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1. This week’s lecture: Political ‘Partisanship’ in Thailand

University of Michigan political scientist Allen Hicken, in town to keynote the April 13 spring student conference, will present “Late to the Party: The Development of ‘Partisanship’ in Thailand” at noon Friday, April 12, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. 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. Set GPS for Altgeld Hall and Saturday’s spring student conference

Abstracts are in and the game is on for the Southeast Asia Club’s spring 2013 student conference Saturday, April 13. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. The theme of this year’s conference is “Growth and Development.” University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken (PhD, University of California-San Diego, 2002) will deliver the keynote address, “The Weakest Link? A Necessary Evil? Political Parties, Growth, and Development in Southeast Asia,” from 1 to 2 p.m. Full conference schedule is posted on the Center website. At the end of the day, CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood will present monetary awards for best for undergraduate and graduate papers. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

3. CSEAS seeking 2013–14 teaching assistant for Southeast Asia survey course

Pending funding, CSEAS is seeking a full-time (20 hours per week) teaching assistant for its Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, for the 2013-14 academic year. The class meets from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Candidates must be a graduate student with knowledge and/or experience in Southeast Asia. Previous TA experience desirable. Preference will be given to those completing a graduate concentration in Southeast Asian Studies. Send completed application, cover letter, resume, two references with contact information to CSEAS, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115; email to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu; or FAX to 815-753-1776. Deadline to apply: April 15.

4. Deadline extended to April 10 for Summer Study Abroad 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. 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 10.

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, email niuabroad@niu.edu.

5. **Student news: Fulbright felicitations**

Congratulations to undergraduate FLAS fellow Matthew Ropp, who just got the word that he has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship from the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Ropp will be one of 100 American Fulbright ETAs teaching English in Malaysia for 10 months beginning in January 2014. He graduates in May with a bachelor’s degree in Communications and minors in linguistics and SEA Studies. Anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag is also in the Fulbright limelight. He is headed to Indonesia this summer for the Consortium of the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI) Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar. Tumpag will be based at the Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java. Way to go, Anthonie!

6. **Southeast Asia Culture Fest offers interactive fun**

The Southeast Asia Club’s culture nights have always been family-friendly, but the club is taking it to the next level when it hosts a two-hour festival of music, cultural crafts, language lessons, and Southeast Asian food on Saturday, **April 20**. “This event is different from years past because we have more interactive demonstrations on culture. Instead of the audience sitting down to watch performances, they will be participating in different stations to gain a greater understanding of that country’s culture,” said organizer and music-education major Glynnis White. The event will feature cultural offerings and activities from seven Southeast Asian countries: Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand. “There will also be a table representing the influence of China on Southeast Asia,” White said. The festival will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in Anderson Hall gymnasium on the east side of campus (Room 100). Cultural tables and demonstrations will be 4 to 5 p.m. and performing arts demonstrations 5 to 6 p.m. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

7. **Step into the Ramayana with the Monkey Chant**

Center associate Jui-Ching Wang (Music) invites newcomers to a workshop on KeCak (the Monkey Chant), a musical drama with chorus, based on the Hindu Ramayana epic from 5 to 7 p.m. **April 9** in Room 102 in the Music Building. The workshop will be taught by Balinese dancer and musician, Pak Ngurah Kertayuda, who has been working with the NIU Gamelan Ensemble all semester. “This workshop is open to all are interested in the music and cultures of Southeast Asia (especially those of Bali),” Wang said.
8. What’s up in the library: New Hart Collection assistant; duplicate books available
Southeast Asia curator and CSEAS associate Hao Phan announces that the Donn V. Hart Collection has a new assistant, Joanna Kulma, who started on March 18, replacing Jessica Williams, who left NIU in January after six years of working in the collection. A lifelong DeKalb resident, Kulma holds two BA degrees in English and Communications from NIU. She can be reached by phone at 753-1819 or by email at jkulma@niu.edu. And for anyone interested in expanding their Southeast Asia library, Phan says that there are a number of duplicate books available for students and faculty to take away. Visit 496 Founders during regular office hours and take a look: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

9. Summer/Fall course listing up on CSEAS website
The Summer 2013/Fall 2013 SEA Studies Course Listing for courses that can be applied toward SEA studies minors/contract majors or SEA studies graduate concentrations has been posted on the Center website.

10. ‘Voices from Laos’ speakers to be at upcoming Lao conference
The Fourth International Conference on Lao Studies, which will be held April 19–21 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will not only bring together important Lao Studies scholars, including three from NIU, but also speakers from the just-launched national “Voices from Laos: Clearing Bombs, Protecting Lives” tour. The U.S. State Department-sponsored tour began April 3 at the United Nations to call attention to the dangerous problem of unexploded ordnance in Laos, where tons of bombs were dropped during the Vietnam War. More than 20,000 Laotians have been killed or injured by explosions from such ordnance, according to Legacies of War, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization. Speakers include a bomb clearance team member and a bomb accident survivor. From NIU, Center associates John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures) and Catherine Raymond (art history), and adjunct scholar Alan Potkin, will reprise their fall 2012 presentations on the Wat Pathumwanaram in Bangkok. The conference keynote speaker will be Yves Goudineau, Ecole Francaise d’Extreme-Orient, Vientiane. For more details, see conference website or call 608-263-1755.

