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1. **This week’s lecture: Laura Iandola on visual narratives of the Indonesian genocide**

CSEAS graduate assistant Laura Iandola (Ph.D. candidate, history) will present “Seen/Unseen: Visual Narratives of the Indonesian Genocide” at this week’s CSEAS lecture at noon Friday, **Oct. 21**, Room 110, Campus Life Building. Iandola asserts that the visual legacy of the 1965–66 Indonesia genocide is sparse, and many of these photographs were staged or manipulated. She explores key visual narratives that were constructed to distort the reality of events in Indonesia during this turbulent period of its history. Iandola has been invited by Yale University to present the same lecture **Oct. 27** for the school’s Genocide Studies Program’s seminar series. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

2. **Register now for free fall symposium on mainland SEA heritage sites, museums**

There’s still time to register for the center’s upcoming fall symposium, Mainland Southeast Asia: Museums and Heritage Sites. CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies are hosting the free symposium Saturday, **Oct. 29**, at the Holmes Student Center, co-sponsored by the Collaborative for Cultural Heritage and Museum Practices (CHAMP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Speaking will be center associates Catherine Raymond, art historian and director of the Center for Burma Studies, and Judy Ledgerwood, anthropologist; Helaine Silverman, anthropologist and CHAMP director; U Nyunt Han, Regional Center for Archeology and Fine Arts (SPAFA), Bangkok; Rungsima Lertjanyarak, Vongchavalitkul University, Thailand; and Suprapa Somnuxpong, Kamphaeng Phet, Thailand. Students, faculty, and teachers are invited to attend. For details and to register, see the [center website](#).

3. **Call for papers: Center conference links Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia**

Papers are being sought for the third in a series of conferences co-convened by CSEAS and the University of Chicago’s Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) comparing two edges of the Islamic world. From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia, set for Feb. 10-12, will be held at the Franke Institute for the Humanities at the University of Chicago. (The first conference was held in February 2009 at NIU and the second in January 2010 in Malaysia). “This third conference understands ‘identities’ in the broadest possible manner, and the papers will examine phenomena from music and literacy to politics and spirituality and beyond,” said CSEAS Director Jim Collins. Send a title and brief abstract to CEERES Associate Director Meredith Clason at mclason@uchicago.edu by Nov. 15. Acceptances will be sent by Dec. 15. See more [information](#) on the center website.
4. In a Southeast Asia frame of mind: NIU hosts Eisenhower Fellow

Eisenhower Fellow Yoshifumi Fukunaga, Special Representative and senior policy coordinator for the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, came to NIU Oct. 11 to meet and network with CSEAS faculty and researchers and others interested in Southeast Asia and international relations. Center associates Trude Jacobsen (history), Andrea Molnar, and Susan Russell (both anthropology) and Deb Pierce (International Programs), and center affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies) met Fukunaga over lunch hosted by International Programs and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Also attending were Provost Raymond Alden, CLAS Dean Christopher McCord, Judith Hermanson (NGOLD), and Heesun Majcher, Sandy Jonker and Sim Chin from the Division of International Programs.

5. Center associates update: Deb Pierce gets the nod, associates go to COTS

* CSEAS associate Deborah Pierce (Associate Provost for International Programs) has been elected vice president for education and professional development of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The group, which began in 1948 as a national organization for university professionals advising international students, now has more than 10,000 members worldwide who work on advancing international exchange, study abroad, and the development of a global workforce. “We’re on a mission, which is, to build world peace, one student at a time,” Pierce says. Her three-year term runs through 2014.

* Two CSEAS associates, John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures) and Catherine Raymond (art history, Center for Burma Studies), and CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin presented at the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) conference Oct. 7–8 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hartman gave “The Rough and the Refined: The Trickster Tales of Sri Thanonchai or Xiang Miang;” Raymond and Potkin presented “Finding and Digitizing the Long-lost Vat Kang Tha bailane of the Phralak-Phralam.”

