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1. This week’s lecture: Elections, religion and democracy in Indonesia

CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) will present “Why Islam is Not Winning: Elections, Religion and Democracy in Indonesia” at noon Friday, Feb. 28, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Against many experts’ expectations, and in contrast to many Muslim-majority states elsewhere, Islamic political parties in Indonesia are not winning as much popular support in national elections as predicted. Hamayotsu explores the possible explanations for this and offers preliminary predictions on the upcoming legislative elections there. 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. Focus on Fulbrights: Learn about fellowships at Wednesday 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 this week at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Regency Room at the Holmes Student Center. CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) will talk about how to craft a successful grant or fellowship proposal from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet former Fulbrighters and collect information on both the Student Fulbright Program and the Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad program.

3. Notes from all over: SEA on the radar from Creighton to Cornell to D.C.

Graduate FLAS fellows Tiffanesha Williams (MA candidate, Political Science) and Scott Abel (PhD student, History) will fly the NIU flag this weekend at Cornell University’s Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia as presenters at the 16th annual Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference. Williams will present “Re-imagining State Formation and Political Legitimacy: Founders Cult Ideology in Southeast Asia” on March 1 on the “Re-imagining Cultural Memory, Geographical Inquiry, Nationalism, and Ideology” panel. Abel will present “Of Kings and Pirates: Perceptions of Legitimacy in Malaya in Relation to Maritime Raiding and Law, 1800 to 1840” on March 2 at the “Reconfigurations: Situating Southeast Asia in the Past and Present.” . . . Creighton University historian (and NIU alumnus) Michael Hawkins reports that Creighton’s emerging East-West Studies master’s program is incorporating his Southeast Asia history courses into the mix. In addition to historic ties to Hawaii and the Pacific Rim, Hawkins notes that Creighton has “a tremendous Asian student population, most of them of Southeast Asian heritage.” The East-West Studies program is aimed at students interested in pursuing careers in international relations or business, Hawkins said. . . . After a successful petition drive by Southeast Asianist scholars, the American Political Science Association has approved the formation of a Southeast Asian Politics entity, which entitles the group to a designated panel on the upcoming APSA annual meeting set for Aug. 28–31 in Washington, D.C., as well as an official presence within the national organization. The group, being coordinated by Allen Hicken.
(ahicken@umich.edu) and Meredith Weiss (mweiss27@jhu.edu), is accepting paper or panel proposals for the meeting until **April 1** (email to either Hicken or Weiss).

4. **Making the connection: Philippine university signs collaborative agreement**

Representatives from Bukidnon State University in the Philippines came to campus **Feb. 20** to sign a memorandum of understanding with NIU to begin developing collaborative projects between the two institutions. “Our goal is to build upon our existing connections to the Philippines,” said Associate Vice President for International Affairs Deborah Pierce, who welcomed the delegation and Ricarte B. Abejuela II, vice consul at the Philippines’ Chicago consulate, at a meeting at the Holmes Student Center. Also attending were CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood and CSEAS associate, Philippines specialist Susan Russell (Anthropology) and NIU International Training Office Director Lina Davide-Ong. The Bukidnon delegation included Dante S. Victoria Jr., vice president for administration planning and development; Wilma Gregory, chief administrative officer-finance; Joy Mirasol, director of research and development; Beatriz Garcia, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Beverly Bicar, College of Teacher Education; and Mercibelle Abejuela, director of the Cultural Affairs Office.

5. **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.

6. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia NEW

There are more choices than ever to study abroad in SEA this summer through NIU, and deadlines to apply are coming up. 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. Click on the links for each program listed below for complete information and online registration. For questions about studying abroad with NIU, contact the Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0700 or email at niuabroad@niu.edu.

- **Trude Jacobsen** (History/NGOLD) 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, “NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam),” will look at how development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts. **Deadline to apply:** April 1.

- **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 “Experiencing the Arts in Bali.” Wang’s 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. **Deadline to apply:** March 31.

- **Tomoyuki Shibata** (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia June 1–21 to continue research on environmental factors and public health in his summer study abroad program, “Global Health and Environments in Indonesia.” Past projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health. **Deadline to apply:** March 3.
- **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. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

- **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. **Deadline to apply: June 6.**

7. **Burma/Myanmar focus of upcoming CSEAS seminar for educators** NEW
Registration is due **March 10** for “Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma/Myanmar,” a one-day CSEAS seminar for college and upper-level high school educators set for Saturday, **March 22**, at NIU’s Naperville campus. The first 20 non-NIU educators to register and complete the workshop will receive a $75 stipend, said Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb. CEUs and CPDUs are also available upon request for Illinois educators.

8. **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.

- 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 details, contact the department’s graduate student adviser, Scot Schraunfagel at sschrauf@niu.edu. See the department’s scholarships page for information on other funding opportunities.

9. **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 eteolson@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.**

10. **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.”

11. **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.

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](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 Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

13. **Save the dates:** Asian American events, spring workshops and SEA culture fest

- **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.
- **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- 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 8:** Lifelong Learning Institute lecture: “Witnessing the Cambodian Killing Fields: Using Life Histories to Design a Museum Exhibit,” by CSEAS Director and Anthropology Professor Judy Ledgerwood, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Holmes Student Center. NEW
- **April 26:** Southeast Asia Culture Fest, 4 to 6 p.m., 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.
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

- **25th Graduate Student Conference**, April 2–4, University of Hawaii-Manoa. See conference website.
- **India’s Foreign Relations: Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean**, April 4–5, Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: March 15 (papers due March 20)**. For details, email Dr. Aruna Kumar Malik at amalik@gnlu.ac.in. **NEW**
• Re-imagining 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.

• 3rd International Conference on Leadership and Learning in the Asian Society, May 12–14, University Sains Malaysia, Pulau Penang. 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. 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.