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1. This week’s lecture: Using popular culture to mitigate intolerance in Indonesia

Julien Ehrenkönig (MA candidate, anthropology) will present “The Prospective Role of Specialized Graphic Book Narratives in Mitigating Social Conflicts in Indonesia” at noon Friday, April 11, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Ehrenkönig’s research focuses on ways popular culture can be used to develop peace and understanding between religious and ethnic communities in Indonesia, in particular the usage of graphic books and comics in Indonesia as potential educational tools. 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. Award-winning Cambodian Son to be shown Sunday

Director Masahiro Sugano of Studio Revolt films will be on campus Sunday, April 13, to screen his new feature documentary, Cambodian Son, which follows the journey of an exiled Cambodian-American poet and rapper, Kosal Khiev, from the streets of Phnom Penh to performing at the 2012 Cultural Olympiad in London. Studio Revolt is a collaborative media laboratory based in Phnom Penh and an active member of the contemporary arts scene. “All I hope now is that you watch this film and walk away feeling something you have never felt before about some people you never thought you would come to know,” Sugano says about the film (see trailer). Cambodian Son will be shown at 6 p.m. in Cole Hall Auditorium. Admission is free. The event is being co-sponsored by the Graduate School, the Cambodian Studies Group, and the Asian American Center.

3. Apply by April 15 for two CSEAS 2014–15 assistantships

CSEAS is accepting applications for two graduate assistantships for the 2014–15 academic year. Both positions will be based at Pottenger House. Send a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, résumé, and two reference contacts to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman by 4:30 p.m. April 15. Mail to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to nschunem@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776.

- **Teaching Assistant for SEAS 225:** Full-time (20 hours per week) position coordinating Center’s Southeast Asia survey course for fall and spring semester. Most lectures will be given by SEA faculty in all areas. Applicants should be advanced in their study, have knowledge or experience in SEA, and strong organizational, written and communication skills. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate concentration in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.

- **Graduate Assistant for Sandwich Program:** Full-time (20 hours per week) staff assistant to administer the Sandwich Scholars Program, an initiative of the Indonesia Ministry of Education to bring advanced graduate students to NIU for short-term mentoring and research support. Applicants must be in good academic standing, have command of the
Indonesian language, and have strong organizational, written and communication skills. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.

4. SEAYLP springs into action: Picnic, host families, field trips and programs NEW

The 61 participants of the 2014 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) brought the sun from SEA with them just in time to experience a traditional American picnic, conduct a diplomatic simulation, move in with their host families, shadow students at Sycamore High School for a day, learn about urban gardening at Loyola University, and do a service project at Afton Prairie near DeKalb during their first few days at NIU. Thirty local families picked up participants on April 6 and will be hosting (see Daily Chronicle) through April 13 when the group returns to NIU.

The group, which includes participants from ten Southeast Asian countries, has been divided into three thematic groups focused on the environment, vulnerable populations, and social entrepreneurship and economic development, with programs addressing each area during the week. This week’s agenda also includes a media workshop, a trip to the Illinois Math & Science Academy and the Living Well cancer center in Geneva, and a planning session for future good works in their country before participants spend a free weekend with their host families. The highlight of next week will be three days at the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon, Ill., where participants will meet up with fifteen selected high school students from northern Illinois for SEAYLP’s first Global Youth Leaders Camp. The camp will focus on civic engagement and cultural awareness activities in between team-building activities, a hike in the
woods, and gathering around a campfire. On the night of April 21, participants will be reunited with their host families at a farewell reception at 7 p.m. in the Blackhawk Café at the Holmes Student Center. “Saying goodbye can be hard, but it’s all part of the program,” said program manager Maria “Rai” Nihei. “And we do stay connected after participants return home through Facebook and follow-up activities. We’re still hearing from our very first class of SEAYLP participants who continue to do amazing things in Southeast Asia and everywhere else they go.” In Washington, DC, the group will visit the U.S. Department of State, various NGOs, and see some of the sights before departing April 25 for their home countries. SEAYLP is funded by the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by CSEAS in cooperation with the Division of International Affairs.

