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Grooving with the gamelan: This semester’s gamelan class is small but mighty under the stewardship of gamelan master Pak Nugurah, who is teaching while Center associate Jui-Ching Wang is on sabbatical this year. From left are Manuel Montalvo, Sylvia Ginting, Ryan Broce, Anthonie Tumpag, Mark Kral, Colleen Gray, and Scott Abel. Registration is open for the spring semester session (MUSE 370/670, one credit; meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays in Room 102 Music Building).

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The next half-century for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU will offer exciting opportunities for teaching and learning about this rising region of the world. To keep NIU’s program strong, consider making a donation to CSEAS through the NIU Foundation. To contribute by phone or by mail, go to the How to Make a Gift section of the NIU Foundation website. To make a gift online, go to the Make a Gift Now section. Click on “Make a Gift Now.” Within the pop-up box, designate your gift by selecting “a specific area,” then “university wide programs,” then “Center for Southeast Asian Studies.” Your support is greatly appreciated.
1. This week’s lecture: University of Chicago professor on the politics of Islamic law

University of Chicago political scientist Iza Hussin will present “Making the Muslim State” at noon Friday, Nov. 1, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Hussin is the author of the forthcoming book The Politics of Islamic Law: Local Elites, Colonial Authority and the Making of the Muslim State (University of Chicago Press). To order a Cambodian lunch, 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 others. Payments in cash or by check. For details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See fall lecture series schedule online.

2. Special lecture: Philippine professor to discuss Mindanao peace prospects Oct. 29

Rosalie Arcala Hall, professor at the University of the Philippines Visayas, will be on campus at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, to present “The Framework Agreement on Bangsamoro: Prospects for Peace in Southern Philippines” in a special lecture in the Capitol Room South at the Holmes Student Center. The landmark Bangsamoro framework agreement was signed Oct. 15, 2012, by the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a separatist Islamic group that has been operating for decades in Central Mindanao seeking autonomy for the Muslim majority region. Most recently there have been violent setbacks focused in Zamboanga City (see below). In her lecture Hall will address the implications of the framework agreement and the outlines for what is hoped to be an enduring peace process in the southern Philippines.

3. Campus groups organize fund-raiser for conflict-torn Zamboanga City

In the wake of recent violence in Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines, thousands of people have been displaced from their homes. NIU’s Rotaract Club, the Asian American Center and Center associate Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail’s Tagalog language class have organized a fund-raising open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Asian American Center to help support emergency relief efforts in the city. Organizers are asking for a small donation in exchange for a bowl of rice and a cup of water.

4. Student news: Getting work out there

The Indo-Pacific Review last week featured an analysis of the political opposition in Cambodia by political science graduate student Virak Thun. Observing that political tension has continued since the July 28 elections, Thun writes that the divide between the Cambodian People’s Party and the Cambodia National Rescue Party shows no sign of abating, and that some kind of cooperative agreement between the two is ultimately in the best interest of the people. . . History graduate
student Amando Boncales will travel to the UK in March to present his research paper “The Political and Historical Discourse of the Philippine Claim over Sabah” at the University of Oxford’s Southeast Asian Studies Symposium, which will be held March 22–23 at Keble College at Oxford. Over the weekend, graduate students Nicole Loring (political science) and Katrina Chludzinski (history) were on a Myanmar/Burma panel led by CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (history) at the Midwest Conference on Asian Studies at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Loring’s topic was “Women’s Political Participation in Burma’s Move Towards Democratization” and Chludzinski presented “Among Pagodas and Fair Ladies: British Ambiguities Concerning the ‘High Status’ of Burmese Women, 1879–1925” at the conference. Special thanks to the students who manned the CSEAS booth at last weekend’s STEMfest event at the Convocation Center while the CSEAS staff was at the Council on Thai Studies conference at the Barsema Center: Krista Albers, Siro Arif, Robert Bulanda, Emily Dow, Janet Gatz, Colleen Gray, Scott Hanley, John Hood, Cecelie Keys, Savannah Lira, Elise Waite, Tiffanesha Williams, and coordinator Julien Ehrenkonig. NEW