6. Student notes: Pojar elected, Jiaviriyaboonya presents

- This year’s CSEAS Neher Fellow, Dan Pojar (Ph.D candidate, political science), has been elected one of two student vice presidents of the NIU chapter (Zeta Gamma) of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars.


7. Alumni snapshot: Colette Morgan forges ahead at University of Chicago
NIU Southeast Asian Studies minor Colette Morgan (B.A., political science-international politics, 2011) started pursuing a master’s degree this fall at University of Chicago’s Committee on International Relations program. When we caught up with her, she was happy to report her work in SEA studies at NIU is paying off already. “The diversity of the program provides a great atmosphere for learning, with fellow students coming from places such as China, Singapore, Russia, and Poland. My Southeast Asian Studies minor, as well as my experience studying abroad, has provided me with an excellent academic foundation for my goals,” says Morgan. Morgan went on NIU’s Malaysia study abroad program in May 2010 and also studied intensive Malay in Malaysia with a summer FLAS fellowship in 2011. Morgan says she intends to focus her master’s thesis on the Southeast Asian region. “With the growing importance of the Southeast Asia, now, more than ever, my minor provides me with a unique and unparalleled expertise, which I will use to its fullest potential,” Morgan says. “Currently, I am taking a course on colonialism and the Muslim state. A portion of the coursework will be dedicated to looking at colonialism’s impact on Muslim populations in both Malaysia and Indonesia.” Morgan said the program has been rigorous, but she has already learned a lot. “I hope all of students currently studying Southeast Asia know the value of the program. I truly encourage you all to make the most of it because you never know how it might impact your future! Lastly, I would like to say ‘hi’ to my missed fellow students of Malay. I wish you the best, semoga berjaya!”

8. Share your experience: Be a host family for fall SEAYLP

As previous families will attest, ten days of hosting a Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) participant equals one unforgettable experience. Twelve families have signed up, but the center is looking for four more households to join them as hosts Oct. 30–Nov. 10 for twenty-five high school students and six adult leaders from Brunei, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam participating in the fall SEAYLP session. 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 (Nov. 5–6), and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU.

SEAYLP is a U.S. State Department-funded program managed by CSEAS. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu.
9. Award-winning film about Cambodian genocide to be shown at NIU this week

*Enemies of the People*, the award-winning documentary that goes deep into the trauma of the Cambodian genocide through the journey of one man who lost his family during the Khmer Rouge period, will be shown from 8 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Heritage Room of the Holmes Student Center. The screening is co-sponsored by STAND, the Genocide and Human Rights Institute, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences External Programming office, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

10. Summer study abroad with NIU: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer with NIU faculty members. Center associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time; center associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program; and center adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia. All are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for both graduate and undergraduate students. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Study Abroad 101, a workshop on the ins and outs of studying abroad, meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

- **Public Health and Health Programs in Indonesia, June 4–22**: Three-week program open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on [summer 2011 research project](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata (tshibata@niu.edu) in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. **Deadline to apply**: TBA.

- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14**: Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. Program includes lectures, briefings, field trips in and around Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hat Yai and
Phuket. On field visits, NIU students will be paired with Thai students as often as possible. **Deadline to apply: March 1.**

- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:** Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

11. **Save the dates:** Career fairs, Southeast Asia culture night, fall symposium, essay deadline

