Ultimately unsuccessful, local villagers protest the controversial expansion of a Chinese-run copper mining operation in northwestern Myanmar. “The language of protest” is the topic of this week’s Friday lecture by Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than. Details below.

Media, language and dissent in Myanmar

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1. This week’s lecture: The language of dissent

Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than will present “The Language of Dissent” at noon Friday, Sept. 16, in Room 100 Campus Life. In her lecture, Than will address how the media frames and re-frames the escalating number of social movements in Myanmar using language and media imagery. “[The] deliberate use of politically neutral lexicons in their reportage calls into question whether the media plays a role of mediator between the opposing sides or if such a language choice reflects the mainstream public political opinion in post-2010 Myanmar,” Than says. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at Lecture Lunch Order. Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Center associates update: In print and on the podium


* Alan Potkin (CSEAS) presented his new compilation e-book, Evaluating and Ameliorating the Aesthetics Impacts of Waterfalls Hydropower, Aug. 16 at a joint Getty Center/Pacific Neighborhood Consortium conference on conceptualization, software design, and applications to digital humanities and heritage conservation.

3. Alumni news: Ricks, Kinzer, Chambers, Waitoolkiat

Jacob Ricks (MA political science, 2007) has been named a Young Southeast Asia Fellow by the Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), which recognizes promising advanced or new PhDs in the social sciences. Ricks, who teaches political science at Singapore Management University, is one of five fellows named for 2016. He received his doctorate from Emory University in 2013. . . . Joe Kinzer (MM, 2012), a PhD candidate at the University of Washington, Seattle, just returned from Malaysia where he traveled to Kompung Bongawan in Sabah and stayed with a family known for their gambus workshop. Kinzer is studying this traditional instrument as part of his dissertation research. . . . Paul Chambers (PhD political science, 2003), lecturer at the Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs at Chiang Mai University, and Napisa Waitoolkiat (PhD political science, 2005), deputy director of the College of ASEAN Community Studies at Naresuan University, have co-edited the forthcoming Khaki Capital: The Political Economy of the Military in Southeast Asia, due out from NIAS Press in May.

4. Hello, visiting scholars

CSEAS warmly welcomes four visiting Southeast Asia scholars to campus this year:

- Sopawan Nookund (Kai), sponsored by Thai language professor emeritus John Hartmann, is a doctoral student from Mahidol University in Thailand who will be on campus through
February working on her dissertation research topic, tonal and lexical variation in Takbai dialects. Hartmann is on her dissertation committee;

- Christine Rongmei Zhang, sponsored by CSEAS associate Kenton Clymer, is a doctoral student from Yunnan University in China who will spend 2016–17 pursuing her doctoral research, a study of Burma’s relations with the US and China from 2009;

- Jufrianto, sponsored by CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, teaches English in Sulawesi, Selatan, Indonesia, and has received a scholarship from the Indonesian Ministry of Education to work with Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati and CSEAS Outreach.

- Ansariadi, a senior epidemiologist from Hasanuddin University in Makassar, Indonesia, will be on campus through Sept. 27 working with CSEAS associate Jim Wilson (Geography) to analyze statistical data he has gathered on the impact of adverse maternal health outcomes in 2007 and 2013 in Indonesia.

5. Register now for fall conferences NEW

Registration is in full swing for the two major Southeast Asia conferences on campus this fall. The International Burma Studies Conference will be held Oct. 6–9 at the Holmes Student Center and Altgeld Hall, followed later in the month by the Council on Thai Studies annual meeting Oct. 28–29 at the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center.

More than 200 scholars from 16 countries are expected for the 12th annual IBSC, with 170 presenters scheduled in more than 20 panels, seven exhibitions of Burmese art in three campus locations, a documentary film festival and a gala evening event. Register for the IBSC here. For more information, contact conference coordinator Catherine Raymond at craymond@niu.edu.

COTS will have seven sessions of papers and presentations, with topics ranging from Thainess in the US to the changing landscapes of Thai politics and borderlands. The conferences’s concluding reception Saturday, Oct. 29, will feature a world premiere performance of Ponglang music from Northeastern Thailand performed by the NIU Steel Band and Chicago-area Thai musicians and performers. The concert will be a first-time collaboration between NIU School of Music professor Liam Teague, director of the NIU Steel Band, NIU music alumnus Chamni Sripraram (MM, 2001), and Yuko Asada, director of the NIU Community School of the Arts Steel band. Register for COTS here. For more information, contact conference coordinator Kanjana Thepboriruk at kanjana@niu.edu.

