The little-known connection between African-American leader Malcolm X, seen above, and Sukarno, the first president of Indonesia, is the topic of this week’s center lecture.

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1. This week’s CSEAS lecture: Laura Iandola on Malcolm X and Sukarno’s Indonesia

History graduate student Laura Iandola will present “Malcolm X, Sukarno’s Indonesia, and the Politics of Bandung” at this week’s center lecture from noon to 12:50 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 25**, in Room 110 in the Campus Life Building. Sukarno, Indonesia’s first president, and Malcolm X, the African-American Muslim leader, met in New York in 1956. Their close connection continued until 1965, when Malcolm X was assassinated by three members of the Nation of Islam two weeks before he was slated to speak at the Asian-African Islamic Conference in Jakarta. Iandola explores their little-known relationship to illuminate their ideological affinities as well as the Cold War politics of the Third World at the time. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

2. Undergraduate FLAS grant deadline extended to March 10

Undergraduates studying a Southeast Asia language at NIU now have until Thursday, **March 10**, to apply for the 2011–12 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. These U.S. Department of Education-funded fellowships are available for U.S. citizens and permanent residents working toward acquiring competency in one of six languages taught on campus: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog, and Thai. For details and application forms, see the [center website](#). Any student completing the first-year class of any Southeast Asian language is eligible to apply.

3. It’s also time to apply for a summer FLAS grant

Thinking about spending the summer learning Thai, Vietnamese or another Southeast Asian language? Then think about applying for a summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grant, which provides for language study at approved institutions in the U.S. (see item 12 below) or in Southeast Asia. The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students; deadline to apply is Tuesday, **March 1**. For FLAS information and applications as well as a list of approved overseas programs, see [Student Funding](#) on the center website.


Center faculty associates have been on the hustings this month. Assistant History Professor Eric Jones presented “The Orientalist Can(n)on: Power and Customary Law in the East Indies” **Feb. 17–18** in London at a *Journal of Comparative Law* workshop on law and Orientalism. The workshop was organized by Carol Tan, chair of the Centre of South East Asian Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies and Centre of East Asian Law, and co-sponsored by the University of Notre Dame in London. One of Jones’s fellow presenters was NIU alumnus Maitri Aung Thwin, now teaching at the National University of Singapore. Earlier in the month, assistant political science professor Michael Buehler presented “Towards Democratic Consolidation? Examining Indonesia’s Reform Efforts 1998–2011” **Feb. 3** at the three-day *University Professional & Continuing Education Association*’s Washington Briefing for Global Associates in Washington, D.C. The focus of the annual briefing was on Indonesia.
5. Get your paper on: Abstracts due this week for SEA Club student conference
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. Abstracts should be 400 words and will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 28, with final papers due March 23. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

6. Summer study abroad in SEA through NIU: Malaysia/Brunei, 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; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Deadline to apply for summer study abroad travel grants: May 6.

- **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 and application information. **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. Program includes lectures, briefings, field trips, and visits to Thai sites including temples, museums, the Royal Palace, markets, and beaches. On field visits, NIU
students will be paired with Thai students. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For more details, see application information. **Deadline to apply:** April 15.

7. It’s as easy as A, B, C to be a host family for SEAYLP

NIU and the center are actively looking for local households to act as hosts **April 10–22** for twenty-two 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 (and past host) Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu. For details about the SEAYLP program, see the center website.

**Top 10 reasons to be a host family**

10. You can experience a different country without getting on a plane
9. It beats watching “Law and Order” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Khmer or Malay or Vietnamese
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
4. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
3. Your house will be all ready for company
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime

8. Lifetime Learning Institute to hold Burma study group this spring

NIU’s **Lifelong Learning Institute** is offering a Wednesday study group beginning **March 16** to learn about the history, culture, geography, politics, international relations, and everyday life in Burma/Myanmar from faculty associates of NIU’s centers for Burma Studies and Southeast Asian Studies. Former CSEAS associate Arlene Neher is convening the group with Catherine Raymond, director of the Center for Burma Studies, professor Kenton Clymer (history), and emeritus faculty Richard Cooler, Clark Neher, and George Spencer plus several international students from Burma. The study group will meet 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays **March 16** to **May 4**. Contact the institute at 815-753-5200 or LASEP@niu.edu.

9. International Training Office seeking host families for PYLP program

NIU’s International Training Office (ITO) is looking for area families to act as hosts in May for twenty-two Muslim and non-Muslim youth and four adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao who are coming to NIU in April to participate in the eighth Philippine Youth Leadership Program (**PYLP**), directed by center associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Davide-Ong (ITO). The six-week program runs **April 16–May 21**; the home-stay segment is **May 1–14**. Contact host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu.
10. Harvard University professor to address the future of American power

“The Future of American Power” will be the topic of a lecture this week by Joseph Nye, former dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Nye will speak at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Altgeld Hall Auditorium with a reception to follow. His appearance is co-sponsored by the political science department, the Zeta Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Delta, and NIU’s offices of International Programs and the President. For details, call 815-753-1011 or see NIU Today.

