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1. Fall lecture series starts Sept. 15: U.S.-Southeast Asia relations

The Center’s fall 2017 lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Sept. 15, in Room 100 Campus Life, with John Brandon, associate director of The Asia Foundation and NIU alum (MA political science, 1985). Brandon will present “United States-Southeast Asia Relations in a Trump Administration: A Return to Benign Neglect?” Under the Obama administration, many in the Asia region appreciated the substantial gains made in U.S.-ASEAN relations, with its greater emphasis on multilateralism in the effort to foster a rules-based regional order. But Asia’s evolving architecture, including ASEAN’s position, hinges on how any U.S. president manages America’s relations with China. With the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and a greater emphasis by President Trump on bilateralism, Brandon looks at what this portends for U.S. policy towards Southeast Asia and its relations with the region. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. To cancel an order, you must do so online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for students and $7 for faculty, staff and others (note: the online order form still says $6, but the correct price is $7). Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Still time to register for fall SEAS courses

There’s still time to register for fall Southeast Asian Studies classes. All five SEA language and literature classes are being offered: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center’s undergraduate and graduate Southeast Asia survey courses both are being taught in the fall. The undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Eric Jones), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The graduate class, SEAS 625 (also cross-listed as HIST 660-3), Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective, will be taught by Trude Jacobsen from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Thursdays.

Other fall courses include:
- ANTH 422/522, Gender in Southeast Asia (Trude Jacobsen)
- ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art (instructor of record Catherine Raymond)
- FCNS 384, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi)
- FLST 481/581, Special Topics in Thai Language and Culture, The Modern Thai Woman (Kanjana Thepboriruk)
- HIST 342, History of Southeast Asia to ca. 1800 (Trude Jacobsen)
- POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu).
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Ngurah Kertayuda).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates.
3. ASEAN@50: Challenges and opportunities

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand founded the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967 as a means of promoting regional stability and economic cooperation. Fifty years later, 10 of the 11 countries of Southeast Asia are members, with significant new challenges facing this strategic region of the world. CSEAS and the Indonesian Consulate in Chicago will welcome diplomats and scholars to a one-day conference, ASEAN@50: Challenges and Opportunities, on Monday, Sept. 18, in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. The morning session begins at 9 a.m. Philippines Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge, Indonesian Consul General Rosmalawati Chalid and Thai Consul General Saksee Phromyothi will address the group, moderated by John Brandon of The Asia Foundation. After lunch in the Sky Room, CSEAS faculty associate Aarie Glas (Political Science) will moderate an academic panel beginning at 1 p.m. Alice Ba, University of Delaware, will present “The South China Sea and ASEAN’s Organizational Development, Shaun Narine, St. Thomas University, will present “Leadership and Normative Change in the Region,” and John D. Ciorciari, University of Michigan, will present “CLMV and Human Rights in the Region.” The conference, which is free and open to the public, will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

4. Center associates update: Welcome to new POLS associate

Aarie Glas has joined the Political Science department faculty as an assistant professor and CSEAS as a faculty associate. A native of Canada, Glas comes to NIU from the University of Toronto as an International Relations specialist with teaching and research interests in regional security, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and IR theory. He enjoys coffee, cycling and hiking in his spare time. His office is 412 Zulauf. You can read more about him on page 7 in the new issue of The Mandala.

Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) presented “More Than Just Having Fun: Tembang Donanan Anak and its Sociocultural Functions in Indonesia (1920s-2010s)” Aug. 14 at the American Indonesia Exchange Foundation in Jakarta. Wang returns from her Fulbright year away this semester.

Jim Wilson (Geography) traveled to Myanmar during the summer to conduct a three-day workshop on health and medical geography and an introduction to an open-source geographic information system (QGIS) May 29–June 1 at Yadanabon University in Mandalay, Myanmar, and another three-day workshop on QGIS at the University of Magway in Magway.

Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) chaired a roundtable on communal violence in Myanmar as well as presented “Institutionalized Religion and the Making of Malay Ethnic Identity in Contemporary Malaysia” Aug. 16–18 at the 9th EuroSEAS conference at Oxford University. While at Oxford, she also served the discussant for a workshop, Master Class for Southeast Asian Studies, sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies. Last week, she presented “Marriage of Convenience? Religious Fundamentalism and radical Nationalism in Divided Societies” at the Aug. 30–Sept. 1 American political Science Studies Association annual conference in San Francisco. Also attending that conference was new Political Science faculty associate Aarie Glas. Look for Hamayotsu Sept. 20 at NIU’s Study Abroad Fair where she will be promoting her summer 2018 study abroad program to Indonesia.
5. Notes from all over NEW

Congratulations to former CSEAS graduate assistant Dani Muhtada (PhD political science, 2014), lecturer at Universitas Negeri Semarang in Semarang, Indonesia, who received the school’s award for best academic staff member Aug. 17. . . . Khaki Capital: The Political Economy of the Military in Southeast Asia, edited by Political Science alumni Paul Chambers (PhD, 2003) and Napisa Waitoolkiat (PhD, 2005), both at Naresuan University, has been released by NIAS Press. This collection of essays is the first to examine “the linkage between income sources of militaries and their political power in Southeast Asia and explore the military-industrial complex in the region,” according to the publisher. . . . Former History Department visiting lecturer Alicia Turner, now professor of Humanities and a faculty associate at the York University Centre for Asian Research, has been awarded the Fellowship in Buddhist Studies by the Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation. Turner, the author of Saving Buddhism: The Impermanence of Religion in Colonial Burma (University of Hawaii, 2014), will be on campus Nov. 17 to present the last fall Friday brownbag lecture at noon in Campus Life 100. She will present “From Colonial Law to Ko Ni: Genealogies of Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Burma.”