- **Oct. 18:** NIU Internship Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 19:** NIU Jobs Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 20:** Next Southeast Asia Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, 456 DuSable (last two fall meetings, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17). The club is seeking volunteers to prepare authentic Southeast Asian dishes, and performers to take the stage, for Southeast Asia Culture Night, 6 to 8 p.m., **Oct. 28,** Wirtz Hall auditorium. Free. For details on any club activity, email niuseacub@gmail.com or find the club on Facebook ([Southeast Asia Club at NIU](https://www.facebook.com)).
- **Oct. 29:** Fall symposium at NIU on cultural heritage sites and museums in mainland Southeast Asia, co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, and University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Free. See item 2 for more information.
- **Through Oct. 30:** “Echoing Balance,” exhibit of pieces inspired by Wayang Kulit shadow puppetry and created by center FLAS fellow Siew Lian Lim at DeKalb Area Women’s Center gallery, 1021 State Street. Gallery open Friday evenings and by appointment; call 815-758-1351.
- **Oct. 31:** Last day to submit essay in Indonesian or English on the subject, “Indonesia: Its Beauty, Diversity and Challenges,” in national writing contest sponsored by the Indonesian embassy and the University of Michigan. Winners receive a free week’s vacation in Indonesia. See details.
- **Dec. 1:** Seminar on peace-building in conflict regions of Southeast Asia, hosted by center associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology), 8:30 a.m. to noon, Holmes Student Center. Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology, CSEAS, and Center for NGO Leadership and Development. Details on Anthropology website and in forthcoming CSEAS bulletin.
- **Dec. 1:** Deadline to submit applications for summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. For information, see the center [website](https://www.anthropology.niu.edu).
Barbe, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. For a complete job description, see the NIU Human Resources website.

13. Peace Corps recruiting on campus this week
The Peace Corps will be back on campus all day Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the NIU Jobs Fair at the NIU Convocation Center. In addition, Rok Teasley of the Peace Corps’ Chicago office will hold an information session from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room 506, Holmes Student Center. He may also be reached at rteasley@peacecorps.gov.

14. Learn the lingua: 2012–13 Boren awards offer year-long opportunities for study
The David L. Boren fellowships and scholarship program, an initiative of the National Security Education Program (NSEP), offers unique funding opportunities for American undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad and hone their language skills, including Southeast Asian languages. Undergraduates can receive up to $20,000 for an academic year of study abroad; graduate students can receive up to $30,000. More information and applications for the 2012–13 program are now posted on the Boren website. Boren awards are administered by the Institute of International Education; the Boren adviser at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger, aseitz@niu.edu. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships is Jan. 31, 2012, and for Boren scholarships, Feb. 9, 2012.

15. Conferences and calls for papers
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 28–30, St. Paul, MN. Annual conference at Macalester College. For details, see conference website.
- **Third International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia 2011**, Nov. 8–9, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Theme: “Indonesian Urban Cultures and Societies.” For details, see conference website.
- **International Seminar: Twenty Years of Greater Mekong Sub-region**, Dec. 8–9, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Conference examining impact and future of creation of the sub-region followed by two days of field studies. **Deadline for paper submission: Oct. 31.**
- **Southeast Asia: Between the Lines**, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference. **Deadline for 500-word abstract: Oct. 28.** Email to Kate Wright at UM Center for Southeast Asian Studies at katemw@umich.edu. If accepted, graduate students will receive modest travel subvention and meals. For details, call 734-764-5261.
- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, 2012, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see the [conference website](#).

- **Ninth International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, 2012, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact [asiansc@msu.edu](mailto:asiansc@msu.edu).

- **International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia**, Sept. 14–16, 2012, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15; deadline for papers: June 15.** See details on [center website](#).

16. **Money for study**

**National Science Foundation / Asia and Pacific**

- **International fellowships**: Eight-week research fellowships for U.S. science and engineering students in host laboratories in Singapore, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Taiwan. Stipends, round-trip airfare, living expenses. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 9.** For details, email [eapsi@nsfsi.org](mailto:eapsi@nsfsi.org) or call 866-501-2922.

**East-West Center**

- **Graduate degree fellowships**: Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs at East-West Center while pursuing degree at University of Hawai‘i. [NEW](#)

17. **Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities**

- Chicago’s [Friends of the Gamelan](#) offers free introductory class this week on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at [Hyde Park Union Church](#). Classes run through Nov. 22. Class graduates are invited to perform in group’s annual spring gamelan concert May 6, 2012. For details, email [info@chicagogamelan.org](mailto:info@chicagogamelan.org).

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit now open for one year at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays.

- 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. 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 consulate [website](#).

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