived at NIU in Fall 2009 I have wanted to start a study abroad that encompassed more than one country in Southeast Asia, as I think students who are interested in the region should be exposed to its cultural diversity,” Jacobsen says. “This course will be an exciting opportunity for students to see how issues that interest them, whether child rights, labor laws, NGO management, environmental issues, disability rights, community arts development, are handled across three different cultural contexts. It is also a great opportunity to network with NGOs and NGO workers for future fieldwork or internships.” Find more on Facebook at NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia Summer 2014. Deadline to apply: April 1.

Explore cultural diversity in Thailand

Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, “Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” May 16–June 14, beginning in Bangkok. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course utilizes a political anthropology perspective combined while focusing on cultural issues and their historical background, according to Molnar. “[Lectures] are reinforced whenever possible through partnering up NIU students with Thai students from participating partner
institutions as well as through visits to cultural and historic sites,” Molnar says. Find photos of previous trips, course information, travel grant information and more on Facebook at Thailand Study Abroad 2014. Deadline to apply: March 31.

**Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia**

Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts **July 1–30** in “Experiencing the Arts in Bali,” Wang’s new program to Bali, Indonesia. The ceremonial nature of the arts reflects the multiple layers of religious practices and philosophies embedded in Balinese society, according to Wang. As part of the program, students will live in a traditional village compound and participate in festivals to celebrate the anniversary of the local temples. “Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali,” Wang says. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**

**Connect with Indonesia’s colonial past in the Netherlands**

Assistant CSEAS Director Eric Jones (History) is taking a group to Amsterdam in the Netherlands **Aug. 3–22** in his summer study abroad program, “History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism.” Jones, whose expertise is in Dutch/Indonesian colonial history, will focus on the history of the Netherlands (the global economic juggernaut of the 17th century,” in his words) European and European colonial history, with particular emphasis on Indonesia where the Dutch East India Company, the globe’s first multinational company operated from 1602 to 1800. “Students will reside in a guesthouse in the city center,” Jones says, “and our classroom settings entail a mix of traditional instruction and on-site, in-the-field coursework.” **Deadline to apply: April 15.**

**Conduct environmental research on public health in Indonesia**

CSEAS affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research on environmental factors and public health in his summer study abroad program, “Global Health and Environments in Indonesia.” The program is especially geared for students interested in interdisciplinary research, particularly in nursing, public health, anthropology, and environmental studies. Past projects have studied the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health. Deadline to apply: March 3.
Do clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia

CSEAS affiliate King Chung (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group June 1–14 to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and facilitating local programs. The program and its four components—humanitarian services, research, academic exchanges, and cultural immersion—are particularly geared to allied health and audiology students. Students also have the opportunity to participate in writing a research paper for submission to a peer-reviewed journal. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

Learn Lao language and culture in Laos

Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run June 27–July 31. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture. Undergraduate student and Southeast Asian studies minor Andrew Duangdara (political science) attended SAIL in 2013, the first summer NIU credit was offered for the program. “I was interested in going to Laos because my family was from Laos,” he says. “We went back when I was seven years old but I don’t remember most of the trip.” From the bustling capital city of Vientiane, Duangdara and the 14 other participants from around the US traveled to rural Laos as well. “The program took us to the countryside an hour outside the city for two days and showed us what it was like to live there,” he says. “We planted rice, ate a traditional meal, and somehow squeezed fifteen people into three mosquito nets.” **Deadline to apply: June 6.**

2. Second round of summer FLAS funding this week **NEW**

The Center is conducting a second round of Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship applications for summer 2014. For details on how to apply, see the Center website. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 7. Students who have already applied for the 2014-15 academic year FLAS may use the reference letters submitted with that application. For more information, contact CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or email the Center at cseas@niu.edu and put “Second-round Summer FLAS” in the subject line.

