Another year: A dragon dancer leads the way along Yaowarat Road in Bangkok’s Chinese cultural district during the Chinese community’s celebration of the lunar new year, The Year of the Snake. Best wishes to all from CSEAS. (Photo / East Asia Forum)

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1. This week’s lecture: A look back at Cambodia under Japanese rule
Matt Jagel (PhD candidate, history) will present *The First Independence: Son Ngoc Thanh and Cambodia under Japanese Rule* at noon Friday, Feb. 15, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Son Ngoc Thanh was one of the leaders of the Cambodian resistance to France at the dawn of World War II. Jagel will discuss Thanh’s entrance into the political resistance movement, his years in Japan during World War II, and his return to Cambodia, eventually to become Prime Minister. To order an Indonesian lunch, please submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order](#). Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See [spring lecture schedule](#) on CSEAS website.

2. Get your paper on this week: Deadline Friday for spring student conference abstracts
Deadline for abstracts for the Southeast Asia Club’s spring 2013 student conference is Friday, Feb. 15. The theme of the conference, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in Room 315 Altgeld Hall, is “Growth and Development.” Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. Email abstracts or questions to niuseaclub@gmail.com. The conference keynote speaker will be University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken. Best paper monetary awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The Thai Studies Committee will also present a monetary award for best Thai Studies paper.

3. February deadlines coming up for NIU Thai Studies Committee awards
- **Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is offering a $300 prize for an original research paper by an NIU student dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference April 13 at which the winning paper must be presented. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28. Submissions should be sent as a PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at golson@niu.edu.
- **Advanced Thai language study:** The Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate 2013–14 academic-year scholarships of $500 per semester, funded by the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU. Eligible undergraduates must be successfully pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. Advanced Thai language study is required. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, recommendations from the Thai language instructor and another faculty member, and a transcript. **Deadline to apply:** April 5. Email CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library) at eteolson@niu.edu.
4. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Cultural anthropology field methods in Cambodia

CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) will lead a four-week ethnographic field school this summer in Cambodia from June 15 to July 13. Focusing on the rebirth of Cambodian Buddhism, participants will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study methods, including surveys, interviews and observation. A collaborative project with the Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA) in Phnom Penh, the field school is open to both RUFA and American students from NIU and other U.S. institutions. “The 2013 field school is very similar to previous field schools in Cambodia in that it is in collaboration with the Royal University of Fine Arts and it is an anthropology field methods class,” Ledgerwood said. “But it is new in that we hope to conduct the field work in a new area and to possibly include Muslim communities as well as Buddhist communities. The range is thus wider, looking at the re-establishment of religion over the last 20 years. We will conclude as usual with a visit to Angkor Wat and the other temples in the Angkor region.” Advanced undergraduate students or graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. More details and online link to apply are available through NIU Study Abroad. Deadline to apply: April 1. Three to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, email Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Learn more about studying abroad at Study Abroad 101, a one-time session that meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

5. Finding money to study abroad

Interested in studying abroad but don’t have the funding to do so? There are several avenues available through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, such as the Provost’s Travel Grant for Study Abroad. Provost travel grants range from $500 to $1,000; deadline to apply: April 1. Find out about these and other ways to finance study abroad opportunities from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Room 228. DuSable. For details, email niuabroad@niu.edu or call Study Abroad at 753-0700.
6. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Health, environment, and culture project in Indonesia

CSEAS affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata, assistant professor in NIU’s Public Health Program and the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability & Energy, is leading Global Health, Environments, and Cultures in Indonesia, a three-week program to South Sulawesi, Indonesia June 2–22. Participants will have the opportunity to establish their own academic goals while investigating the effects of different Indonesian environments (natural, living, and working) on human health. The program is being offered in collaboration with Hasanuddin University in Makassar. An introductory class for program participants is scheduled for March 1. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, see the program’s Facebook page at NIU Study Abroad in Indonesia, check out its [YouTube video](#), or email Shibata at [tshibata@niu.edu](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu). For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu). Learn more about studying abroad at Study Abroad 101, a one-time session that meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

7. **Save the dates: Upcoming 50th Anniversary Calendar activities**

- **Feb. 13:** Anniversary Film Series screening, *Here Comes the Bride* (Philippines, 2010), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life Building. Hosted by Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by Philippine Student Association.
- **March 1:** London School of Economics and Political Science professor John Sidel presents 50th Anniversary Spring Lecture, “Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia,” 4 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
- **March 1:** CSEAS faculty-student-alumni anniversary gathering, 5:30 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
- **March 2:** Exhibit talk by professor emeritus Richard Cooler, curator of “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” 10 a.m., Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. Morning refreshments provided. On display through May 15.
- **March 2:** A Celebration of Southeast Asian Performing Arts, 8 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, followed by dessert.
- **March 4:** Opening of “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection” exhibit, Founders Memorial Library, 4 p.m. Light refreshments. On display through March 31.
- **March 4:** Meet-the-Artist session with Malaysian singer-songwriter Amirah Ali, 8 p.m., School of Music Recital Hall.
- **March 5:** CSEAS Anniversary Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Refreshments and remembrances.
- **March 6:** Anniversary Film Series, *The Lady* (Burma, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 110, Art Building. Hosted by Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by NIU Burma Interest Group.
- **April 17:** Anniversary Film Series, *Yes or No* (Thailand, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life. Hosted by Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by PRISM.

