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1. This week’s lecture: Behind the new mosque project in DeKalb

Mohammed Labadi, president of the Islamic Society of Northern Illinois University (ISNIU), will present “Get to Know Your Neighbor: The New Mosque Project in DeKalb” at noon Friday, Feb. 21, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Winter weather notwithstanding, work continues on the construction of a mosque at 801 Normal Road, the culmination of years of organizing, fundraising, and working with neighbors and city officials by ISNIU to get approval for the project. Labadi’s group, which purchased a home at 721 Normal Road in the mid-1980s to use as a masjid (place of worship), bought the adjacent property in the mid-1990s. By 2011, Friday prayers began to be held in different locations in and around NIU because of the existing building’s space limitations; Friday prayers typically draw 60 to 70 people, according to Labadi. 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 faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See the entire spring lecture series on the Center website.

2. Center associates update: Cambodia watch; Tagalog opportunity

- Kheang Un (Political Science) appears in the Feb. 5 edition of World Politics Review with his commentary, “Maintaining Parliamentary Boycott, Cambodia’s Opposition Pushes for Change.”
- Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (Foreign Languages and Literatures) passes on this opportunity for a paid internship with the Fellows Program at the New America Foundation: The program is seeking a part-time research intern to work with a New York Times reporter who is working on a book about an extended Filipino family and the rise of global migration. Hours are flexible and open to negotiation. This is a PAID position. Candidates should be detail-oriented, proficient in English and Tagalog, be familiar with Facebook and social media tools, and have strong organizational skills. Email resumé and cover letter to Becky Shafer at shafer@newamerica.org.

3. Focus on Fulbrights: Learn about fellowships at Feb. 26 workshop

A prestigious Fulbright could be in your grasp. Learn more about these federally funded fellowships for post-baccalaureate and graduate students at the Student Fulbright and Fulbright-Hayes Workshop at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Regency Room of the Holmes Student
Center. Meet former Fulbrighters and collect information on both the Student Fulbright Program and the Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad program. NEW

4. BIG time: The Burma Interest Group-NIU (BIG-NIU) held its February meeting at the DeKalb home of Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond. From left, bottom row, are Andrew Cote, Nay Yan Oo, Swe Swe, Cho Mar Aye; from left, top row, are Nicole Loring, BIG-NIU president Katie Chludzinski, Thomas Rhoden, Raymond, Eunji Won, and CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin.

5. Around and about Indonesia: Presidential bid, translation help, a summer in service
NIU alum Anies Baswedan (PhD POLS, 2007) is on the campaign trail in Indonesia, where he participated in a presidential candidates’ debate Feb. 13 in the run-up to the April presidential and parliamentary elections. Baswedan, who is president of Paramadina University in Jakarta, is on the ruling Democratic Party’s shortlist for the presidential nomination . . . Reprieve, a London-based project funded by the European Commission is looking for Bahasa speakers to volunteer to help translate court documents for European prisoners facing the death penalty in Southeast Asia. The work can be done remotely, according to the project’s Nina Hengl. Contact her at Nina.Hengl@reprieve.org.uk . . . America’s Unofficial Ambassadors, a citizen diplomacy initiative to build understanding between the US and the Muslim world, is recruiting for its summer service internship program based in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition to studying Bahasa at Gadjah Mada University, interns are placed teaching English in primary and secondary schools or working with NGOs in a variety of ways, including managing communications/social media, researching and writing proposals and reports, or producing a documentary. Interns may receive academic credit; some funding available. Applications due March 24. For details, see program website. NEW

6. Opportunities knock: On-campus funding for SEA research, travel
- Graduate students presenting a paper at an out-of-town (or out-of-country) conference this spring, you may apply for up to $250 in travel funds from the Center. If travel times sync up with the Graduate School’s matching travel grant deadlines, you may be able to double funding. For details on CSEAS funding, contact Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu. Information on Graduate School funding is on the Graduate School website.
- The Graduate School is requesting proposals from graduate thesis and dissertation writers to cover the costs of travel to distant venues for field research. Grants of up to
$500 are being offered to cover the cost of research travel between May 15 and Sept. 1. To apply, students must send a letter of support from their thesis or dissertation committee chair and a research proposal to the Office of the Dean, 223 Adams Hall, by April 18. Contact the Graduate School for more details.

