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1. **This week’s lecture: Lisa Brooten on human rights as form of violence in Myanmar/Burma**

Lisa Brooten, associate professor in the Radio-Television Department at Southern Illinois University, will present “Human Rights as a Form of Violence: The Burmese Case” at noon Friday, **March 9**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Brooten will discuss reforming and developing the media in Myanmar/Burma as a way of bringing home the idea that human rights discourse and the consequences of militarization are intimately connected. Co-sponsored by the Center for Burma Studies and Burma Interest Group-NIU. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.** See entire lecture series schedule on the [CSEAS website](#).

2. **Countdown to 50 years of CSEAS history begins**

The center will officially launch its 50th anniversary year at 4 p.m. Monday, **March 5**, at an opening reception for “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: An Exhibition of Photographs from Southeast Asia” in the Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. The exhibit, a traveling show created by the University of Hawaii’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies, will on display through **March 30**. CSEAS was founded on March 5, 1963. A year of activities is being planned to celebrate the anniversary milestone, including a Southeast Asia film series, special lectures, two other exhibits, alumni events, publications and a dinner gala with cultural performances in March 2013. The calendar will be posted soon on the center website (just go to the 50th anniversary tab).

3. **Another funding round: Thai studies travel grants**

Students and faculty who specialize in the Thai world are invited to apply for travel funding from the Thai Teaching and Research Fund; applications are due **March 16**. Travel for research purposes or conference attendance are acceptable grounds for funding. Amounts typically do not exceed $500 for students; faculty awards are determined according to a separate scale. **Funding will only be given for research and travel to and within Southeast Asia.** Applicants should submit a clear, concise description of the purpose of the project proposed, a budget, and ways in which any funds received would be used to further Thai studies. Those seeking funding for conference attendance must submit an abstract of the paper they intend to present as well as evidence that the paper has been accepted. Students must also include a letter of recommendation from their faculty advisor. Successful recipients will be notified in early April. Applications should be addressed to the Thai Teaching and Research Funding Awards Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies. They can be mailed to or dropped off at the CSEAS office, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115. They also may be emailed to cseas@niu.edu with “TTRF Funding Awards Committee” in the subject line.

4. **Prepare for the podium: Abstracts deadline this week for student conference**

The deadline for abstracts for student papers has been extended to **March 9** for the Southeast Asia Club’s **April 7** spring student conference at NIU. Keynote speaker University of Wisconsin-Madison historian Michael Cullinane will present “Anti-Colonial Rebels: Arenas of Conspiracy and Revolution in the Philippines at the Turn of the 20th Century.” The conference theme is “Western Influence in Southeast Asia,” though papers may be submitted on
any topic pertaining to SEA. Papers will be accepted in undergraduate and graduate categories. For those wishing to compete in the best-paper competition, papers will be due March 19. For those wishing to present only, papers will be due March 30. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

5. Presentations proposals due March 15 for Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference
CSEAS is hosting a one-day conference for college-level instructors, Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates, at NIU this spring on Saturday, April 28, and is 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 submitted by March 15 to Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu (or faxed to 815-753-1776). Conference keynote speaker will be NIU alumnus and The College of Idaho professor Robert Dayley (Ph.D. political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia to undergraduates and was named Idaho Professor of the Year in 2011.

6. Student note:
2011–12 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow Siew Lian Lim (MFA candidate, Art) will be in her element March 19–23, when her master’s thesis exhibition, Taming: Training Balance, will be on display at Gallery 215 North, 215 N. Fourth St. Opening reception will be 5:30 to 9 p.m. March 21.

7. Call for papers: 10th International Burma Studies Conference
The board of trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, the Burma Studies Group, and the Center for Burma Studies at NIU invite papers on all aspects of Burma studies for presentation at the 10th International Burma Studies Conference to be held Oct. 5–7 at NIU. Submissions are welcome in the fields of anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies. Panels and papers should be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma. Proposals for papers or panels are due April 15. Send the title, abstract and all queries to: bsc2012@niu.edu. The conference will feature both academic presentations and cultural events, according to Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond. For details, call 815-753-0512.
8. Call for papers: Imagining Cambodia 2012
NIU’s Cambodia Studies Working Group and CSEAS, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and the Center for Khmer Studies in Cambodia, are inviting submissions for presentations and panels for an international Cambodia Studies Conference to take place Sept. 13–16 at NIU. Abstracts and panel proposals are due March 15; papers are due June 15. The conference theme is “Imagining Cambodia,” which opens up the field for presentations in the arts as well as social sciences and humanities, encourages multimedia/interdisciplinary project and promotes creative work on both future possibilities and re-imagined versions of the past, says CSEAS associate Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology), a member of the Cambodia Studies Working Group. Papers on Cambodian diaspora communities are also welcome. In addition to regular academic panels, the conference will feature themed panels for which papers will be circulated in advance to all registered participants for in-depth discussions on particular topics. The conference will also include a musical performance and a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago.

