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1. **This week’s lecture: Sex trafficking in Southeast Asia**

   CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History) will present “Sex Trafficking in Southeast Asia: A History of Desire, Duty and Debt” at noon Friday, **April 1**, in Room 100 Campus Life. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](mailto:). 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 cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. **Rethinking Asian studies: Special lecture this week**

   As the world changes so goes the study of Asia. Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies, will present “Rethinking Asian Studies in the Global Perspective” at noon Wednesday, **March 30**, in Room 100 Campus Life. His lecture is co-sponsored by the Division of Research and Innovation, the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, the Center for Burma Studies and CSEAS.

3. **Religious Minorities in Asia workshop April 9**

   CSEAS will host the workshop, “Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia,” from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **April 9** in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center. The workshop, led by CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) and Chiara Formichi from Cornell University, will address historical, legal, political and social issues facing minority communities in religiously divided societies across Asia. Jacques Bertrand of the University of Toronto will give the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. with the first session following at 10:30 and the second session after lunch at 2 p.m. See more details [here](#).

4. **Student notes: At the Smithsonian and on the podium**

   Congratulations to Anthropology graduate students Laurence Anthonie Tumpag and Shannon Thomas, who will be headed to the Smithsonian Institution this summer as interns in the museum’s [Summer Institute of Museum Anthropology](#) **June 27–July 24**. As interns, they will work with museum professionals and learning ways that collection items can contribute to research in cultural anthropology. Thomas will be studying artifacts from the Smithsonian’s Philippines collection and Tumpag will be examining collections across maritime Southeast Asia, Madagascar and Oceania. . . . Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate, political science) was at the podium **March 23** at the University of Sydney to present “A Tale of Two Districts: Patterns of Elite-Peasant Relation in Serang and Bulukumba, Indonesia.” Anugrah is currently a visiting fellow at the university’s Sydney Southeast Asia Centre. . . . Testriono (MA candidate, political science) presented “Regime Change and Durability in Southeast Asia: The Role of International Linkage and Military’s Involvement in Politics” at the 55th Southeastern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies **Jan. 15–17** at James Madison University.
5. Last days to sign up to be a SEAYLP or PYLP host family

What does it mean stay with an American host family? The Center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) team has put together a video that says it all. Or read about two veteran NIU host families in NIU Today. CSEAS and the NIU International Training Office (ITO) are still seeking a few host families for both SEAYLP and the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), two US State Department programs.

CSEAS is looking for two families to act as hosts April 9–17 for one pair of girls and one pair of boys participating in (SEAYLP). 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, April 4, in the Holmes Student Center. Host family applications may be submitted online; see the right column on the SEAYLP website. For details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

ITO is seeking six host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which brings 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 anthropologist Susan Russell and ITO Director Lina Ong. The home stay dates for PYLP are April 17–30. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.

Both programs are funded by the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

6. World Music Festival to include gamelan lectures, workshops, concert

NIU will welcome Balinese gamelan artist-in-residence I Made Lasmawan of Colorado College to this year’s World Music Festival April 7–10, directed by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music). Lasmawan will give a series of lectures and workshops April 8 and 9. Co-sponsored by CSEAS and the NIU School of Music.

- “Teaching Balinese Culture through Local Resources,” lecture, noon, April 8, Music Building Room 173. This will be the Center’s regular Friday lecture. No Indonesian lunch that day.
- “Weaving of Sounds: A Workshop Presentation of Interlocking Rhythm on Balinese Gamelan,” 2 p.m., April 8, Music Building Room 102.
• “KeCak: Vocal Gamelan,” workshop with the Cortland Elementary School Choir directed by Jodeen Coulter, 3 p.m., April 8, Music Building Room 171.

• Two NIU Gamelan Ensemble workshops, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 9, in Music Building Room 102, followed at 3 p.m. by “Indonesian Gamelan and the West,” a guest lecture recital by Emory University student and 2015 Experiencing the Arts in Bali alumnus Ryan Sutherland in the Music Building Recital Hall. Sutherland’s presentation will be followed by the Northern Wind Trio performing world music fusion at 5 p.m. (same location).

The NIU Gamelan Ensemble will perform April 10 in Sounds of Harmony, the festival’s World Music Concert in Boutell Hall. Also performing is the Chinese Music Ensemble (also performing April 8 at 5 p.m. in the Recital Hall), the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble, the Irish Music Ensemble, and two Chicago-based student groups, Korean Pungmul (Korean folk music) and the Mariachi Los Pumas de Soccer Academy Elementary. Concert ends with “Pop1 Goes the World: World-Pop Fusion NIU,” featuring BaliPop, TaiwanPop and Northern Wind Trio. All festival events free and open to the public. For more information, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

7. CIA in the World course offered for summer
HIST 480/580, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: CIA in the World will be offered this summer as a fully online course for undergraduate and graduate students, taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History). “Perhaps no other institution is so heavily mythologized in the popular consciousness than the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States,” Jones writes in the course description. The course will examine the CIA from both an American and global historical points of view, using a case study approach with secondary readings drawing from critical historiography and primary research materials sampled from declassified, leaked and otherwise open archival sources. The course will be open for registration in early April, Jones said.

8. Burma Studies, Thai Studies conferences set for October at NIU
Scholars from around the world will convene at NIU Oct. 7–9 for the 2016 International Burma Studies Conference and Oct. 28–29 for the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) 2016 meeting.

