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NGOLD Co-Sponsors Peace-building Seminar

DeKalb, IL – The Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD) at Northern Illinois University, the Department of Anthropology, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies collaborated to offer a seminar and roundtable on December 1.

The event, titled *Peace-building in Conflict Regions of Southeast Asia*, featured work from NIU faculty and visiting scholars from Thailand who have expertise in peace and conflict studies in Southeast Asia. A highlight was the regional peace-fostering initiatives that create an opportunity for dialogue, consultation, and monitoring of conflict.

Judith Hermanson, director of NGOLD, and Kendall Thu, professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology, offered opening remarks. Presenters focused on the increasingly active role of Southeast Asian nongovernmental organizations and universities in developing new peace norms and peace education, monitoring compliance with human rights standards, and peace advocacy.

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