Protestors demonstrate on behalf of the Hindu Rights Action Force in April 2011 Kuala Lumpur. A distinguished Malaysian scholar will speak about social cohesion and grievances in Malaysia at an evening center lecture on Feb. 8. See item below. (Photo courtesy of Human Rights Watch)

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1. This week’s lecture: Shahin Aftabizadeh on identity politics on Thailand-Burma border

Anthropology graduate student Shahin Aftabizadeh will present “Shadows of Burma: The Politics of Identity on the Thai-Burmese Border” at noon Friday, Feb. 3, Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Military oppression, insurgency, and violence have dominated global discourse surrounding Burma for forty years. As the Union Solidarity and Development Party calls for opposition parties to enter the new and “open” political fold, Aftabizadeh says, opposition members inside and outside the nation must balance new opportunities with past identities. His lecture will focus on social memory, state resistance, and liminality as they relate to identity-building among a dislocated multi-ethnic political coalition in a changing political environment. Bring your lunch and feed your mind. See entire lecture series schedule on the CSEAS website.

2. Deadline for 2012–13 FLAS fellowship extended

Due to an application form issue, the deadline for the undergraduate and graduate applications for 2012–13 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships has been extended to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6. Online FLAS fellowship application forms will be available on Monday, Jan. 30. Pending U.S. Department of Education funding, FLAS grants will be awarded for fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. The center is also accepting applications for the 2012–13 Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia, which remain due on Feb. 1. Applicants must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Applications and details are posted on the CSEAS website.

Note: According to NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have their financial aid reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award. Teaching assistantships are not affected.

3. Evening CSEAS lecture: Scholar to speak on Malaysia social issues Feb. 8

Datuk Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, founder and director of the Institute of Ethnic Studies at University Kebangsaan Malaysia (the National University of Malaysia) in Selangor, Malaysia, will give a lecture, “Malaysia: Social Cohesion First, Grievances Important,” at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, in the University Suite at the Holmes Student Center. The lecture, sponsored by CSEAS, will take place in advance of his keynote address Feb. 9 at the Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference at the University of Chicago this weekend (see next item). The lecture is free and refreshments will be served.

4. Islam in Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference set for Feb. 9–11 at UC

From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia, the third conference co-convened by CSEAS and the University of Chicago Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) examining two edges of the Islamic world, will take place Feb. 9–11 at UC. The conference, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the International House Assembly Hall, 1414 E. 59th St., with introductions by CEERES Director Victor Friedman and CSEAS Director Jim Collins. They will be followed by the keynote address, “Islamization of the Modern or Modernization of Islam: A
Brief Critical Review of Islam in Contemporary Southeast Asia,” by University Kebangsaan Malaysia Distinguished Professor Datuk Shamsul Amri Baharrudin. On Feb. 10, panels will start at 9 a.m. at the Franke Institute, 1100 E. 57th St. and conclude at 6 p.m., with dinner afterward. Panel topics are Music, Language and Identity; Health and Wealth; Ways of Being Muslim; and Progressive Modernity. From NIU, CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen (history) and CSEAS affiliate J.D. Bowers (history) will be among those presenting. A teachers workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 11, also at the Franke Institute. Alexander Barna of UC’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies will present an overview of the basic tenets/types of Islam and strategies for incorporating Islam into lesson plans and curricula; Ermin Sinanovic of the U.S. Naval Academy will present “Comparing Islam in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia,” with a special focus on how the two fit into global Islam. Workshop is free, but registration is required; email immertreu@uchicago.edu. See conference program on the CSEAS website.

