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1. This week’s lecture: Global halal zones [NEW]

Johan Fischer, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Roskilde, Denmark, will present “Global Halal Zones: Islam, Regulation and Technoscience” at noon Friday, Oct. 31, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Halal (literally, ‘permissible’ or ‘lawful’) production, trade, and regulation have become essential to state-regulated Islam and to companies in Malaysia and Singapore, but also globally. In the rapidly expanding global market for halal products these two countries are the only two where state bodies certify halal products as well as spaces (shops, factories and restaurants) and work processes. In shops around the world, consumers can find state halal-certified products from Malaysia and Singapore. Building on ethnographic material from Malaysia and Singapore, Fischer will explore the role of halal production, trade and regulation. To order a Filipino 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 or questions, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com. All are welcome to bring a lunch and beverage if not ordering a lunch.

2. Special lecture: Yangon University professor to speak Oct. 30 on Burma/Myanmar [NEW]

Professor Chaw Chaw Sein, head of Yangon University’s International Relations Department, will give a presentation about Myanmar/Burma from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in Room 506, Holmes Student Center. Sein’s talk is sponsored by CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies, Burma Interest Group-NIU, and the Department of Political Science.

3. What does it take to be a Critical Language Scholar? Learn more Tuesday [NEW]

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a U.S. State Department program that aims to “broaden the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages,” including the study of Indonesian and Chinese, both of which are offered at NIU. In the past three years, CSEAS has had three students accepted into this highly competitive summer intensive language program, including alumna Maria “Rai” Nihei (MA history, 2011), administrative director of the Center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, who studied Indonesia in Malang in 2011. While in Indonesia, she says, she developed not only language proficiency but also learned to adapt and gained confidence in talking to others. “Malang was a wonderful and friendly city to study in, and the tutors and teachers at Universitas Negeri Malang helped us to learn the language skills we needed while we explored really interesting cultural topics,” she says. The deadline to apply for the summer 2015 program is Nov. 12. To learn more, Nihei will share her experiences as a CLS scholar at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28. For more info, see the CLS website.

4. Center associates update: Raymond, Hamayotsu [NEW]

Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art) will present “Burmese Art in American Collections” at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Morton Auditorium at the Art Institute of Chicago. Her talk is sponsored by the Asian Art Council.
Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) traveled to Germany Oct. 22–23 to participate in Bureaucratization of Islam in Muslim States and Societies, a workshop organized by Bielefeld and Princeton universities. She served as a discussant and presented “What Type of Leviathan? Bureaucratization of Islam and Religious Freedom in Muslim-Majority States in Southeast Asia.”

5. What’s on for spring? See new SEA course listings
The spring Southeast Asian Studies course list is up on the Center website. Under anthropology, Judy Ledgerwood will teach ANTH 408/508, Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, and Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 491/591, Peace and Conflict in SEA from a Political Perspective. In history, Trude Jacobsen will teach HIST 342, Southeast Asia to 1800. In political science Kikue Hamayotsu will teach Political Violence. Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries. Catherine Raymond will teach ARTH 457/657, Topics in Art History: From Heaven to Hell: Protectors, Spirits, Magical Spells and Hungry Ghosts in SEA Art, and I Gusti Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families, and CSEAS graduate assistant Iqra Anugrah will teach the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, SEAS 225. All second-semester classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai also will be offered. For dates and times of all classes, see the full spring schedule on the Center website.

6. Alumnus named education minister in Indonesia
Congratulations to alumnus Anies Baswedan (PhD political science, 2007), president of Paramadina University in Jakarta, who has been named Minister of Primary and Secondary Education in the cabinet of new Indonesia President Joko Widodo. After graduating from NIU, Baswedan made his mark as a researcher and public policy consultant before being named rector at Paramadina. In 2008 Foreign Policy magazine named him one the 100 Top Public Policy Intellectuals. In 2009 he was selected as one of the 2009 Young Global Leaders by the World Economic Forum and named one of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ 50 Golden Anniversary Alumni. In 2010 he founded Indonesia Mengajar, a foundation that sends young teachers to schools in remote parts of Indonesia. Prior to his ministerial appointment, Baswedan served as a spokesman for the new president and as a member of the presidential transition team.

7. Call for papers: Teaching World Music Symposium at NIU
The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music for three days next April when Teaching World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Symposium organizer and CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang has issued a call for papers, posters and panels from music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars. The deadline for submission is Nov. 15. Those accepted will be notified by Dec. 15. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

8. Study abroad in Thailand, Bali or Laos next summer
It’s never too early to start thinking about a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia. CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively. Molnar’s program,
Cultural Diversity in Thailand, is set for June 8–July 3. It will introduce students to Thailand’s diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. Application deadline is March 16. Wang’s program, Experiencing the Arts in Bali, will take students to a village location in Bali for three weeks in June and July to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Information on all study abroad programs, and opportunities for partial travel funding, is available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

9. **Save the dates:** International Ed Week, Indonesian dance, World Music NEW
   - **Oct. 27:** NIU alum Maria Niheil talks about the State Department’s Critical Language Scholarship program, 4:30 to 5 p.m. CSEAS, Pottenger House.
   - **Nov. 17-21:** International Ed Week. Films, food, panels, and other special events TBA.
   - **Monday nights:** Free Indonesian dance instruction, 6:30 to 7 p.m., 102 Music Building. For details, email Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.
   - **April 9–11:** World Music Symposium honoring Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble.
   - **Through May:** “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition drawn from the NIU Anthropology Museum collection, including Southeast Asian artifacts. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.

10. **Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study**
    NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.

    **The Boren fellowships and scholarship program,** an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For more information, see the Boren website.

    **The Blakemore Foundation** makes grants for the advanced study of selected Southeast Asian languages—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. The grants cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate degree pursuing a career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. See the Blakemore Foundation website. Deadline to apply is **Dec. 30**.

11. **Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad certificate**
Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate 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 Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

12. Money for study

American Institute for Indonesian Studies
- **AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation grants**: U.S. and Indonesian scholars invited to apply for $5,000 grants to support research across the field of contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline: Nov. 14.** See website for details.

Center for Khmer Studies
- **Post-doc and senior fellowships**: Short-term and long-term funded research opportunities available through Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline: Nov. 30.** See website.

East-West Center
- **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities**: Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline: Nov. 3.** See website.

Social Science Research Council
- **International dissertation research fellowships**: Nine- to 12-month support for graduate students in humanities and humanistic social sciences. Amounts vary depending on research plan. **Deadline: Nov. 4.** See website for details.

University of Cambridge

United States-Indonesia Society
- **2015 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: Jan. 31.** See website.

13. Job/internship opportunities

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.

Hess International Educational Group
- **Teach English across Asia**: Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess website for details.
14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Symposium on Social Resistance in Non-Democracies**, Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. See symposium website.
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See conference website.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See conference website.
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for abstracts. Deadline: Dec. 31. Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See consortium website.
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See conference website.
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See conference website.

15. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archaeological objects, many from SEA, that were chosen by members of the NIU and local communities.
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit 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 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.

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