• The Burma conference invites proposals for individual papers or entire panels. **Deadline to submit proposals: April 15.** Prospective participants must submit a title and 150- to 250-word abstract via attached Word document or pasted into an email (include name, affiliation, and contact information). Panel organizers should submit abstracts and participant information. Email to burmastudies2016@gmail.com. Accepted participants and panel organizers will be notified on or before May 15. For details, see the conference website.

• COTS invites presentation abstracts from scholars, students and community advocates. **Deadline to submit proposals: July 1.** For details, see conference information.

9. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2016 SEA language lineup
Beginning Vietnamese will be added to NIU’s SEA language and literature lineup in fall 2016. FLST 103-104 will be offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (put Vietnamese in the subject line).

10. Save the dates: Spring events coming up **NEW**

• April 7–10: World Music Festival, Music Building. See details in item 6 above. **NEW**
• **April 9:** “Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia” workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Room, Holmes Student Center. Keynote address (9:30 a.m.) by Dr. Jacques Bertrand, University of Toronto.

• **April 13:** Indonesian teaching assistant Rahmi Hartati will demonstrate how to make *nasi kuning*, Indonesian yellow rice, from noon to 1 p.m. in DuSable 328 for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures brown bag lunch series.

• **April 24:** SEAYLP Culture Night show, 4 p.m., Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center. Free.

• **Through May:** New Year’s Festivals in Mainland SEA exhibit at Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.

• **Through May:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit at Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.

11. **Public health research opportunity in Indonesia or Myanmar**
Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health), executive director of the Global Environmental Health Lab, is making plans to take students this summer to Myanmar (mid-June to mid-July) and Indonesia (mid-July to mid-August) to participate in field research projects involving water quality and public health. For details on costs, college credits and other information about the projects, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

12. **Burnish your resume with Southeast Asian Studies**
Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor’s degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

13. **Money for study NEW**
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• **Graduate School Travel to Conduct Research Grants:** Students in good standing invited to submit proposals for research travel planned for May 15 to Sept. 1, 2016. Grants up to $500 will be awarded. Must have approved thesis or dissertation committee on file (PhD students must have passed comprehensive examinations). **Applications due to the Graduate School:** April 1 (departments earlier; contact for deadline). Email Dana Hughes at dhughes@niu.edu.

**Southeast Asia Research Group**

• **Pre-dissertation fellowship:** Award up to $6,000 funded by the Henry Luce Foundation to social science PhD students who must travel to Southeast Asia to develop research proposal. **Deadline to apply:** May 1. Contact Renata Kwon at r.kwon@duke.edu. **NEW**

**USINDO**

• **Summer studies program:** Partially subsidized nine-week intensive Indonesian language program for graduate students or undergraduate juniors and seniors in Yogyakarta **May 26–July 22.** Cost of the program is $2,000, which includes tuition, housing, visa, health insurance, airfare, field trips, cultural activities and volunteer opportunities. **Deadline to apply:** March 31. For details, see website.

**Center for Khmer Studies**
Junior Resident Fellowships: CKS and the American Research Center in Cambodia offers six-week fellowships to five US, five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students July 1–Aug. 10 in Siem Reap. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** For details, see website.

US Department of Education

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad: Six- to 12-month month fellowships for PhD students in foreign languages and area studies, FY 2016. Apply by late spring (check website for application availability and other info).

Rotary International

Rotary Peace Fellowships: Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. Applications for 2017–18 fellowships now available. **Deadline to submit through local Rotary district: May 31.** See website.

14. Job/internship opportunities

Globaljobs.org

Job/internship opportunities: Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See website.

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

Interns: Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See website.

US Department of State

Student internship program: Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. See program website.

Room to Read

Positions open: San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See website.

Asia Society

Career opportunities: Internships and jobs posted regularly on website.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Jobs listed under Opportunities tab of ASEAN website.

DeveX: Do Good. Do It Well

International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See website.

DevMetJOBS.org

International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See website.

Hess International Educational Group

Teach English across Asia: Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see website.

Idealist.org

Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the Idealist website.

ReliefWeb

Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See website.
World Health Organization

- Global health agency in the United Nations System encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops NEW
- Association for Asian Studies, March 31–April 3, Seattle. See conference website.
- 1st Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research, April 14–15, University of British Columbia. Some travel subsidies available. For details, email csear.grad@gmail.com.
- Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Asia, May 26–28, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands. See conference website.
- 4th Southeast Asia Research Group annual meeting, June 3-4, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Small travel grants available for graduate students to attend. For info, see website.
- 1st International Graduate Symposium on Thai Studies, June 16–17, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Organized by Thai Studies Center and Research Section. Call for papers. Abstracts due: April 18. Email to thaistudies.grad.symposium@gmail.com. See conference website.
- AAS-in-Asia, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. See conference website.
- 5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See conference website.
- International Burma Studies Conference, Oct. 9–16, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers and panels. Abstracts and proposals due: April 15. For information, see website.

16. Area cultural opportunities NEW
- Thai Songkran Festival, April 9–10, Wat Dhammaram, 7059 S. 75th St., Chicago, IL 60638. Hours: 4:30 to 8 p.m. April 9; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10. NEW
- Dengue Fever on tour, 7:30 p.m., April 24, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. See website.
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team to make arrangements at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum’s Philippines work, see the co-curation team’s newsletter.
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. See website for details or phone 312-725-0640.
- “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 Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children’s class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. Also see the consulate’s Facebook page.

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