5. Postcard from Cambodia: Kheang Un in Phnom Penh
CSEAS associate Kheang Un (political science), who is in Cambodia on a 2011–12 J. William Fulbright Fellowship, will begin a lecture assignment in the Department of International Studies at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) in February. “It is a great opportunity to be back in Cambodia at a critical juncture where the country has undergone transformation both politically and economically,” said Un. Since arriving in August, after a stint as Scholar in Residence at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap, Un has been conducting research on democratization and the quality of peace in addition to participating as an expert discussant in workshops on Cambodian politics and political economy and as a collaborator of Tracking Development Project conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague, the Netherlands. On top of his lecture at RUPP and a planned lecture at the Royal Academy of Cambodia, Un has served as advisor to the Cambodia Development and Resource Institute, Cambodia’s leading policy research institute. Since arriving in Cambodia last September, Un has been working on several projects relating to Cambodia’s shifting political landscape. The first, entitled “The Khmer Rouge Tribunal: a Politically Compromised Search for Justice,” examines the politics behind the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, set up to prosecute former Khmer Rouge leaders who were responsible, among other charges, for crimes against humanity that resulted in over two million deaths in
Cambodia between 1975 and 1979. The article is under review with the Journal of Asian Studies. He also has written “Cambodia 2011: a Thin Veneer of Change," a year-end review article for the February issue of Asian Survey. Un is continuing to work on a project examining what constitutes a successful peace process, and how that success might be measured, for the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, funded by the National Science Foundation. He is also completing work on a book, Cambodian Hybrid Democracy: Neopatrimonialism, the State, and Society. Un will return to NIU in fall.

6. Center associates update: Wei Luo on GIS and Tai place names

*CSEAS associate Wei Luo (geography) will make the GIS-SEA connection in “GIS Application in Tai Toponym Studies,” his Feb. 3 lecture at the Geography Colloquium from 3 to 4 p.m. in 121 Davis. For several years, Luo, CSEAS associate John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures), and Beijing researcher Fahui Wang have collaborated on research using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to map toponyms (place names) in Tai-speaking areas of mainland SEA, publishing several articles on the subject. Their project, “A Regional Approach to Spatial Analysis of Tai Toponyms in Southern China and Southeast Asia Using GIS,” was based on the idea that most Tai village place names are named after environmental features, most commonly connected to land and water, rice cultivation, and various plants, animals, and aquatic life. The project was funded by a $125,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

7. Save the dates: SEA Club, Anthro Museum, Indonesia exhibit, Study Abroad

- **Feb. 6:** Southeast Asia Club meeting, “60 Minutes in Southeast Asia,” 6 to 7 p.m., 466 DuSable. Get up to date with current events in SEA. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Feb. 12:** NIU Anthropology Museum open house in new Cole Hall location. Museum opens Feb. 14 with regular hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays–Fridays; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.
- **Feb. 24:** Abstracts for papers due for Southeast Asia Club Student Conference in April. See item below.
- **March 1:** Deadline to apply for NIU Indonesia and Thailand Study Abroad programs. See item below.
- **March 5:** Opening reception for “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: A Southeast Asia Photographic Exhibition,” at 4 p.m., Holmes Student Center Gallery. First CSEAS event beginning year of activities leading up to March 5, 2013 anniversary celebrating 50 years.
- **March 15:** Deadline to apply for NIU Malaysia Study Abroad program. See item below.
- **April 28:** Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS. See item below.

8. Summer study abroad with NIU in Indonesia, Malaysia, or Thailand

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

- **Public Health and Health Education 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 in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. Mandatory pre- and post-program meetings: *Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 14, and Aug. 27.* **Deadline to apply:** March 1. For details, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

- **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, power relations between dominant and minority groups, and practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. **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.

9. Student news: Baby makes three for Marchetti and Jagel

Jessica Marchetti (M.A. candidate, anthropology) and Matthew Jagel (Ph.D. candidate, history) welcomed their first child, Mark Louis Jagel, into the world on Dec. 26, just three days after Jagel arrived in Marchetti’s hometown of Collinsville, Ill., from Cambodia, where he is a 2011–12 Fulbright scholar. Timing was everything as it turned out that Mark Louis made an early entrance. “Though he arrived several weeks before his due date, he is perfectly healthy and growing rapidly,” Marchetti reports. Jagel will be returning to Cambodia in early February to continue his research. “Hopefully he’ll finish the Fulbright and be able to return in September,” Marchetti says. “Baby Mark and I will stay in the states and I’ll continue my own research when possible.”