3. CSEAS offering two graduate assistantship opportunities for 2014–15 **NEW**

The Center is accepting applications for two graduate assistants for the 2014–15 academic year. All materials, which include a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Nancy Schuneman by 4:30 p.m. April 15. Send to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to nschunem@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776. See position descriptions below:
- **Teaching Assistant for ILAS 225**: Full-time (20 hours per week) position coordinating Center’s Southeast Asia survey course for fall and spring semester. Most lectures will be given by SEA faculty in all areas. Applicants should be advanced in their study, have knowledge or experience in SEA, and strong organizational, written and communication skills. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate concentration in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.

- **Graduate Assistant for Sandwich Program**: Full-time (20 hours per week) staff assistant to administer the Sandwich Scholars Program, an initiative of the Indonesia Ministry of Education to bring advanced graduate students to NIU for short-term mentoring and research support. Applicants must be in good academic standing, have command of the Indonesian language, and have strong organizational, written and communication skills. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.

4. **Registration for Burma/Myanmar seminar due March 10**

Registration is due March 10 for “Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma/Myanmar,” a one-day CSEAS seminar for college and upper-level high school educators set for Saturday, March 22, at NIU’s Naperville campus. The first 20 non-NIU educators to register and complete the workshop will receive a $75 stipend, said Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb. CEUs and CPDUs are also available upon request for Illinois educators.

5. **SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Be a host family for spring SEA programs**

The center is seeking local families to act as hosts April 6–13 for fifty high school students and eleven adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the spring session of the April 3–25 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 31. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 21.

Host family applications are available online. For more details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

Host families are also being sought for the April 12–May 10 Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program, this one bringing young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of CSEAS associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). The home stay dates for PYLP are April 21–May 3. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.

A SEAYLP participant takes over a corner of his host family’s kitchen to prepare a taste of his country’s cuisine.
6. Opportunities knock: On-campus funding for SEA research, travel

- Graduate students presenting a paper at an out-of-town (or out-of-country) conference this spring, you may apply for up to $250 in travel funds from the Center. If travel times sync up with the Graduate School’s matching travel grant deadlines, you may be able to double funding. Contact Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu. Information on Graduate School funding is on the Graduate School website.

- The Graduate School is requesting proposals from graduate thesis and dissertation writers to cover the costs of travel to distant venues for field research. Grants of up to $500 are being offered to cover the cost of research travel between May 15 and Sept. 1. To apply, students must send a letter of support from their thesis or dissertation committee chair and a research proposal to the Office of the Dean, 223 Adams Hall, by April 18. Contact the Graduate School for more details.

- The Department of Political Science has announced a new scholarship for full-time POLS graduate students pursuing Southeast Asian studies. The Dr. Russell W. Smith Memorial Scholarship is a $1,000 travel grant to complete field work in Southeast Asia as part of a faculty-approved research project. The first award will be made for the 2014–15 academic year; applications are due April 1. Preference may be given to field work that is part of a doctoral dissertation, to U.S. military veterans, and students with demonstrated financial need. Students should supply a 1,000-word or less narrative and letter of support from a faculty member. For details, contact the department’s graduate student adviser, Scot Schraufnagel at sschrauf@niu.edu. See the department’s scholarships page for information on other funding opportunities.

7. NIU Thai Studies endowment offers research, language and study abroad funding

The Thai Teaching and Research Fund Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for Thai studies research, language and study abroad funding. All application materials should be addressed to the Thai Fund Committee and sent via email to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

- **Undergraduate language study:** Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply for a $2,000 grant ($1,000 per semester) to pursue intermediate Thai language training. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest in Thai studies and career goals in addition to a letter of support from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a transcript. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**

- **Study abroad:** Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for two $1,000 scholarships for NIU’s May 16-June 14 [Cultural Diversity of Thailand](http://example.com) study abroad program, led by Center associate Andrea Molnar (Anthropology). Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, a transcript (for undergraduates) or the stage of graduate work (graduate students). **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

8. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2014 SEA language lineup

The Center is testing the waters for offering introductory Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall 2014, according to CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. Whether the pilot class will be offered will depend on the
number of students interested in taking Vietnamese, Ledgerwood said. Students should contact CSEAS as soon as possible at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

9. Yale scholar to keynote April 5 student conference

Noted Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia (Yale Press, 2009) will be the keynote speaker at the Southeast Asia Club’s student conference coming up April 5. Scott, professor of political science and anthropology, is director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Altgeld Room 315. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Scott’s appearance is sponsored by CSEAS, the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science.

10. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad concentration

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

11. Save the dates: Spring conferences, undergrad research day, and SEA culture fest

- March 7: Deadline for abstracts for April 19 Graduate Student Research Association conference. See conference website. NEW
- March 7: Deadline for abstracts for 2014 Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day. See event website for more information. NEW
- March 14: One-day workshop for graduate students, “Publishing with an Academic Press,” 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Founders Library 297. Details here.
- March 22: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma (Myanmar) symposium for college, high school educators, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., NIU-Naperville. See Center website.
- April 3–25: NIU welcomes the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Opportunities for host families April 6–13. Contact edenius@niu.edu.
- April 5: Spring student conference organized by the Southeast Asia Club. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Altgeld Room 315. Keynote speaker: Yale political scientist James C. Scott.
- April 8: Lifelong Learning Institute lecture: “Witnessing the Cambodian Killing Fields: Using Life Histories to Design a Museum Exhibit,” by CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Holmes Student Center.
- April 26: Southeast Asia Culture Fest, 4 to 6 p.m., Chick Evans Field House.

12. Money for study

Ateneo de Manila University

- Institute of Philippine Culture: Three-day program on historical and ethnographic approaches to Philippine culture June 1–4 in Quezon City for PhD students in social
sciences or interdisciplinary programs. Local travel, lodging and meals expenses covered. **Deadline to apply: April 15.** See website.

**Harvard University**

- **Pre-doctoral fellowships:** Two to four scholars sought for Transparency for Development Project grants by the Kennedy School’s Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation to conduct ethnographic studies of health information and social action interventions in Tanzania and Indonesia. PhD students must have completed all or most of their coursework; funding includes money for travel and some other expenses. **Deadline to apply: March 14.** See website.

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Applications open six-week summer junior resident fellowships at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. Five students each from the U.S., Cambodia, and France will be chosen for the **June 30–Aug. 8** program. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** See CKS website for details.

13. Job/internships opportunities

**Centre for International Governance Innovation**

- **Research fellowship:** One-year post-doctoral position at Ontario-based institution requires knowledge of politics, economics and Southeast Asia security issues. One-year extension possible. **Apply by April 30.** For information, email careers@cigionline.org.

**Hendrix College**

- **Postdoctoral teaching fellowship:** One-year position, supported by the ASIANetwork-Luce Teaching Fellow Program, in Hendrix’s Asian Studies Program beginning Aug. 2014. Open to recent PhDs (three years or less) in a Southeast Asia-related field. For details, contact Michael Sprunger at sprunger@hendrix.edu.

**Asia Society**

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on website.

**World Health Organization**

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the Idealist website.

14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops


- **5th International Conference on Hmong Studies,** March 21–23, Concordia University. See conference website.


- **25th Graduate Student Conference,** April 2–4, University of Hawaii-Manoa. See conference website.
• **India’s Foreign Relations: Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean**, April 4–5, Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: March 15 (papers due March 20)**. For details, email Dr. Aruna Kumar Malik at amalik@gnlu.ac.in. **NEW**


• **Re-imagining Indonesia: Ideals, Actions and Challenges**, April 11–12, Yale University. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts or proposals: March 14**. Hosted by the [Yale Indonesia Forum](#).

• **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).

• **3rd International Conference on Leadership and Learning in the Asian Society**, May 12–14, University Sains Malaysia, Pulau Penang. See [conference website](#).

• **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)**, June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See [conference website](#).

• **9th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies**, June 25–27, National University of Singapore. See [information online](#).


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**15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities**

• Two showings of the Laotian film *The Rocket*, noon and 7 p.m., Tuesday, **March 4, Lake Theatre**, 1022 Lake St., Oak Park. Presented by the First Tuesday Film Club.

• Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum, 360 Park St., Elgin.

• “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.

• The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).
Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.