11. Save the dates: Lectures, film, Asian American month
- Through May 5: Asian American month. See online schedule of activities.
- April 14: World Music Concert, 3 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. NIU Gamelan Ensemble will perform.
- April 17: 50th Anniversary Film Series, Yes or No (Thailand, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by PRISM.
- **April 19:** Indonesian language specialist Ellen Rafferty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, presents “The Post-Suharto Linguistic Landscape” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.
- **April 26:** Update on NIU’s Myanmar/Burma initiative at CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life. Last lecture of 2012–13 series.
- **May 1:** Last day to see “Our Unraveled Tapestry: A Celebration of Commonalities in Material Culture Amongst Insular Southeast Asia, Madagascar and Oceania” by anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag, Stevens Building lobby.
- **May 15:** Last day to see 50th Anniversary exhibit, “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” curated by Richard Cooler, NIU Anthropology Museum.

12. **AAS launches new e-forum for Burma/Myanmar scholars**
The Burma Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies has launched a new Google e-forum to better connect scholars and students active in Burma/Myanmar studies. The forum is open to active members of the Burma Studies Group, scholars working and publishing in Burma/Myanmar research, and graduate students pursuing an advanced degree in Burma/Myanmar related studies. To join the group, it is necessary to subscribe through Google.

13. **Philippine Youth Leadership Program needs two host families**
NIU’s International Training Office (ITO) is looking for two local families to act as hosts April 21–May 3 for one pair of girls and one pair of boys participating in the 10th Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP). PYLP is a U.S. State Department-funded program that brings Muslim and non-Muslim high school-age students and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines under the auspices of the ITO. 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. An orientation for host families is set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Applications are available online. For details, see the program website or contact Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu.

14. **Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad 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. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the CSEAS website 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 tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

15. **Job/internships opportunities**

*Cascade Asia Advisors*

- **Part-time senior analyst:** Seattle-based research and consulting firm seeking analyst to contribute to firm’s Southeast Asia Report. PhD candidate or MA degree holder with experience living in Southeast Asia preferred. Job location negotiable. Send resume and cover letter to info@cascadeasia.com. See company website for details. **NEW**
Kroll Advisory Solutions

- **Full-time and part-time internships**: Immediate openings in the company’s Washington, D.C., Research Center for candidates with Indonesia language and travel experience. See company job board for details. NEW

Walailak University

- **Lecturer**: Position in PhD program in Asian Studies. Candidates should be able to speak Thai and English. **Deadline to apply: April 18**. For details about the position, contact Walailak lecturer Edwin Zehner at zehner1234@aol.com.

KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)

- **Junior postdoctoral researcher**: One-year position starting in August or September. Affinity with new digital tools and research methods preferred. **Deadline to apply: May 1**. For details, email Professor Henk Schulte Nordholt at schultenordholt@kitlv.nl.

Idealist.org

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

16. Money for study

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.

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.

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 relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31**. For details, see UM-CSEAS website.

17. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference**, April 13–14, Los Angeles. 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 or call 608-263-1755.

• 5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference, May 16–19, Manila. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see conference website.

• 8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS), June 24–27, Macao. See conference website.

• Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia, June 26–29, University of Goettingen, Germany. For information, see conference website.

• 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.


• The Study of Southeast Asia Today: Dialogue at NUS, Aug. 14–16, Singapore. Call for papers for this inaugural conference organized by the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Completed research as well as work in progress welcomed on topics of cultures, societies, politics and economies of SEA, past and present. Abstracts due: April 15. For details, email Marcel Bandur at marcel@nus.edu.sg.

• International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD), Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. See conference website or email info@icird.org.

• 6th International Indonesia Forum, Sept. 21–22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Call for papers for this conference at Sunan Kalijaga University. Abstracts due: March 31. For details, see conference website.


• Framing the Global, Sept. 26–28, Bloomington, Ind. Sponsored by the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press. Deadline for submissions: April 15. For details, see conference website.

• Canadian Council on Southeast Asian Studies 2013: Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: April 1. For details, see conference website.

• Inter-Asian Connections IV, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see conference website or email interasia@ssr.org.

• Council on Thai Studies, Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers posted at www.thaistudies.org. Send brief abstracts including contact information and institutional affiliation to golson@niu.edu. Deadline for abstracts: July 1; deadline to register: Sept. 20.

• Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks, Nov. 18-19, Leiden, the Netherlands. Junior scholars encouraged to submit to this conference at the International Institute for Asian Studies. Deadline for submission: April 30. For details, see conference website or email Dr. Albert Tzeng at a.tzeng.iias@gmail.com.

• Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. Deadline for abstracts: Sept. 1. For details, see conference website or email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.
18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces directed by guest artistic director Midyanto, will be held at 4 p.m. May 4, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. For the second year, an original composition by Alex Yoffe will debut. Suggested donation is $15 for adults, $5 for students. For details, see Friends website or find the group on Facebook.
- “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 in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.

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