The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2012 spring student conference, date and location to be announced. The conference theme and emphasis of the keynote address will be “Western Influence in Southeast Asia.” Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. **Abstracts due:** Feb. 24. Paper due dates will be sent...
after abstracts are received and approved. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

11. Call for presentations on teaching Southeast Asia to undergraduates

CSEAS is hosting a one-day conference for college-level instructors, Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates, at NIU this spring on Saturday, April 28, and is currently accepting proposals for presentations on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography. Modest travel stipends may be available. Proposals should be 250 words or less and submitted by Feb. 29 to Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu (or faxed to 815-753-1776). Conference keynote speaker will be NIU alumnus and University of Idaho professor Robert Dayley (Ph.D. political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia in his courses and was named Idaho Professor of the Year in 2011.

12. Scholarships available for summer language learning at SEASSI

The Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is offering scholarships to attend this summer’s eight-week language program. Instruction for academic credit is offered in nine SEA languages: Burmese, Hmong, Indonesian, Javanese, Khmer, Lao, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese. To be considered for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship or a heritage language award, the application deadline is Feb. 15. Application deadline for tuition scholarships is April 16. See program website or email SEASSI Program Coordinator Mary Jo Wilson at http://seassi.wisc.edu for details.

13. Afoot and afield in Bali: Gamelan/dance summer institute

Students interested in Balinese music and dance are invited to apply to the Cudamani Gamelan and Dance Summer Institute, which will take place from June 25 to July 14 in Pengosekan, Ubud, Bali. Deadline for applications: May 15. Email cudamanisummerinstitute@gmail.com or see the institute website.

14. Relief efforts continue to aid flood victims in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines

Monsoon and tropical storm flooding in mainland and island Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia, on Mindanao in the Philippines and Thailand, has displaced millions of people and put many others at risk of disease, injury and hardship as waters ebb. According to recent (November 2011) figures from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, more than 5.3 million people in Thailand, 2 million in the Philippines, 1.6 million in Cambodia, 430,000 in Laos and 174,000 in Vietnam have been affected by the season’s torrential rains. Rebuilding efforts and disaster relief will be ongoing for months. U.S. embassies in both countries are providing aid and funds, coordinating with humanitarian assistance teams from the U.S. military and routing millions of dollars in U.S. assistance funds. The United Nations, through UNICEF, is distributing insecticide-treated
mosquito nets and other assistance. The embassies are working through the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, which is sending aid and donations to local relief organizations, Save the Children, the World Food Programme and World Vision. The national chapters of the International Red Cross are also distributing aid and accepting funds for relief efforts. To connect with these efforts, CSEAS offers this list of entities offering assistance:

- **International Red Cross**: The [Cambodian Red Cross](#), [Philippine Red Cross](#) and [Thai Red Cross](#) are accepting donations for relief efforts though their respective websites.
- **Royal Thai Embassy**: Donations to flood victims in Thailand are being accepted through the embassy. Send checks or money orders (payable to Royal Thai Embassy) to Consular Affairs Section, Royal Thai Embassy, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. See the embassy’s Facebook page (Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, D.C.) for donation updates or call the embassy’s First Secretary Nipatsorn Kampa at 202-285-1547.
- **Save the Children**: International aid organization is accepting donations for flood relief in Thailand through its Thailand Floods Children in Emergency Fund. See the [Save the Children](#) website.
- **Royal Embassy of Cambodia**: Contact the embassy at 4530 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011; phone 202-726-7742.
- **World Food Programme**: The food aid arm of the United Nations is offering assistance in affected countries. To view a list of current operations, see the [WFP](#) website; to donate, see the Fill the Cup section of the website.
- **World Vision Cambodia**: International aid group is distributing rice to affected communities where rice fields and other food sources have been compromised by flooding. See the [World Vision](#) website (under Disaster Response Fund).