5. Info sessions for NGO study abroad this week
Two information sessions for next summer’s “NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia” study abroad program are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, and Tuesday, Oct. 29, in Zulauf 1015. Associate History Professor Trude Jacobsen will outline the program, which will take participants to Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam May 28 to June 13 to study the growth of non-governmental organizations in those countries. NEW

6. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia
Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. Explore cultural diversity in Thailand. Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia. Learn Lao language and culture in Laos. Conduct clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia or environmental research on public health in Indonesia. There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer. NIU faculty will lead five of six study abroad programs to SEA offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office.

- Trude Jacobsen (History) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study the growth of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, the course will look at how “development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts,” Jacobsen says.
- Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts July 1–30 in her new program to Bali, Indonesia. “Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali,” Wang says.
• Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, “Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” May 16–June 14 in Thailand. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country.

• Tomoyuki Shibata (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia June 1–21 to continue research activities on environmental factors and public health. Past program projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health.

• King Chung (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group June 1–14 to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and helping facilitate local programs. Geared to audiology students.

• Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run June 27–July 31. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture.

7. Summer FLAS applications up on the website

With fall semester winding down, students planning to apply for a summer 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship should start getting their paperwork in order. Information and forms to apply are posted on the funding page at the CSEAS website and should be submitted to the Center by Jan. 1. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. The grants provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, during the summer. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A list of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website; you can also contact the Center for details on other possible study locations in Southeast Asia. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow’s tuition at a Southeast Asia language program is covered up to $4,000.

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8. Trip planned to see The Act of Killing film at Northwestern

Northwestern University political scientist Jeffrey Winters is inviting NIU faculty and students to attend a screening of the director’s cut of the award-winning documentary film, The Act of Killing, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in Evanston at the Ryan Auditorium, 2145 Sheridan Road. The film’s director, Joshua Oppenheimer, will be present during the screening and will answer questions afterward. Food and drinks will be available. If interested in attending, RSVP by Oct. 28 to CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu or by phone 753-1771. The Center is looking into transportation. More information is available on the event’s Facebook link.
9. Call for papers: International Burma Studies Conference 2014
The 2014 International Burma Studies Conference will be Aug. 1–3 in Singapore by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The conference theme is “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities.” Conference organizers are accepting proposals for papers or panels; deadline for submission is Dec. 31. Email to bsc2014@iseas.edu.sg. For details, see the conference website.

10. Save the dates: Chai chat, Eboo Patel, International Education Week
   - Oct. 31: Chai Chat and fall Halloween party, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life. Sponsored by Counseling and Student Development Center and the International Student and Faculty office. Free. NEW
   - Nov. 11–15: International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs. Plans related to Southeast Asia include a lecture by an Islamic banking expert from Malaysia and an international careers event at the College of Business Nov. 12, and a keynote lecture on colonial Burma by Rutgers University historian Chie Ikeya in the Sky Room Nov. 15.

11. 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.

12. Ohio to host 6th Khmer Studies Forum in March
“Cambodia at a Crossroads” will be the theme for the 6th annual Khmer (Cambodian) Studies Forum March 14–16 at Ohio University. The conference will focus on the impact of rapid change on all levels of Cambodian society today, including rapid urbanization, land-use policies, environmental destruction among others. Scholars, filmmakers, artists, and community members are invited to submit abstracts for papers or proposals for panels and roundtable discussions by Nov. 15 to cseas@ohio.edu. Homestays are available for a limited number of participants. For more information, see conference website. NEW

13. Job/internships opportunities
   University of Sydney
   - Deputy Director: PhD required for this position assisting the director of this interdisciplinary Southeast Asia Centre. Deadline to apply: Nov. 17. Preferred start date: first half of 2014. See job posting on this website; reference 2230/1013 for more information and to apply. NEW
   El Colegio de Mexico
• **Assistant Professor**: Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian social science; fluency in one Southeast Asian language and Spanish required (Indonesian or Malay encouraged). **Apply by Jan. 14.** Contact Dr. Hilda Varela Barraza, director Centro de Estudios de Asia y Africa, El Colegio de Mexico, Camino al Ajusco 20, Mexico D.F. 10740, Mexico.