6. On display: A celebration of Burmese art

The NIU Art Museum, the School of Art and Founders Library are alive with traditional and modern Burmese art this fall, with four exhibits at the museum in Altgeld Hall and two exhibits upstairs on the second floor of the Art building. The museum’s exhibits include iconic pieces from the Burma Art Collection, including textiles, paintings, Buddhist pieces, chests for holding sacred
texts, decorative pieces in wood, ivory and silver, and ceremonial lacquerware, as well as modern works from the Thukhuma Collection. As curator Catherine Raymond explains, “While representing the past—through the donations of American diplomats, scholars or even simple explorers who have lived in Burma—the exhibitions also examine the transformations which occurred throughout Burma/Myanmar’s history.” The exhibits will be open through **Nov. 18.**

The museum exhibits are part of a larger celebration of Burmese art on campus in conjunction with the **Oct. 6–9** International Burma Studies Conference and the 30th anniversary of CBS. Two exhibits opened **Sept. 1** at the Jack Arends School of Art: “Painting Myanmar Today: A Selection from the Thukhuma Collection” in the Olson Gallery and “Unexpected Myanmar; Paw Oo Thet’s Watercolors” in the hallway cases across from the gallery. A public reception will take place 4:30 to 6 p.m. **Oct. 6**, with a gallery talk by the Thukhuma collector Ian Halliday of Hong Kong University. The exhibits will be on display through **Oct. 27.**

The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Memorial Library will also host an exhibit, “Exploring Calligraphy, Serigraphy, and Cartography in the Burmese Collection,” opening **Oct. 1.**

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8. **Your brilliant career: Professional development with CLAS**

   Students close to graduation have until **Sept. 12** to sign up for ILAS 490-0001, a one-hour professional development seminar being offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The seminar meets from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesdays for six nights **Sept. 13** through **Nov. 1** in Reavis 2015. Topics covered include mapping your major to a career, marketing yourself to employers (establishing your brand), understanding organizational culture, workplace etiquette, networking, cultural diversity and more. The last two sessions will be devoted to job fair preparation, mock interviewing, and networking. For more information, contact Jack King, CLAS Director of Professional Student Development, at [jackking@niu.edu](mailto:jackking@niu.edu).

9. **Save the dates: SEA Club bonfire, conferences, exhibits** **NEW**

   - **Sept. 13:** Asian American Welcome Night, 5 p.m., co-hosted by the Asian American Resource Center and Chi Sigma Tau fraternity.
   - **Sept. 20:** Meet and greet by the bonfire with the Southeast Asia Club, 5 to 7 p.m., East Lagoon. **NEW**
   - **Oct. 6–9:** International Burma Studies Conference, Holmes Student Center and Altgeld Hall, NIU. See [website](http://cseas.niu.edu) to register.
   - **Oct. 28–29:** Council on Thai Studies conference, Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, NIU. See [website](http://cseas.niu.edu) to register.
Through September: Exhibit on Cambodian music through the years, Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, Founders Memorial Library.

Through December 9: Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit, Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.

10. All the news that fits: Mandala 2016 posted online
The summer 2016 issue of the Center’s Mandala annual newsletter is up on the Center website. Read all about the past summer of faculty research activities, the upcoming Burma Studies and Thai Studies conferences, staff changes, faculty transitions, student news and accomplishments, outreach updates, and a new scholarship established in the name of late political science professor Dwight King.

11. Money for study NEW
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- **USOAR Grants:** Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad, up to $2,500. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available online. Students have between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2016 to complete their projects, and must present a poster at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day in April. Deadline for fall 2016: Oct. 1. For spring 2017: Feb. 10. NEW

- **SEF Grants:** Student Engagement Fund program funds mentored student research projects, mentored service-learning and NIU faculty-led study abroad programs and field schools. See website for details. Deadline for spring 2016: Oct. 15. NEW

- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2016–17. Rolling deadlines are Oct. 17, Jan. 17, and March 20. One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See website for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. 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. 31. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 9. See website.

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. Applications for 2018–19 fellowships available in mid-December. See website.

12. Job/internship opportunities

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. See program website.

Room to Read

- Positions open: San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See 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.

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.

13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- Association for Southeast Asian Studies in the UK, Sept. 16–18, SOAS, University of London. See website.

- Thailand in Comparative Perspective: An International Symposium, Sept. 26–27, University of Sydney. Also, one-day workshop for postgrad and early-career researchers Sept. 28. See conference website.


- International Burma Studies Conference, Oct. 6–9, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Register now on conference website. NEW

- Council on Thai Studies 2016, Oct. 28–29, Northern Illinois University. Register now on conference website. NEW
9th Annual History Graduate Student Conference, Nov. 4, Swen Parson Hall, Northern Illinois University. Theme: Producing History. 8 a.m. start, panels all day with reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery. Contact coordinator JoAnn LoSavio at niuhistorygsa@gmail.com. **NEW**

4th Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference, Jan. 4–5, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Theme: Memories, Networks and Identities of Transnational Hmong. See website.

International Conference on Political Transition, Non-Violence and Communication in Conflict Transformation, Jan. 24–26, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand. **Deadline to submit abstracts extended to Sept. 13.** See conference website. **NEW**

On Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the ‘Margins’ under Globalization, Feb. 7–8, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India. See details.

International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region, Feb. 16–18, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Call for papers. Some travel funding available. **Deadline to submit abstracts and travel grant applications: Sept. 12.** See website.


14. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team to make arrangements 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.

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