15. **Money for study**

*Harvard Kennedy School of Government*

- **Indonesia research fellowships**: Indonesian researchers, academics, and practitioners invited to pursue independent research projects as research fellows. Appointments will run from August 2012 to July 2013. **Deadline to apply: March 15.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Center for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law*

- **Three-year doctoral fellowships**: Interdisciplinary center at University of Aberdeen welcomes students from anthropology, cultural and literary studies, history, legal theory and socio-legal studies, philosophy, politics, religious studies, sociology and theology. Fellowships cover full fees and partial maintenance. **Deadline for 2012–13 fellowships: March 30.** See [center website](#).

*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.

*David L. Boren awards*

- Fellowships and scholarships: Opportunity for graduates and undergraduates to study abroad for one year and hone language skills. Grants range from up to $20,000 for
undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. To apply for 2012–13 programs, see the Boren website. Boren awards are administered by the Institute of International Education. **Fellowship deadline to apply:** Jan. 31. **Scholarship deadline:** Feb. 9.

16. Job opportunities and internships

**Center for Khmer Studies**
- **Summer Junior Resident Fellowship Program instructor:** Qualified person sought to lead and to develop a syllabus for intensive six-week study program, scheduled for June 18 to Aug. 3, for Cambodian, French and U.S. undergraduates. Ph.D. required, along with teaching and research experience in Cambodia and Southeast Asian Studies. **Apply by April 30.** Send CV and cover letter to CKS Director Michael Sullivan at msullivan@khmerstudies.org.

**Kenan Institute Asia**
- **Mainland Southeast Asia consultant:** Seeking experienced professional with some experience in the region with understanding or experience of private-sector development. Some language proficiency desired (Vietnamese best, but Thai, Lao, Khmer or Burmese acceptable). Position based in Bangkok with 50 percent travel time to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. For details and contact information, see institute website.

**Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative**
- **2012 legal studies externship:** May 21–Aug. 12 program offers opportunity to work with community-based legal education clinics in local and rural communities alongside Bridges Across Borders team as well as local lawyers, legal educators, and community organizations in Southeast Asia. Some cost waivers available. **Deadline to apply:** March 1. For details, see program website.

**Cornell University**
- **Assistant professor:** Humanities specialist in literature and/or religion and/or culture of one or more SEA countries wanted for Department of Asian Studies to begin July 2012. Ph.D. required. Scholars with strong record in research and publishing, in addition to interdisciplinary and comparative work, encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter, statement of research and teaching, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation online.

**Idealist.org**
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the Idealist website.

**U.S. State Department**
- Area studies can lead to a career in the diplomatic corps. Check out job opportunities and career paths at State Department website.

17. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. **Deadline for submission:** Dec. 10. Limited number of travel
subventions available. Email abstracts to seapgradconference@gmail.com. For details, see symposium website.

- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see conference website.


- **Bali in Global Asia: Between Modernization and Heritage Formation**, July 16–18, Universitas Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Co-sponsored by Universitas Udayana, the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). Call for papers. **Deadline for submission: Jan. 31.** For details, email Henk Schulte Nordholt at schultenordholt@kitlv.nl or see conference website.


- **9th International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, 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.

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


- **Fourth Annual Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see conference website.

- **Thailand in the World: Twelfth International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22—24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers scheduled for August 2012. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au. The conference website will be launched in mid-2012.

18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Chicago’s Friends of the Gamelan will give a Javanese gamelan concert at 8:30 p.m. **Feb. 8** at Chicago’s Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. Suggested donation $5. The group is also holding a free hands-on workshop for those interested in learning to play the gamelan at 7 p.m. **Feb. 9**, also at the Old Town School. No previous experience required. Instructors will be Nathaniel Braddock and Andrew Mall, who are offering a beginning gamelan class in March at the school. Register at Old Town School website.
“Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is 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 Sundays.

- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.