Dumplings, sweet rice balls, tangerines: just some traditional foods on the menu for Lunar New Year, which began Feb. 12.

Wishing all of our friends and colleagues a Happy Lunar New Year

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on campus, CSEAS hours are restricted to appointments only. To see a staff member, please contact them by email or phone to make arrangements (see contact info on the CSEAS website). Masks and social distancing apply in the office. Thank you.

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1. Myanmar coup brings NIU expertise into the discussion

In the wake of the Feb. 1 military coup in Myanmar, CSEAS expertise has been called upon to help explain its implications domestically and internationally. Within hours of the coup, producers for “Inside Story” on the Al Jazeera network contacted CSEAS associate and Burma scholar Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Culture) to join Michael Charney, professor and chair of Asian and military history at SOAS at the University of London, and Paul Donowitz, Myanmar campaign leader at Global Witness, to discuss world reaction Feb. 2. She was asked back Feb. 7 to discuss growing pressure for international firms to distance themselves from the military’s business investments. Than also appeared Feb. 9 on a flash panel hosted by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies at the University of Notre Dame’s Keough School of Global Affairs. NIU’s public radio station, WNIJ, has also interviewed her for a future broadcast. CSEAS associate emeritus and Burma scholar Kenton Clymer (History), and author of A Delicate Relationship: The United States and Burma/Myanmar since 1945 (Cornell University Press, 2016) posted his take on the coup, “Myanmar: It’s Déjà Vu All Over Again,” on the Cornell University Press blog. Meanwhile, CSEAS graduate assistant Azriansyah Agoes (Ph.D. candidate, political science), was invited to be a guest speaker on a live podcast Feb. 4 on Indonesian YouTube channel, “Total Politik,” with Bambang Harymuri, a senior investigative journalist in Indonesia affiliated with Indonesia’s Tempo magazine.

2. Spring Virtual Lecture Series begins Feb. 19

It’s finally time! The first lecture in this spring’s CSEAS virtual Graduate Colloquium Lecture Series is Feb. 19 with ethnomusicologist Shzr Ee Tan of at Royal Holloway University of London. Tan will present “Internet Sonorities of Transient Labour in Singapore/Southeast Asia” via Microsoft Teams. Tan’s research interests are impact-based issues of music and decolonization, aspirational cosmopolitanism and race discourses in music around the world toward examining marginality through the lenses of intersectionality. This past June, she co-organized the webinar Orchestrating Isolation: Musical Interventions and Inequality in the COVID-19 Fallout. On March 19 historian and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins, chair of the History Department at Creighton University, will present “Sensational Savages: Marketing the Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904.” Hawkins’ lecture will also be virtual via Microsoft Teams. Hawkins, a
former Fulbright fellow in the Philippines, focuses his research on empire, Islam and agency in Asia with a particular interest in notions of historical time. He will also be the keynote speaker March 20 for the 2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference (see below). The spring lecture series will conclude April 16 with Shorna Allred, associate professor in Cornell University’s Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, who will present “Cultural Resilience in Borneo.” Allred’s research blends human factors and natural sciences with the goal of improving resource management and conservation. Her lecture, cohosted by the NIU Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, will focus on her research into the cultural resilience of the Penan hunter-gather peoples who have lived in the Borneo rainforest for generations but whose culture and way of life are now experiencing environmental and development pressures. CSEAS thanks the NIU Graduate Colloquium for help funding the spring series.

3. Get your presentation on for spring student conference

Final preparations for the March 20 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, a virtual event via Microsoft Teams, are underway. Final papers are due March 1 with Best Paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The conference’s keynote speaker will be Creighton University historian Michael Hawkins, author of Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippine Muslim South (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012) and Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (Cornell University Press). The NIU Graduate Colloquium is co-sponsoring Hawkins’ visit to NIU; he will also be presenting a talk in the Spring CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Lecture Series March 19 (also via Microsoft Teams).

4. GETSEA: Enhancing graduate SEA studies nationwide

This spring, the year-old Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA) consortium, hosted by Cornell University and to which CSEAS belongs, is offering three virtual Mini Courses available to any graduate student pursuing SEA studies. The courses and dates are: Feb. 19-March 26, Rethinking the Environmental Repertoire in Southeast Asia; March 6-April 17, Southeast Asian Polities and Politics; and June 1-July 6, Transnational Representation of Southeast Asia: Race, Gender, and Identity. **Deadline to register for all is Feb. 12.**

GETSEA was established in 2020 with a $275,000 Luce Foundation grant to strengthen graduate education in SEA studies across major Southeast Asia centers, such as CSEAS, across the U.S. The four-year award will support Cornell, NIU, and other U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Centers in pooling their resources and collaborating with each other to offer mini-courses and graduate seminars via distance learning. The goal also is to facilitate scholarly networks, mentoring and advising and to offer venues for shared language instruction.

5. Save the dates: Virtual lectures, spring conferences

- **Feb. 12:** University of Wisconsin-Madison virtual lecture, “Indonesia’s Infrastructure of Impunity and the Mobilization of Affect,” by Michigan State University anthropologist Elizabeth Drexler, noon to 1:30 p.m. Join via Zoom. **NEW**
- **Feb. 12:** Abstract deadline for NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference. For details, email niuhistorygsa@gmail.com.
Feb. 19: CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Virtual Spring Lecture Series begins with Shzr Ee Tan, University of London Department of Music, “Internet Sonorities of Transient Labor in Singapore/Southeast Asia,” noon to 1 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams here.

