Southeast Asia film is the topic of the week at CSEAS, with a film screening and lecture by the University of Hawaii’s Paul Rausch. Catch the 2009 Indonesian film Cin(T): God is a Director at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Illinois Room at the Holmes Student Center, followed by a discussion with Rausch. On Friday Rausch leads off the spring lecture series with a discussion of subtitling and Southeast Asia films.

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1. This week’s CSEAS lecture: Paul Rausch on Southeast Asian cinema

Paul Rausch, associate director and outreach coordinator of the University of Hawaii’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies, will kick off the center’s weekly lecture series with a discussion of Southeast Asian cinema on Friday, Jan. 21, from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Room 110 in the Campus Life Building. Rausch will discuss the value and use of subtitles in Southeast Asian film both as a tool in language classrooms and as a tool for outreach in the English-speaking world. He will also discuss how films provide a unique visual history of a country’s film culture. To set the stage for Friday’s discussion, the center will screen the 2009 Indonesian film Cin(Ta): God is a Director at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Illinois Room of the Holmes Student Center. Rausch will talk about the film afterward. The film is a love story that explores the boundaries of relationship and religion when two people of different faiths fall in love in a multicultural society.

2. Applications open for FLAS and Neher fellowships: Students, start your laptops

Deadlines to apply for the center’s fellowships for Southeast Asia language and area study are coming up in February and March. Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to apply for the 2011–12 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, which are awarded for Southeast Asian language study at NIU. Currently NIU offers Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog, and Thai. Students may also apply for summer FLAS grants, a different program that provides for language study at approved institutions in the U.S. or in Southeast Asia. FLAS fellowships are funded by a U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant. The deadline to apply for the on-campus program is Feb. 1. The deadline to apply for the summer program is March 1. Graduate students are also invited to apply for the center’s 2011–12 Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. Applicants must be a graduate student in good standing who demonstrates a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies; the deadline to apply is Feb. 1. For information and applications for these and other fellowship opportunities elsewhere, see Student Funding on the center website.

3. CSEAS workshop for undergraduate advisors set for Jan. 25

The center invites undergraduate academic advisors to a Jan. 25 workshop exploring the options for Southeast Asian studies at NIU, including language classes and other undergrad courses, in addition to fellowship opportunities. The workshop will be held from 8:45 a.m. to noon in the Heritage Room at Holmes Student Center. Sign up by Jan. 18; call or e-mail center outreach coordinator Julie Lamb at 815-753-1595 or jlamb@niu.edu.
4. SEA Club spring student conference to examine resistance movements, democratization

Students who want to share the results of their Southeast Asia research will have the chance to do so Saturday, April 23, at the Southeast Asia Club’s annual spring student conference. The conference theme is “Resistance Movements and Democratization in Southeast Asia.” University of Chicago historian Mark Bradley, a specialist in postcolonial Southeast Asia and twentieth-century U.S. international history, will give the keynote address. A cash prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate and graduate papers. For details, contact conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu. The conference is free and open to all.

5. There are a lot of good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP

It’s that time already: NIU is actively looking for local households to act as hosts April 10–22 for 22 high school students and four adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand participating in the spring session of the center’s 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 one free weekend (April 16–17), and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu. For details about the SEAYLP program, see the center website.

6. Summer study abroad in SEA through NIU: Malaysia/Brunei and Thailand

NIU is offering two opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members and center associates. Andrea Molnar, associate professor (anthropology), is leading a group to Thailand to explore cultural diversity while associate professor Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia and Brunei. Both are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for graduate and undergraduate students. For information about programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

- **Study Abroad Malaysia/Brunei: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, May 15–June 3:** Three-week program led by associate history professor Eric Jones incorporates a home-stay experience with significant time spent in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the Islamic center of Brunei. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For more details, see Jones’s video on YouTube. **Deadline to apply:** March 15.
Cultural Diversity in Thailand, May 30–June 25: Three-week program led by associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to the culture and diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, the existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and the practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life.

Deadline to apply: April 15.

