Cambodian election official holds up paper ballot in Phnom Penh polling station during July 28 election. The election’s surprising results and ensuing controversy will be the topic of the first Friday fall lecture. Details below. (Photo / Reuters)

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1. This week’s lecture: Assessing Cambodia’s recent election

Center associate Kheang Un (Political Science) will present “What Will Be Next for Hun Sen, the Strong Man of Cambodia? Reflecting on the Recent Cambodian Election” at noon Friday, September 6, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Before the July 28 national elections in Cambodia, observers were predicting a landslide victory by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen’s Cambodian People’s Party (CCP) over the new opposition Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP). But when the ballots were counted, the results were close with the CNRP winning 55 seats to the CCP’s 68. Kheang Un, who was in Cambodia at the time of the election, unwinds these results and the ensuing controversy over voting irregularities. To order a Cambodian 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 entire fall lecture series schedule on CSEAS website.

2. NIU stage set for Thai royal visit

Wednesday, Sept. 18, will be a red-carpet day at NIU when Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand arrives to be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree in a morning ceremony in Altgeld Hall. Noted for her work in higher education and humanitarian efforts in Thailand, Her Royal Highness holds a bachelor’s degree in history, a master’s degree in Oriental epigraphy and in Pali and Sanskrit languages, and a PhD in educational development. She currently heads the Department of History at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce, and CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Chalarmsee Olson (Founders Memorial Library), and Catherine Raymond (School of Art) have been busy working with NIU officials and the Royal Thai Embassy on preparations since early summer. Raymond is creating an exhibit of Thai art and artifacts from NIU collections that will be on display for Her Royal Highness in Altgeld 203, near the Auditorium where the ceremony will be held. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a procession that will include Her Royal Highness, Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Chaiyong Satjipanon, Thai Consul General in Chicago Songphol Sukchan, NIU President Douglas Baker, Provost Raymond W. Alden, political science professor emeritus and distinguished Thai scholar Clark Neher, faculty and other dignitaries. The public is invited to attend the ceremony; those wishing to attend must email the Center at cseas@niu.edu by Sept. 9. The ceremony will conclude around 11 a.m.; those attending are invited to tour the exhibit afterward. For more details, see NIU Today.

3. Save the dates: SEA Club meeting, Study Abroad Fair coming up

- Sept. 12: First Southeast Asia Club meeting of the year at 1 p.m., Holmes Student Center Lounge. **NEW**
- Sept. 27: 20th annual Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. For more information, email niuabroad@niu.edu.
• **Nov. 11–15:** Mark your calendar for International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs. Plans include a lecture by an NIU alumna and Islamic banking expert from Malaysia, an international careers event, and a keynote lecture on colonial Burma by Rutgers University historian Chie Ikeya on **Nov. 15**.

4. **Student news: Kudos and a fond farewell**
   - Congratulations to Indonesian political science graduate students Peni Hanggarini, Ronnie Nataamadja, and Iqra Anugrah, who have received competitive research grants to advance their studies. Hanggarini has won a travel grant from the United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) to return to Indonesia in December to conduct research on her dissertation topic, “Disentangling the Role of Indonesian Domestic Actors in an Era of United States-Indonesia ‘Comprehensive Partnerships.’” Nataamadja is the recipient of an American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) Henry Luce Fellowship to fund research on his topic, “Elite Turnover in Indonesia.” Iqra Anugrah was awarded a 2013–14 research grant from the American-Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation (AICEF). Congratulations to all.
   - The Center bids a fond farewell to Piyathida “Pooh” Sereebenjapol, who left this past week for England where she will teach Thai at the University of Leeds. Pooh first came to NIU as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant seven years ago; she returned to NIU to spend the past six years studying for her PhD in instructional technology, her master’s in educational research and evaluation, and three certificates in quantitative and qualitative methodology in education and foreign language instructional technology. A trained classical Thai dancer, she performed many times for Center and NIU events and at local schools.

5. **Remembering Bidhya Bowornwathana**
   - We were saddened to learn of the death last week of Dr. Bidhya Bowornwathana, who received his PhD in political science from NIU in 1980 and was associate professor of public administration on the political science faculty at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Bowornwathana, 62, a well-regarded scholar who received both his master’s and doctoral degrees in political science at NIU, was a student of professors emeriti M. Ladd Thomas and Clark Neher. In 1980, he was named the department’s Gerald S. Maryanov Fellow and Outstanding Student. In 2000, he was the keynote speaker at the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting at NIU. “Bidhya was an outstanding student, but more importantly, a very cool guy who made a big difference in the study of public administration in Thailand,” said Neher. “He was a co-researcher with me in Chiang Mai in the 1980s and we co-wrote articles.” At Chulalongkorn, Bowornwathana taught undergraduate and graduate courses in public administration, bureaucracy, management systems and organization reform among others. His research interests were in governance, administrative reform, public administration...
theory and comparative public administration. A member of numerous editorial and executive boards of journals, institutes, and professional societies, he lectured around the world, published frequently, and served on many Thai government commissions and working groups, most recently as an advisor to the Royal Thai Army on The Monarchy. The Center extends its deepest condolences.

6. Fall area Southeast Asia conferences include COTS at NIU

It’s not too early to be thinking about the upcoming fall Southeast Asia conferences in the area, including one at NIU. The annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting will be held on campus the weekend of Oct. 18–19. COTS, which began at NIU in 1972, is an informal organization of scholars interested in all aspects of Thai studies. The conference will lead off with a lecture Friday by Srisompob Jitpiromsri, NIU alumnus and director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University in Pattani, Thailand. The keynote speaker Saturday will be University of Leeds professor of Southeast Asian politics Duncan McCargo. Registration is free; the deadline is Sept. 20. Reservations for rooms at the Holmes Student Center must be made by Sept. 27. Conference organizers include CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Julia Lamb (CSEAS), Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library), Grant Olson (Foreign Languages and Literatures), and Danny Unger (Political Science). Register early and help the organizers get a count; the form will be posted by Friday, Sept. 6. See COTS website for additional details.