- Faculty travel funding for the 2014–15 academic year is available from the Division of International Affairs’ Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowship program. Three $1,333 grants are available; a department match of up to $400 is required. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 18; successful applicants will be notified by March 14.
- The Department of Political Science has announced a new scholarship for full-time POLS graduate students pursuing Southeast Asian studies. The Dr. Russell W. Smith Memorial Scholarship is a $1,000 travel grant to complete field work in Southeast Asia as part of a faculty-approved research project. The first award will be made for the 2014–15 academic year; applications are due April 1. Preference may be given to field work that is part of a doctoral dissertation, to U.S. military veterans, and students with demonstrated financial need. Students should supply a 1,000-word or less narrative and letter of support from a faculty member. For more information, contact the department’s graduate student adviser, Scot Schraufnagel at sschrauf@niu.edu. See the department’s scholarships page for information on other funding opportunities.

7. NIU Thai Studies endowment offers research, language and study abroad funding
The Thai Teaching and Research Fund Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for Thai studies research, language and study abroad funding. All application materials should be addressed to the Thai Fund Committee and sent via email to Chalermsee Olson at etoolson@niu.edu.

- **Graduate research:** Graduate students may apply for funding for field research in Thailand. Applications should include a concise description of the project, a budget description of how the funding will be used to further Thai studies, and evidence of the following: preparation for the research, department approval, and IRB clearance if required. In addition, a letter of recommendation from the student’s faculty advisor must be included. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28.

- **Undergraduate language study:** Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply for a $2,000 grant ($1,000 per semester) to pursue intermediate Thai language training. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest in Thai studies and career goals in addition to a letter of support from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a transcript. **Deadline to apply:** March 31.

- **Study abroad:** Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for two $1,000 scholarships for NIU’s May 16-June 14 Cultural Diversity of Thailand study abroad program, led by Center associate Andrea Molnar (Anthropology). Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, a transcript (for undergraduates) or the stage of graduate work (graduate students). **Deadline to apply:** March 15.

8. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2014 SEA language lineup
The Center is testing the waters for offering introductory Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall 2014, according to CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor but NIU
students will receive credit from NIU. Whether the pilot class will be offered will depend on the number of students interested in taking Vietnamese, Ledgerwood said. Students should contact CSEAS as soon as possible at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line). “We are very excited about the prospect of expanding NIU’s Southeast Asia language offerings to include Vietnamese,” Ledgerwood said. “And this cooperative venture potentially opens other opportunities for distance language study in the future.”

9. Yale scholar to keynote April 5 student conference
Noted Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia* (Yale Press, 2009) will be the keynote speaker at the Southeast Asia Club’s student conference coming up April 5. Scott, professor of political science and anthropology, is director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. His research interests are political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Altgeld Room 315. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Scott’s appearance is sponsored by CSEAS, the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science.

10. SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Be a host family for spring SEA programs
The center is seeking local families to act as hosts April 6–13 for fifty high school students and eleven adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the spring session of the April 3–25 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 is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 31. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 21.
Host family applications are available online. For more details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

Host families are also being sought for the April 12–May 10 Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program, this one bringing young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of CSEAS associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). The home stay dates for PYLP are April 21–May 3. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.
11. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia
There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer. 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 do environmental research on public health in Indonesia. NIU faculty will lead five of the six study abroad programs to SEA being offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office. For information on any of these programs, go to the Study Abroad Office website and click on the Search for Programs link.

- **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.

- **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. Find photos of previous trips, course information, travel grant information and more on Facebook at Molnar’s page Thailand Study Abroad 2014. Deadline to apply: March 31.

- **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.

- **Tomoyuki Shibata** (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research on environmental factors and public health. Past 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.

12. 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.