See [CSEAS website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu) for a calendar of 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on an interactive timeline posted on the home page.

8. **Burnish your resumé:** Sign up for a SEA Studies minor or graduate concentration
Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open even more doors. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, check out the [CSEAS website](http://www.cseas.niu.edu) or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjJacobsen1@niu.edu to make an appointment.

9. **Area CSEAS conferences coming up in spring**
- **Ohio University, Athens, OH:** Ohio University’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies will host “Identity,” the 5th annual Khmer Studies Forum **March 15–17**. See [conference web page](http://www.cseas.ohio.edu) for details.
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI:** UW-Madison’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies will co-host the 4th International Conference on Lao Studies **April 19–21** with the Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco. See [conference website](http://www.uwm.edu) or call 608-263-1755.

10. **Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs**
- **Khmer Summer Abroad Program, June 24–Aug. 2**
  Deadline to apply for the Khmer Language and Culture Summer Abroad Program offered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa is **April 6**. See program website or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu. No direct funding available, but students may apply for Gilman and Blakemore scholarships.
- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), June 21–July 31**
  The San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies administers five-week study abroad program based at the Lao-American College with private instruction from the national University of Laos. **Deadline to apply:** April 1. For details, see [program website](http://www.sail.lao.edu).
- **Summer Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program, June 17–Aug. 8**
  Immersion program at Universitas Kristan Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Indonesia, is offered for non-native speakers at least intermediate level by June 2013. Fulbright-Hays fellowships available for U.S. citizens and permanent residents (cannot be used in conjunction with FLAS fellowships). **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 19. See [program website](http://www.kristan.ac.id).
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 protection.

11. Money for study

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*

- **Research grants**: $5,750 grants available for graduate and postdoctoral students pursuing research in Indonesia. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms are available at [AIFIS website](#); for info, email arkahin@yahoo.com or email CSEAS associate Michael Buehler at mbuehler1@niu.edu.

*David L. Boren awards*

- **Scholarships**: Opportunity for graduates and undergraduates to study language abroad for one year. To apply for the 2013–14 programs, see the [Boren website](#). **Scholarship deadline**: Feb. 13.

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Undergraduate fellowships**: Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 24–Aug. 2. Partial stipend ($800) offered. **Deadline to apply**: April 1. See [CKS website](#) for details.

*East-West Center, Hawaii*

- **Graduate degree fellowships**: Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

*Harvard University*

- **Indonesia Research Fellows 2013–14**: Harvard Kennedy School Indonesia Program offering fellowships to Indonesia researchers, academics, and practitioners to pursue independent research. **Deadline to apply**: Feb. 15. See [program website](#) for details.

*University of Leeds*

- **Post-graduate Thai Studies research scholarships**: Funded by Royal Thai Embassy, London, for three 2013–14 scholarships at Leeds School of Modern Languages and Cultures with six months of field work in Thailand. Begins October 2013. **Deadline to apply**: July 1. For details, see [Leeds website](#).

*University of Michigan*

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars**: Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research on any topic relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply**: May 31. For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](#).

12. Job opportunities

*Mahidol University, Thailand*

- **Specialist (foreign)**: Open to those with bachelor’s degree or above in fields of anthropology, psychology, linguistics, education, technology or disability studies with experience in working with persons with disabilities. Teaching and research position in disability studies at Ratchasuda College. For details, see Job Opportunities at [Mahidol website](#).
USAID

- **International Programs Fellowship:** Two-year appointment at USAID’s Population Reference Bureau beginning in summer 2013. Intended for bachelor’s degree graduate (by June 2013). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 25.** For details, see [USAID website](http://www.usaid.gov).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](http://www.idealist.org).

13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **15th Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference,** March 1–3, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. For details, see [conference website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **5th Khmer Studies Forum,** March 15–17, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. For details, see [center website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **Association for Asian Studies,** March 21–24, San Diego, CA. See [conference website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference,** April 13–14, Los Angeles, CA. Theme: Critical Histories of Activism: Indonesia’s New Order and its Legacies. Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email cseas@international.ucla.edu.
- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies,** April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [conference website](http://www.idealist.org) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia,** April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. See [conference website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference,** May 16–19, Manila, the Philippines. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see [conference website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS),** June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **7th European Association of European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference,** July 2–5, School of Social and Political Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal. For details, see [EuroSEAS website](http://www.idealist.org).
- **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD),** Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. Two-day conference at Chulalongkorn University. Theme: Beyond Borders: Building a Regional Commons in Southeast Asia. Call for papers on development, international relations and human rights in SEA. **Abstracts due: March 1.** Details forthcoming on [conference website](http://www.idealist.org) or email info@icird.org.
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV,** Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see [conference website](http://www.idealist.org) or email interasia@ssr.org.
- **Council on Thai Studies,** Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Save the date; call for papers forthcoming in 2013.
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies,** April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.
14. 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 also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.
- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces, will be held May 4, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Time TBA. For details, see Friends website.

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