5. **Rhoden, Hood win awards for best paper at student conference**

   Graduate student Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science) and undergraduate student John Hood (anthropology) received awards for best graduate and undergraduate paper April 5 at the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference, “The Art of Not Being Governed.” Rhoden presented “Extending the Theory of Oligarchy to Thailand” in one of the three morning sessions and Hood presented “Re-Imagining the Rakhine State: Ethnic and Religious Conflict in Myanmar” in the afternoon following the keynote address by Yale University political scientist James C. Scott. Twenty-three students from NIU, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin and the School of the Art Institute presented papers on topics ranging from U.S patron-client relations with the Philippines during the Johnson Administration to graphic book narratives in Indonesia. All of the conference papers were judged prior to the event by faculty reviewers Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD), Eric Jones (History) and Kheang Un (Political Science). Serving as panel moderators were political science graduate students Nicole Loring, Tiffanesha Williams, Thomas Rhoden, Iqrah Anugrah, and Brian Venture, who also served as conference coordinator. The conference was held in Room 315 Altgeld Hall.

6. **April 15 application deadline for three SEA summer study abroad programs**

   There is still time to apply for three SEA-focused study abroad programs being offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office. Click links for each program listed below for complete information and online registration. **Many of the course credits may be applied to the Center’s Southeast Asian studies minor or graduate concentration; check with CSEAS.** NIU students may apply for the Provost’s Travel Grant for Study Abroad; for application and to review other funding options, click here. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.
Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam

Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study 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. “This course will be an exciting opportunity for students to see how issues that interest them, whether child rights, labor laws, NGO management, environmental issues, disability rights, community arts development, are handled across three different cultural contexts,” Jacobsen said. “It is also a great opportunity to network with NGOs and NGO workers for future fieldwork or internships.” Find more on Facebook at NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia Summer 2014. Deadline to apply: April 15.

Connect to Indonesia’s colonial past in the Netherlands

Assistant CSEAS Director Eric Jones (History) is taking a group to Amsterdam in the Netherlands Aug. 3–22 in his summer study abroad program, “History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism.” Jones, whose expertise is in Dutch/Indonesian colonial history, will focus on the history of the Netherlands, European and European colonial history, with particular emphasis on Indonesia where the Dutch East India Company, the globe’s first multinational company operated from 1602 to 1800. “Students will reside in a guesthouse in the city center,” Jones says, “and our classroom settings entail a mix of traditional instruction and on-site, in-the-field coursework.” Deadline to apply: April 15.

Learn Lao language and culture in Laos

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. Undergraduate student and Southeast Asian studies minor Andrew Duangdara (political science) attended SAIL in 2013, the first summer NIU credit was offered for the program. “I was interested in going to Laos because my family was from Laos,” he says. “We went back when I was seven years old but I don’t
remember most of the trip.” From the bustling capital city of Vientiane, Duangdara and the 14 other participants from around the US traveled to rural Laos as well. “The program took us to the countryside an hour outside the city for two days and showed us what it was like to live there,” he says. “We planted rice, ate a traditional meal, and somehow squeezed fifteen people into three mosquito nets.” **Deadline to apply: June 6.**

7. **Sugar Grove golf course seeks international relations/communications intern**

Rich Harvest Farms, a private golf course and estate in Sugar Grove, is seeking a summer intern to help promote and develop a fan base for the International Crown, a 2016 international Ladies Professional Golf Association golf event with at least half of the competitors coming from Asian countries, including Thailand. Applicants should have excellent communication and verbal skills; ability to speak and translate at least one Asian language (including Thai) preferred but not required. Internship is **May 19 to Aug. 25**; salary and benefits to be discussed during the interview process. Email cover letter and resume to Samantha Rubin, Communication Manager, Rich Harvest Farms, at srubin@richharvestfarms.com.

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. 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.

9. **Summer/Fall course list up on website; ILAS 225 now SEAS 225**

Four NIU summer study abroad to Southeast Asia programs top the list of summer/fall Southeast Asian Studies course offerings now posted on the CSEAS website. The deadline to apply to two of these programs—Andrea Molnar’s **anthropology field school** to Thailand and Jui-Ching Wang’s **Music of Southeast Asia** program in Bali—is **March 31** this week. Deadline to apply to Trude Jacobsen’s **NGO and globalization** seminar is **April 1** and the deadline to apply to the **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL)** program is **June 6**.