9. Call for papers: Council on Thai Studies Conference
The Council on Thai Studies (COTS) welcomes students and scholars of Thailand and the broader Tai world to submit paper abstracts for the 2012 COTS conference, which will be held Oct. 26–27 at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The conference will mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Council on Thai Studies, which was founded at NIU in 1972 to bring Thai specialists in the Midwest together once a year. The keynote speech will be given by Charnvit Kasetsiri, Thai historian and former rector of Thammasat University. Abstracts are due Aug. 3. This year’s conference, which previously has been held at NIU and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is being sponsored this year by Ohio University Libraries, the OU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Contemporary History Institute, the Southeast Asian Student Association, and the Thai Student Association. For details, email conference organizer Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu.

10. Save the dates: Study Abroad deadlines, SEA culture night in April, teacher conference
- **March 15**: Deadline to apply for NIU Malaysia Study Abroad program.
- **April 1**: Deadline to apply for NIU Indonesia Study Abroad program.
- **April 7**: Southeast Asia Club Spring Student Conference, Altgeld Hall, NIU.
- **April 14**: Southeast Asia Culture Night, sponsored by Southeast Asia Club, 6 p.m. Wirtz Hall Auditorium. Free food and cultural performances.
- **April 28**: Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS.
11. At least 10 good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP

NIU is actively looking for families to act as hosts April 12–25 for twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), 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 any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 9. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. For details and a host family application, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu. Host families are also being sought for the April 14–May 17 Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program that brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for five weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office. The home stay dates for PYLP are April 29–May 10 (orientation for families is 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 23). As with SEAYLP, contact Leslie Shive for details.

*Want to read more about SEAYLP? The SEAYLP staff has just posted *Voices of SEAYLP*, a newsletter of articles written by the fall 2011 batch of participants, on the [center website](http://www.niu.edu).*

12. Deadlines approaching to study abroad in SEA this summer with NIU

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members. CSEAS adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health), who is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia, recently received a grant that will shave $600 off the cost for each participant. 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. 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](http://www.niu.edu/studyabroad), 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@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](http://www.niu.edu) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. Mandatory pre- and
post-program meetings: March 5, April 2, May 14, and Aug. 27. **Deadline to apply:** April 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. **Deadline has been extended.**
- **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.

13. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **United States-Indonesia Society 2012 Summer Language Study Program, June–August**
  Intensive ten-week language and general studies program at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyyakarta, Indonesia. **Applications due:** March 15. See program details on USINDO website. **NEW**

- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 11–Aug. 3**
  Intensive eight-week training in Khmer language-culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **Applications due:** April 6. 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.

- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), July 1–31**
  Study Lao, language, history and culture this summer in the Land of a Million Elephants during four-week program sponsored by the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Program based at the Lao-American College in Vientiane, Laos. **Applications due:** April 16. For details and application, see the 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 receiving liability and insurance protections.

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. 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. To connect with assistance efforts, CSEAS offers this list:

- **International Red Cross:** The [Cambodian Red Cross](https://www.cambodianredcross.org), [Philippine Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org) and [Thai Red Cross](https://thairedcross.org) 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 202-285-1547.

- **Save the Children**: International aid organization is accepting donations 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

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Summer junior resident fellowships**: Five undergraduate openings for six-week fellowship (June 18–Aug. 3) based at center in Siem Reap. Fellowship covers tuition, accommodation, local transport, study materials and some field trip expenses. Some grants available for international air fares, visas and medical insurance. **Deadline to apply**: April 11. See [program website](#).

**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 for 2012–13 fellowships. Fellowship covers full fees and partial maintenance. **Deadline to apply**: 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 Hawaii.

16. Job opportunities

**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, June 18–Aug. 3, for Cambodian, French and U.S. undergraduates. Ph.D. required, along with teaching and research experience in Cambodia and Southeast Asian Studies. **Deadline to apply**: April 30. Send CV and cover letter msullivan@khmerstudies.org.
- **Southeast Asian Studies Curricula Design Program instructor**: Qualified person to organize 13-week program of lectures, seminars and interactive group sessions, July 2–
Sept. 29. PhD and experience teaching Southeast Asian studies at university level required. For details, contact vong.sotheara@khmerstudies.org by May 17.

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.

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. 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.

17. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference,** March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see conference website.
- **4th International Conference on Hmong Studies,** March 30–31, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. For details, see conference website. NEW
- **Between the Mountain and the Sea: Positioning Indonesia,** July 9–10, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fifth International Indonesia Forum, co-sponsored by Yale University and Gadjah Mada University. Call for papers. **Deadline for submission: March 31.** 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). For details, see conference website.
- **International Conference on Language Proficiency Testing in the Less Commonly Taught Languages,** Aug. 17–18, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. For details, see conference website. NEW
- **9th International Conference on the Philippines,** Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. 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 [CSEAS website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu).

- **61st Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Sept. 21–23, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. Theme: Global Education. Regional conference for Association of Asian Studies. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: May 18.** For details, see [conference website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu).

- **International Burma Studies Conference 2012**, Oct. 5–7, Northern Illinois University. **Proposals for papers or panels due: April 15.** Email title, abstract and all queries to bsc2012@niu.edu. For details, see [conference website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu).

- **Fourth Annual Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see [conference website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu).

- **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

- “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](http://www.cseas.niu.edu) 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](http://www.cseas.niu.edu).

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