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1. This week's lecture: The precarious nature of democratization **NEW**



McCoy

Mary E. McCoy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present “The Power of Scandal and Uncertainty in a New Democracy” at noon **April 21** in Campus Life 100. McCoy, who received her PhD in communications studies from Northwestern in 2005, teaches courses on political discourse and also serves as the outreach and communications coordinator at UW-Madison’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies. In this talk, McCoy examines Indonesia as a case study in democratization. “In this and comparable cases around the globe,” she writes. “both traditional and newer media have played a critical role in blocking authoritarian reversal through reform-oriented mobilization as well as coverage often faulted for degrading debate in modern democracies, particularly the propagation of scandal and the fanning of partisan conflict.” To order an Indonesian

lunch, request online by 6 p.m. Thursday at [Lecture 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 cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Summer/fall classes: Chinese foreign policy, Asian American families and film and history

CSEAS will welcome Dr. Biwu Zhang, director of the Institute of Asia-Pacific International Relations at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China, as guest lecturer this summer to teach SEAS 490/690, China’s Foreign Policy: Past and Present. The class, which is cross-listed with POLS 395 and HIST 391/598, will be offered **May 22–June 16**. Zhang received his doctorate from Ohio State University and is the author of the book, *Chinese Perceptions of the U.S.: An Exploration of China’s Foreign Policy Motivations* (Lexington Books, 2011). Also being offered this summer is FCNS 383, Asian American Families, taught by CSEAS affiliate Florensia Surjadi (Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences), and HIST 390/591, Film and History, taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History). Jones’ class will examine documentary, propaganda, historical and fictional feature films across cultures (with 50 percent Southeast Asia content). For information on these and fall 2017 classes, see [Course Offerings](#).

3. Help wanted: Seeking 2017–18 Outreach GA

CSEAS is seeking one full-time graduate assistant (20 hours per week) or two part-time graduate assistants (10 hours per week) for the 2017–18 academic year to assist the Outreach Coordinator with outreach programs at the Center. The GA will assist with staffing student recruitment events at NIU open houses, organizing and setting up for the Friday brownbag lecture series, and presenting CSEAS information in its occasional programs on campus and in area schools and community colleges. They may help with the design and production of outreach flyers, announcements and other publicity materials and/or help with the Center’s podcast series, with additional tasks as assigned by CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood and their immediate supervisors Maria Nihei and Colleen Gray. The position pays a monthly salary plus a full tuition waiver. Applicants should submit a completed graduate assistant application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts. All materials must be received by Office Manager Lisa Heal by 9 a.m. Monday, **April 17**. Email to lheal@niu.edu or FAX to 815-753-1776 or send by post to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

4. Help wanted: Seeking 2017–18 TA for PKPI program

CSEAS is seeking a full-time (20 hours per week) graduate assistant for 2017–18 to administer the Peningkatan Kualitas Publikasi Internasional (PKPI) program during fall semester. The PKPI program, which is funded by the Directorate of Higher Education (DIKTI) of the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education, selects a group of Indonesian doctoral students to attend the three-month program at NIU. Upon arrival at NIU, PKPI Scholars work with a selected faculty mentor to develop and advance their research projects or articles for publication. Scholars also attend a weekly seminar to prepare scholars for publishing in an academic journal. The GA for this program must be a graduate student in good academic standing, have command of the Indonesian language to at least the intermediate level, and have strong organizational, written and communication skills. Duties include corresponding with PKPI scholars before their arrival, coordinate with on-campus mentors to brief them on their role, handle logistical arrangements, prepare welcome materials, and work closely with the CSEAS administrative staff. The position pays \$1,180 per month plus a full tuition waiver. Applicants should submit a completed [graduate assistant application](#), cover letter, resume, names and contact information of two references. All materials must be received by Office Manager Lisa Heal by 9 a.m. Monday, **April 17**. Email to lheal@niu.edu or FAX to 815-753-1776 or send by post to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

5. Tune in to our latest podcast: Cold War, Burma and Yugoslavia

Join CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones and associate Kenton Clymer (History) for a conversation with historian Jovan Cavoski about the Cold War relationship between Burma and Yugoslavia in the latest installment in our [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series. Other podcasts feature conversations with University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary's College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebros, Burma historian Maitrii Aung-Thwin, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. And our listenership keeps growing. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 1,000 times with listeners in 34 countries.

6. Save the dates: Concert and culture

- **Through April:** Cast Out to See: The Journey of a Prehistoric Ornament Across Southeast Asia exhibit, on display at the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.
- **April 24:** SEAYLP Culture Night, 5 to 7 p.m., Wirtz Hall Auditorium.

7. Burnish your resumé 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 adviser Collen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

9. Money for study

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships at Chulalongkorn University:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2018–19 fellowships open.** See [website](#).

9. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **A Nation in Dysfunction: Discourses on Corruption in Indonesia**, April 21–22, Yale University. 15th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia, hosted by Yale Indonesia Forum with the Cornell Indonesian Association. See [website](#).
- **EUROSEAS 2017**, Aug. 16–18, University of Oxford, UK. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15.** See [website](#).
- **Asian Review, Political Ideologies in Southeast Asia**, May or June 2017, Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Asian Studies, Bangkok. Some travel funding available. See [website](#).
- **Comparative Peacebuilding in Asia**, June 30–July 2, Sri Lanka. First of three conferences covering liberal and illiberal transitions from ethnic conflict and authoritarianism in South and Southeast Asia to be held in Sri Lanka, Indonesia (December 2017) and the UK (June 2018). See [website](#).
- **Rethinking Area Studies Through the Modern Asian Novel**, June 11–July 8, University of Michigan. National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute for college and university educators. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. See [website](#).
- **SSEASR Conference on ASEAN Region by End of 21st Century**, July 10–13, Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities and Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on National Human Rights Institutions in Southeast Asia**, July 13–14, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Some funding available. See [website](#).
- **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies**, July 24–28, National University of Singapore. Sponsored by Asia Research Institute. Full or partial funding available. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on South China Sea: Emerging Scenario**, July 24–26, Tirupati, India. Sponsored by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies at Sri Venkateswara University. See [website](#).
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See [website](#).

10. Careers

National Institute of Education in Singapore

- **Assistant or Associate Professor, History:** Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. **Posted Feb. 6;** position will remain open until filled. See [job listing](#).

Rice University

- **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Transnational Asian Studies:** Fellowship begins July 1; annual stipend \$50,000 with additional \$5,000 for research and travel expenses and relocation allowance of \$3,000. Second-year renewal possible. See [job listing](#).

Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs

- **Summer Instructor:** Seeking instructor for three-week intensive undergraduate course, Public Health in Southeast Asia, in Chiang Mai June 26–July 14. Competitive pay and housing and travel costs covered. Candidates with background in public health in SEA should send CV and statement of interest to study@iseaa.org.

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. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program 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](#).

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [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](#).

11. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team 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.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, IL. See [website](#).

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