**Eurasia Group**

• **Political risk analyst (Southeast Asia)**: In-country experience (priority Thailand-Philippines) desired for position based in New York or Washington. See [job posting](#).

**University of Ohio**

• **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History**: Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** For details, see [job posting](#).

**University of Utah**

• **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History**: Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 8.** For details, see [job posting](#).

**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](#).

**14. 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. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** 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 at [AIFIS website](#).

**Blakemore Foundation**

• **Advanced language study**: Grants for study of Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. Awards cover cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.**

**Boren Awards**

• **Foreign language study grants**: Applications open for 2014–15 Boren scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students) are now available on the [Boren website](#). Undergraduate awards up to $20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad; $30,000 awards for graduate students. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto:aseitz@niu.edu)). **Graduate fellowship applications due Jan. 28; undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.**

**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. See CKS website.

**Chulalongkorn University Institute of Thai Studies**

• **Thai studies scholarships:** Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) scholarships for master’s graduates or doctoral students in Thai studies. Both scholarships require submission of original unpublished research by April 30. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 25. See ENITS website.

**Council of American Overseas Research Centers**

• **Research fellowship:** Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program offers support in humanities, social sciences or allied natural sciences for doctoral candidates and post-doc scholars. Research must be carried out in two more countries outside of U.S. Funding provided by U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 13. See CAORC website.

**East-West Center**

• **Graduate fellowships:** Applications for 2014 fellowships now being accepted. Fellowships run up to 24 months. **Application due:** Nov. 1. See East-West website.

**National University of Singapore/Stanford University**

• **Fellowship:** Applications are open for 2014 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship on Southeast Asia. Open to all nationalities with backgrounds or positions in the social sciences or humanities. See fellowship website.

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

• **5th International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 30–31, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. See conference website.

• **East Winds Symposium: East and Southeast Asian Cinema on the Global Stage**, Nov. 2–3, Coventry University, UK. Call for papers. See conference website.

• **Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See conference website.

• **1st International Conference on Jambi Studies**, Nov. 21–24, Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. See conference website.

• **Oxford Women’s Leadership Symposium**, Dec. 5–6, Oxford University, UK. Call for papers. Cultural, religious, social, and economic conditions topics. See symposium website.

• **Grinnell College Peace Studies Conference**, Feb. 28–March 1, Grinnell, Iowa. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** Dec. 20. Registration free. See conference website.


• **5th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 21–23, Concordia University. **Deadline for panels:** Nov. 29. See conference website.

• **Alay at Laya: International Conference on Bonifacio and Mabini**, April 17–19, Manila. Call for papers. **Deadline for submission:** Oct. 15. See conference website.

• **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See conference website.

• **Society for Economic Anthropology Conference**, April 24–26, Austin, Texas. Call for papers. **Abstracts due:** Nov. 1. See conference website.

16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “A Journey to Indonesia,” an evening of Indonesian performing arts celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago, will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, **Nov. 9**, at Northeastern Illinois University, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. Free admission; free parking in Lot F. **NEW**
- “Siam: The Queen and the White City” is on display in the Costume and Textile gallery at the Chicago History Museum. The exhibition features textiles, photographs and other items from Thailand that were collected by Queen Savang Vadanfor for display in the exposition’s Women’s Building. Through **March 2**. For details, see the museum website.
- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum, 360 Park St., Elgin.
- “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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