James Nye

11. Teaching grants to improve NIU honors education available

The NIU Honors Program invites applications for its 2011 summer grants for the improvement of honors education at the university. Grants for up to $6,000 are offered for the creation of new honors courses or the development or improvement of departmental or college honors and capstone experiences. This year, the Honors Program is especially interested in awarding grants that will increase the number of honors students, particularly among underrepresented majors, schools or groups. All teaching faculty and instructors are eligible. The deadline to apply is March 2; awards will be announced on or before May 6.

12. Save the dates: Lectures, spring student conference, culture night

- Feb. 24: University of Notre Dame historian Julia Thomas will give two lectures during the History Department’s Graduate Colloquium at 12:14 and 4 p.m. in 211 Reavis and the Illinois Room of the Holmes Student Center respectively.
- March 3: Center associate and language professor 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.
- April 15: Southeast Asia Club spring culture night at Wirtz Hall, time and location to be announced.
- 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.” Abstracts accepted until Feb. 28; final papers due March 23.

13. SEASSI applications available online

Applicants for the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI), set for June 13–Aug. 5, can do the paperwork online to apply. The eight-week intensive course held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offers Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Javanese, Khmer, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese. NIU students who wish to apply for a summer FLAS fellowship for SEASSI must submit applications to CSEAS by March 1. Tuition scholarship applications from SEASSI are due April 15. For details, e-mail seassi@intl-institute.wisc.edu.

14. Embassy to host conference on U.S.-Vietnam education partnerships

The U.S. Embassy in Vietnam and the Vietnam Education Foundation are partnering up for the fourth year on an upcoming conference focusing on U.S.-Vietnam education cooperation.
The purpose of the April 11 conference in Hanoi, *Cementing Cooperation and Overcoming Obstacles to U.S.-Vietnam Education Partnerships*, is to bring together U.S. and Vietnamese universities, colleges, companies and NGOs active in higher education in Vietnam to discuss policy and formulate recommendations. The conference is still seeking abstracts; submit by Feb. 28 on the [conference website](#).

15. Overseas summer language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Indonesia Arts and Culture Scholarship Program**: Indonesia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs is offering three-month scholarships to U.S. students who want to learn more about Indonesian arts and culture in one of five Indonesian cities: Bandar Lampung, Bandung, Denpasar, Solo, and Surabaya. Scholarships are offered for three months, April 25 to July 29, and include travel, tuition, health insurance, accommodations, and monthly allowance. Applications must be endorsed by the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago; deadline to apply is March 10. For details, e-mail [information@indonesiachicago.org](mailto:information@indonesiachicago.org) or see the [program website](#).

- **USINDO Summer Language Studies Program**: Ten-week program to study Indonesian language and culture at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, for U.S. graduate or undergraduate students. This program, sponsored by the U.S.-Indonesia Society, includes language and culture classes, lectures, field trips, and a home stay. **Deadline to apply**: March 1. Call Widia Listyowulan at 202-232-5376 or see [program website](#).

- **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 and culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **Deadline to apply**: Feb. 28. Administered by University of Hawaii Khmer language program; funded by U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays, and Group Projects. For details, see [program 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 liability and insurance protections.

16. Conferences and call for papers

- **AAS-ICAS Joint Conference**, March 31–April 3, Honolulu, Hawaii. Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars annual meeting. See list of [Southeast Asia panels](#), the [entire conference program](#) and other details on the [conference website](#).

- **Borders and Frontiers: Connections between Power, Ideology, and Identity in Southeast Asia**, Nov. 11, Columbia University, New York. Hosted by Weatherhead East Asian Institute. **Deadline for abstracts**: Feb. 23. Contact [cb2462@columbia.edu](mailto:cb2462@columbia.edu). For details, see [institute website](#).

- **Transforming Cambodia Studies: Social Change and Cultural Transitions Since 1979**, July 7–9, Siem Reap, Cambodia. **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](mailto:conference@khmerstudies.org).
• ASEASUK Conference, Sept. 9–11, Magdalene College, Cambridge. Papers being sought by Malay/Indonesian manuscript studies panel on all aspects of the study of the writing traditions of maritime Southeast Asia. Deadline for abstracts: March 30. Contact Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk.

• Enriching Future Generations: Education Promoting Indonesian Self-Development, June 28–29, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fourth international Indonesia forum co-sponsored by Yale and Yogyakarta State universities. Deadline for abstracts: March 31. Send to Frank Dhont, Yale University, at frank.dhont@yale.edu. See conference website.

• Visions of the Future, 11th International Conference on Thai Studies, July 26–28, Bangkok. Abstracts are still being requested for papers for this conference hosted by Mahidol University and the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia. For details, e-mail thaistudies2011@gmail.com.

17. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

The Chicago-based Friends of the Gamelan will present an evening of traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan music, led by artistic director Joko Sutrisno of Minneapolis, at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn, Chicago. The group also offers beginning gamelan lessons and a performance ensemble. Contact info@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.

• The Cambodian Association of Illinois holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons 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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