13. **Save the dates:** Career fairs, video series, spring workshops, conferences

- **Feb. 18:** Internship Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center. See list of participating employers [here](#). **NEW**
- **Feb. 19:** Full-time Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center. See list of participating employers [here](#). **NEW**
- **Feb. 25:** Noon to 12:50 p.m. Asian American Center’s Insight! YouTube Video Series exploring Asian American identity issues screens the five-minute video, “Labels: The Asian / American Divide,” which looks at how to create understanding among Asian international and Asian American students. Discussion follows video. Series continues through April.
- **Feb 26:** “Collective Voices,” NIU Asian and Asian American Leadership Summit, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Capitol Room, Holmes Student Center. Register through the Asian American Center [website](#). **NEW**
- **March 14:** One-day workshop for graduate students, “Publishing with an Academic Press,” 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Founders Library 297. Details [here](#).
- **March 22:** Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma (Myanmar) symposium for college-level and upper-level high school educators, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., NIU-Naperville. See Center [website](#).
- **April 3–25:** NIU welcomes the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Opportunities for area households to host students or adult leaders **April 6–13.** Contact edenius@niu.edu.
- **April 5:** Spring student conference organized by the Southeast Asia Club. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Altgeld Room 315. Keynote speaker: Yale political scientist James C. Scott.
- **April 25:** Southeast Asia Culture Fest, Chick Evans Field House, details to be announced. **NEW**

14. **Money for study**

*Ateneo de Manila University*

- **Institute of Philippine Culture:** Three-day program on historical and ethnographic approaches to Philippine culture June 1–4 in Quezon City for PhD students in social sciences or interdisciplinary programs. Local travel, lodging and meals expenses covered. **Deadline to apply:** April 15. See [website](#).

*United States-Indonesia Society*

- **2014 Sumitro Fellowships:** $10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28. See [website](#).

*Harvard University*

- **Pre-doctoral fellowships:** Two to four scholars sought for Transparency for Development Project grants by the Kennedy School’s Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation to conduct ethnographic studies of health information and social action interventions in Tanzania and Indonesia. PhD students must have completed all or most of their coursework; funding includes money for travel and some other expenses. **Deadline to apply:** March 14. See [website](#).
Leibniz Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology

- **Indonesia pre-doctoral post**: Political scientist Marco Verweij of Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany, seeks student with a master’s degree in political science, anthropology or development studies to conduct research on managing coral reefs in Indonesia. Should speak Bahasa and be knowledgeable about cultural theory and willing to do field work. Email Verweij for details: m.verweij@jacobs-university.de

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships**: Applications open six-week summer junior resident fellowships at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. Five students each from the U.S., Cambodia, and France will be chosen for the June 30–Aug. 8 program. **Deadline to apply**: April 1. See CKS website for details.

15. Job/internships opportunities

Centre for International Governance Innovation

- **Research fellowship**: One-year post-doctoral position at Ontario-based institution requires knowledge of politics, economics and Southeast Asia security issues. One-year extension possible. **Apply by April 30**. For information, email careers@cigionline.org.

Hendrix College

- **Postdoctoral teaching fellowship**: One-year position, supported by the ASIANetwork-Luce Teaching Fellow Program, in Hendrix’s Asian Studies Program beginning Aug. 2014. Open to recent PhDs (three years or less) in a Southeast Asia-related field. For details, contact Michael Sprunger at sprunger@hendrix.edu.

Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts & Sciences

- **Postdoctoral position**: Opening for 30-hour/week researcher to study political economy of Indonesia and organize conference. **Apply by March 1**. 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. See the Idealist website.

16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Grinnell College Peace Studies Conference**, Feb. 28–March 1, Grinnell, Iowa. Registration free. See conference website.


Reimagining Indonesia: Ideals, Actions and Challenges, April 11–12, Yale University. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts or proposals: March 14. Hosted by the Yale Indonesia Forum.

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


Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See conference website.

9th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, June 25–27, National University of Singapore. Call for papers. Deadline to submit: Feb. 28. Contact NUS Asia Research Institute or see information online.


17. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Two showings of the Laotian film The Rocket, noon and 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, Lake Theatre, 1022 Lake St., Oak Park. Presented by the First Tuesday Film Club.

- “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 collected by Queen Savang Vadanafor 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. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate website.

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.