6. Tune in to our latest podcast: Mandating modernity and the new Thai womanhood

In our latest Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast, CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones sits down with NIU Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk to discuss modern Thai womanhood. Check out our other podcasts as well, including conversations with Eastern Connecticut State University historian Bradley Camp Davis, University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary’s College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebro, Burma historians Maitrii Aung-Thwin and Jovan Cavoski, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the series’ inception in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 2,300 times with listeners in 50 countries.

7. Save the dates: A semester of events

- Sept. 7: Before the Flood, 2016 Leonardo DiCaprio film about climate change around the world, including SEA, 7 p.m. Egyptian Theatre. Free. First film in Green Lens Film Series.
- **Sept. 18:** ASEAN@50: Challenges and Opportunities, one-day conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sky Room, Holmes Student Center.
- **Sept. 22:** Indonesian governor’s address, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
- **Oct. 9:** Edson Cabalfin, associate professor in the School of Architecture and Interior Design, University of Cincinnati presents “Uncle Sam in the Orient: American Colonial Influence on early 20th Century Architecture and Urbanism,” 5 p.m., Room 100, School of Art.
- **Nov. 8:** Colegio de Mexico anthropology professor John Marston discusses his research in Cambodia, noon to 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 17:** Lantern Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., East Lagoon. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club.

8. **Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies**
Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor’s degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with adviser Maria “Rai” Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Acting Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

9. **Money for study**

**National Endowment for the Humanities**
- **CAORC Fellowships:** Applications open for 2017–18 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) four-month senior research fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars and multi-country research fellowships for U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See website. **NEW**

**U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)**
- **Summer study in Indonesia:** Partial subsidy for May 24–Aug. 2 language and cultural studies program based in Yogyakarta. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** See website. **NEW**

**Center for Khmer Studies**
- **Fellowships:** Open to US and Cambodian PhD candidates and scholars in social sciences and humanities to pursue research in Cambodia and elsewhere in mainland SEA. Short-term and long-term awards. Funded by American Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See website.

**Institute of International Education**
- **Boren awards:** Undergraduate scholarships ($20,000) and graduate fellowships ($30,000) for study or research abroad of less commonly taught languages, including SEA languages. **Fellowship deadline: Jan. 30. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 8.** See website.

**Blakemore Foundation**
- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Tuition and stipend awarded to college graduates, graduate students and young professions for academic year of advanced language study in Asia. SEA languages: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** See website.

**Rotary International**
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities
worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. See website.

University of Cambridge
- **Scholarships for international students**: Fully funded undergraduate and graduate scholarships available. **Undergraduate deadline to apply**: Oct. 15. **Graduate deadline to apply**: Dec. 6. See website.

10. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW
- **66th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Sept. 15–17, University of Notre Dame. See website.
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See website.
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See website.
- **5th International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. See website.
- **8th International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities and Innovation**, Nov. 27–28, Ho Chi Minh City. Call for abstracts. **Deadline to submit**: Oct. 6. See website. NEW
- **17th International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15–17, East-West Center, Honolulu. Call for abstracts. **Deadline for submission**: Sept. 23. Limited number of travel grants available. See website. NEW

11. Careers
*Texas Christian University*
- **History Instructor**: Position with an emphasis on survey courses in one or more areas, including Asia and world history. Begins August 2018. **Applications close Oct. 10, 2017**. See job listing. NEW

*Eurasia Group*
- **Research Associate**: Singapore-based specialist in Southeast Asia. Master’s degree or greater preferred. Fluency in one SEA language preferred but not required. **Posted Aug. 18**. See job listing.
- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program**: One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See job listing.

*National Institute of Education in Singapore*
- **Assistant or Associate Professor, History**: Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. Posted Feb. 6; position will remain open until filled. See job listing.

**Globaljobs.org**
- **Job/internship opportunities**: Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See website.

**Chinese Mutual Aid Association**
- **Interns**: Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See website.

**US Department of State**
- **Student internship program**: Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See program website.

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

**Association of Southeast Asian Nations**
- Jobs listed under Opportunities tab of ASEAN website.

**Devex: Do Good. Do It Well**
- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See website.

**DevmetJOBS.org**
- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See website.

**Hess International Educational Group**
- **Teach English across Asia**: Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see website.

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

**Learn How to Become**
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See website.

**ReliefWeb**
- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See website.

**World Health Organization**
- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

12. **Area cultural opportunities**
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum’s Philippines work, see the co-curation team’s newsletter.
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. See website for details or phone 312-725-0640.
“Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit 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 Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children’s class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. Also see the consulate’s Facebook page.

Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, Il. See website.

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