Another Southeast Asia-related study abroad program—Eric Jones’ **History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism**—leads off the fall schedule, though it begins before classes resume (**Aug. 3**). Also new on the fall schedule is POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu) and Beginning Vietnamese will be taught as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The course, FLST 103, will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line). Other Southeast Asia
language and literature classes on the list include Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, in addition to Chinese.

The Center’s ILAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record, Judy Ledgerwood) will be listed on the schedule as SEAS 225. Other fall courses are: ANTH 328/790, Anthropology of Religion/Seminar in Anthropology (Andrea Molnar); ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art: Indian and Southeast Asian Art (Catherine Raymond); FCNS, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi); HIST 660, Reading Seminar in Asian History: US Relations with Southeast Asia (Kenton Clymer); POLS 362, Politics of Developing Areas (Kheang Un); POLS 371, Politics of Southeast Asia (Danny Unger); POLS 672, Topics in Comparative Politics (Danny Unger). Students interested in learning to play gamelan may sign up for MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I, an ensemble class open to music and non-music majors. All of these courses can be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate concentrations. For details, see the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court.

10. **Save the dates:** Asian American Heritage month, films and lectures, SEA culture fest
   - **April 1–30:** Asian American Heritage Month. See [Asian American Center website](#).
   - **April 10 and 24:** [Indiana Jones film fundraiser](#) by NIU Rotaract Club to raise money for two international service projects. **April 10:** *Temple of Doom*; **April 24:** *The Last Crusade*. Free admission. 6 p.m., Room 110, Campus Life.
   - **April 13:** Screening of *Cambodian Son*, 6 p.m., Cole Hall Auditorium. Story of Cambodian-American poet and rapper deported to Cambodia. Co-sponsors: The Graduate School, the Cambodia Studies Group and the Asian American Center. See CSEAS website for flyer.
   - **April 17:** NIU Art Museum lecture: “From DeKalb to Burma: The Saga of the Looted Buddha,” Center for Burma Studies Director and Burma Art Collection curator Catherine Raymond, 5 to 5:50 p.m. Altgeld Room 315.
   - **April 26:** Southeast Asia Culture Fest, 4 to 6 p.m., Chick Evans Field House. Free and open to all. Families welcome. See CSEAS website for flyer.

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 contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

12. **Travel for educators:** Southeast Asia-bound with GEEO
   Global Exploration for Educators (GEEO) is a non-profit organization offering professional development travel programs, including some to Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia. **Registration deadline is June 1.** NIU credit available. See GEEO website for details.

13. **Job/internships opportunities**
   *Fulbright American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation, Jakarta*
   - Executive director: Experienced individual, either American or Indonesian, sought to lead [AMINEF](#), non-profit binational organization that supports educational exchanges
between the U.S. and Indonesia. Master’s required, PhD or commensurate experience desirable. Three-year renewable contract. **Apply by April 23.** See [job posting](#).

**Pembroke College, Cambridge**

- **University Lecturer in Asian Politics:** Applicants sought for the Mohamed Noah Fellowship. **Apply by April 20.** Job interviews scheduled for May 28. For details, see [job listing](#).

**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.** Email [careers@cigionline.org](mailto:careers@cigionline.org).

**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](#).

14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies,** April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).

- **Southeast Asia Research Group annual meeting,** May 3–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Best new research by young social scientists working on SEA politics.

- **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. See [information online](#).

- **Diasporas:** Exploring Critical Issues, July 5–7, Mansfield College, Oxford. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).

- **Congress of the Asian Political and International Studies Association,** Sept. 19–20, Chiang Mai University Institute for Southeast Asian Affairs, Thailand. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals:** May 15. Email Paul Chambers at [paul@iseaa.org](mailto:paul@iseaa.org).

- **Council on Thai Studies,** Oct. 17–19, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and proposals:** July 31. Email to conference chair Ian Baird at [ibaird@wisc.edu](mailto:ibaird@wisc.edu). See [link](#) for details. **NEW**

15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- The International Ramayana Institute of North America, in cooperation with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Chicago, will hold the “Ramayana Dance Drama” at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL 60506. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets $10 for students with ID; $20 for all others. See [www.ramayanainstitute.com](http://www.ramayanainstitute.com). **NEW**
- 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.