Following COTS, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., is hosting the 62nd Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Oct. 25–27. The conference, the Midwestern affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, is the largest such regional AAS meeting. CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History), the conference’s Southeast Asia representative, will lead and present on the panel “The Past in Burma’s (Gendered) Present: Historicizing Intersectionality in Myanmar.” The Center plans to organize group transport. Conference registration, which includes Saturday evening banquet and one-year MCAA membership, is $55 for students registering by Sept. 15. For details, see the conference website.

7. 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 Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

8. Many ways to connect with CSEAS

There are many ways to stay abreast of CSEAS and Southeast Asian studies at NIU. In the Center’s weekly e-bulletin, you’ll find out who’s speaking at the weekly brownbag lecture, deadlines for scholarships and fellowships, faculty and student kudos, and more. The bulletin is always posted on the CSEAS website, but you can request a link be sent directly to your email address by contacting the Center at cseas@niu.edu. CSEAS’s annual Mandala newsletter is back
after a year’s hiatus with 36 pages, including highlights from the Center’s 50th anniversary year and faculty, student, and alumni updates. “Like” our Facebook page and we’ll pop up on your news feed whenever we post any news about CSEAS, the weekly lecture series, upcoming events, interesting news from Southeast Asia, and more. You can also post items or share news there yourself. Also follow us on Twitter at CSEAS_NIU.

9. September deadline to apply for Fulbright programs
Interested in applying for a Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship? Two 2013 CSEAS alumni, SarahEmily Lekberg (MM music) and Matt Ropp (BA communications), will be teaching English in Vietnam and Malaysia respectively this year courtesy of the Fulbright ETA program. Now’s the time to finish getting application materials together for both U.S. State Department-funded programs; Sept. 20 is the deadline to apply through NIU’s Division of International Programs. Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will be held in early October. Before applying, contact Fulbright program advisor Janet Hathaway (School of Music) at jhathaway@niu.edu or 815-753-7970. More program details available online.

10. Books for Indonesia: Student collecting volumes for Chicago-based charitable project
Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati (EdD student) is conducting a book drive for a Chicago-based nonprofit organization, Books for Indonesia, which collects volumes from schools, libraries, and individuals to be redistributed in remote areas of Indonesia. The group is looking for fiction and non-fiction books for readers young and old, Hartati said. Books may be sent directly to: Books for Indonesia, in care of Ira Raichandani, 1930 Gunderson, Berwyn, IL 60402. Hartati is also willing to pick up local donations; email her at rhartati1@niu.edu. See Books for Indonesia on Facebook or email BooksForIndonesia@gmail.com.

11. Lao Studies journal seeks submissions
The Journal of Lao Studies is actively seeking articles and books for review. The journal, which debuted in 2010 and is published by the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco, covers studies on Lao ethnic groups, Lao residing in bordering countries, ethnic groups bordering Laos with representation in Laos or any studies with regard to the Lao diaspora outside of Asia. Lao and English are acceptable, other languages welcome. For more information, see the journal website.

12. Job/internships opportunities
University of Utah
- Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History: Tenure-track position. Deadline to apply: Nov. 8. For details, see job posting. NEW

Singapore Management University
- Associate Professor, International and Asian Studies: For details, see job posting. NEW

Asia Society
- Career opportunities: Internships and jobs posted regularly on website.
World Health Organization
- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

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

13. Money for study
American Institute for Indonesian Studies
- Research grants for scholars: $5,000 Henry Luce Foundation grants available for American and Indonesian scholars in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Deadline to apply: Dec. 15. Forms available at AIFIS website.
- Research grants for graduate students, postdocs: $5,750 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) grants available for research in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. Deadline to apply: Dec. 15. Forms available at AIFIS website.

Center for Khmer Studies
- Fellowships: Applications open for PhD students and senior scholars to conduct research in Cambodia. PhD fellowships are for a maximum of 11 months; senior scholar fellowships are for 4 to 6 months. Open to U.S. citizens only. For details, see CKS website. NEW

14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops
- 6th International Indonesia Forum, Sept. 21–22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Call for papers for this conference at Sunan Kalijaga University. 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. For details, see conference website.
- Inter-Asian Connections IV, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. See conference website or email interasia@ssr.org. NEW
- New Research in Southeast Asian History, Oct. 18–19, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Inaugural graduate student conference. For details, see conference website.
- Constructing Southeast Asia, Oct. 23–24, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. Organized by the Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies at Gadjah Mada. For details, see conference website or email coconsea@gmail.com. NEW
- 5th International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia, Oct. 30–31, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. For details, see conference website.
- Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. For details, see conference website.
- 1st International Conference on Jambi Studies, Nov. 21–24, Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. For information, see conference website.
- Alay at Laya: International Conference on Bonifacio and Mabini, April 17–19, Manila. In commemoration of the 150th birthdays of Andres Bonifacio and Apolinario Mabini,
important figures in the independence movement in the Philippines. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: Oct. 15.** For details, see [conference website](#).

**NEW**

- **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.

15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Eight-week Javanese gamelan classes at the [Old Town School of Folk Music](#), 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., begin Wednesday, **Sept. 4**. More information on the [Chicago Friends of the Gamelan](#) 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. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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