7. Save the dates: Lectures, award deadlines, and spring student conference
   - Feb. 15: Proposals for faculty Summer Research and Artistry Awards due for summer 2011 research activities. For full submission details, see Division of Research and Graduate Studies website.
   - Feb. 23: Joseph Nye, former dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, will speak at NIU, time and place to be announced. Nye is the author of numerous books, including Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics. Nye’s appearance is co-sponsored by political science department, the Office of International Programs, the Office of the President, and the Zeta Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Delta. For details, contact the political science department at 815-753-1011.
   - March 3: Center associate John Hartmann will co-present “Folk Epidemiology Recorded in Palm Leaf Manuscripts of Laos” with Bethany Elkington (University of Illinois-Chicago) at the NIU Division of International Programs Brown Bag Series at noon in 300 Faraday West, 300 Conference Room.
   - April 23: Southeast Asia Club’s annual spring student conference on Southeast Asia at NIU. This year’s topic: “Resistance Movements and Democratization in Southeast Asia.” Open to all graduate and undergraduate students. Free.

8. Undergraduate opportunity: Freeman Awards for Study in Asia program reborn
The Institute of International Education (IIE) is re-launching its Freeman Awards for Study in Asia program (Freeman-ASIA), funded by the New York-based Freeman Foundation, with applications now being accepted for study-abroad summer, semester, or full academic year programs beginning this summer. In order to receive academic credit, students must be approved by their home institution’s study abroad advisor (for NIU students, the Study Abroad Office). Some facts to consider: According to IIE’s annual Open Doors report, the proportion of students who selected East and Southeast Asia as their study abroad destination from 2001–09 period doubled from 5 percent to 11 percent of the total U.S. study abroad population. In 2009–10, U.S. campuses reported that nearly 27,000 U.S. students received credit for study in East and Southeast Asia during the prior academic year (2008–09), out of a total of approximately 260,000 students who studied abroad during that academic year. For details on applying for a Freeman grant, see the program website or e-mail freeman-asia@iie.org. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

9. Conferences and call for papers
   - Transforming Cambodia Studies: Social Change and Cultural Transitions since 1979, July 7–9, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Hosted by the Center for Khmer Studies in
collaboration with NIU CSEAS, the University of California (Berkeley and Los Angeles) Consortium of Asian Studies, the University of Wisconsin Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies at UC Berkeley. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28**; scholars will be informed of acceptance by early April. For details, see the conference website or e-mail conference@khmerstudies.org. **NEW**

- **AAS-ICAS Joint Conference**, March 31–April 3, Honolulu, Hawaii. Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars annual meeting. For details, see the conference website.

10. **Watchdog organization seeks SEA author/analyst for 2011 press freedom index**

   Freedom House, an independent international watchdog organization, is looking for an author/analyst to research Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam for its 2011 Freedom of the Press Index. The author will be tasked with providing country reports (of varying lengths) outlining the situation facing journalists and reporters in various countries around the globe. The job requires researching changes made to media laws and the freedoms or lack thereof given to members of the media (including print journalists, broadcasters and bloggers). The deadline for draft report submission will be in mid-February and Freedom House will hold its ratings review meetings in March. The position does not require the author to be based in the countries covered, though knowledge of the region is important. For information and contact details, e-mail saraschonhardt@gmail.com.

11. **Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs**

- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 13–Aug. 5**

  The Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program offers intensive eight-week training in Khmer language-culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Applications due: **Feb. 28**. Administered by the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays, and Group Projects. For details, see the program website.

- **Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program, June 13–Aug. 13**

  Applications for priority consideration for the 2011 Advanced Indonesian Abroad (COTIM) program at the Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Indonesia, are due **Feb. 16**. Letters of recommendation are due **Feb. 25**. Nine-week intensive Indonesian language program is Fulbright-funded and coordinated through the Southeast Asian Studies Program at Ohio University. NIU is a participating COTIM institution. For details and application materials, see the COTIM website.

**NOTE:** Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.

12. **Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities**
The Chicago-based **Friends of the Gamelan** will present a spring concert of traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan music, led by artistic director Joko Sutrisno of Minneapolis, on Sunday, **May 1**, at the Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn, Chicago. Performance time and ticket information not yet available. The group also offers beginning gamelan lessons and a regular performance ensemble. Students who complete the beginning gamelan class may participate in the spring concert. For details, e-mail info@chicagogamelan.org or see the group’s [Web site](http://www.chicagogamelan.org).

The **Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute** is a non-profit group dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Thai culture and fine arts in the Chicago area through classes and performances. The group is located in the Boys and Girls Club, 3400 S. Emerald St., Chicago. For details, call 312-725-0640 or write Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute, 1960 Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see the consulate [website](http://www.indonesia-chicago.org).

The **Cambodian Association of Illinois** holds [free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons](http://www cambodianassociation of illinois.org) Sundays at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and on weekends by appointment.

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