March 19: Noon to 1 p.m., Virtual Spring Lecture Series, Michael Hawkins, Creighton University Department of History, “Sensational Savages: Marketing the Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904.” Via Microsoft Teams here.

April 9: NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference. NEW

April 16: Noon to 1 p.m., Virtual Spring Lecture Series, Shorna Allred, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources and Environment, “Cultural Resilience in Borneo. Via Microsoft Teams here.

March 20: Virtual Southeast Asian Studies Spring Student Conference. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, CSEAS, and the NIU Graduate Colloquium.

6. Recent Indonesian air disaster’s subject of latest SEA Crossroads podcast NEW

In the most recent episode, host Eric Jones interviews Chicago lawyers Thomas Gardiner and Brittany Hebele (a former FLAS fellow who studied Bahasa Indonesian while a student at NIU) about their firm’s litigation representing victims of recent Indonesian airline disasters. (For information about the firm, GKW, see their website). Also, Napalm in the Morning, an exploration of films dealing with the Vietnam War, has joined the Center’s wide-ranging podcast series, Southeast Asia Crossroads. Southeast Asia Crossroads’ following has grown to nearly 40,000 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 70 countries; topics range from history and politics to art and culture. Since its June 2020 debut, Napalm in the Morning, also hosted by Jones and Jagel, has examined six Vietnam films (Full Metal Jacket, Rambo First Blood, Platoon, Coming Home, Good Morning Vietnam, Nixon, and We Were Soldiers.

7. Two new books in NIU/Cornell Southeast Asia Series

Cornell University Press, where NIU Press has been an imprint since 2019, has released two new books in the NIU Southeast Asia Series. *The Saigon Sisters: Privileged Women in the Resistance*, by Patricia D. Norland, was released in July. The book traces the lives of nine Vietnamese women who grew up in a French lycée and later fought for independence beginning with the French occupation of Vietnam through the Second Vietnamese War’s end in 1975. “The Saigon Sisters is a rare glimpse into the experience of young women during the Vietnamese Revolution, the Vietnam War, and communist Vietnam,” writes California Polytechnic State University historian Christina Firpo. “This book is a valuable contribution to women’s history as well as twentieth-century Vietnamese history.”

*Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition*, by Creighton University historian and CSEAS alumnus Michael C. Hawkins (PhD history, 2009), was released in March. Hawkins’ book examines Moro (Filipino Muslim)
contributions to the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair, challenging the manifestations of “empire” at the event and in American discourse at the time. “There has not been a critical assessment of the Moro villages at the important 1904 World’s Fair, and this book promises to bring such study into the scholarly record,” writes University of North Carolina’s Timothy Marr about the book.

8. Conferences, workshops and webinars

Conferences

- East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific, Feb. 11–13, Honolulu. VIRTUAL See website.
- 2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, March 20, Northern Illinois University. VIRTUAL For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.
- 2021 Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference, Links and Fractures, March 19–21, Cornell University. VIRTUAL See website.
- NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference, April 9. VIRTUAL Keynote speaker Michael Vann (California State University-Sacramento): “Memory Holes and Crocodile Holes: Representing and Silencing Cold War-era Mass Violence in Southeast Asian Museums.” For details, email niuhistorygsa@gmail.com.
- Empire Competition: Southeast Asia as Site of Imperial Contestation, April 8–9, Pace University. See website.
- Midwest Political Science Association, April 14–18. VIRTUAL See website.

Webinars and workshops


9. Money for study

U.S. Department of Education

- Fulbright-Hays fellowships: Competition open for Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowships. Deadline to apply: April 5. See website. NEW

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

- Fellowships: For U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. See website.

Inya Institute


Center for Khmer Studies
• **Summer Junior Resident Fellows:** Applications invited from undergraduates and recent graduates for July 5–Aug. 13 program in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. **Deadline to apply:** March 31. See [website](#).

**Center for Indonesian Policy Studies**

• **Visiting research fellowships:** Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related doctorate and post-graduate theses to conduct field research in Indonesia over 3-6 month period. **No deadline to apply.** See [website](#).

**Rotary International**

• **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **2022–23 applications available February 2021.** See [website](#).

**ProFellow**

• **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

10. **Careers**

**U.S.-ASEAN Business Council**

• **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline for summer 2021 placement:** March 10. For details, email [internships@usasean.org](mailto:internships@usasean.org). See [website](#).

**Council on Foreign Relations**

• **Foreign Affairs Career Center:** Jobs board hosted by council’s respected *Foreign Affairs* journal. From internships to full-time positions listed. See [website](#).

**Bridge to Success**

• **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor’s degree minimum. See [website](#).

**Center for Strategic and International Studies**

• **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

**Eurasia Group**

• See [website](#) for job 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](mailto: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](#).

**ASEAN/ASEC**

• **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).
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. See [website](#).

Idealist.org
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See [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 [website](#).

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