CSEAS Weekly Bulletin
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Sunset over Altgeld Hall (photo/NIU).

A break in the action

Best wishes to all for final exams, fall graduation and the upcoming holidays!
CSEAS will be open with limited hours through Dec. 18 and will re-open Jan. 4

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1. Spring lecture series: Feb. 19, March 19, April 16  
Mark your calendars for spring’s virtual CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Lecture Series, starting 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 its help in funding the spring series.

2. Abstracts due Jan. 31 for 2021 Spring SEA Studies Student Conference
The Southeast Asia Club invites papers from both graduate and undergraduate students for its 2021 Southeast Asia Student Conference Saturday, March 20, a virtual event via Microsoft Teams. Papers may be submitted from any discipline on a topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; Deadline for 250-word abstracts: Sunday, Jan. 31. Final papers due Friday, March 1. Email inquiries or abstracts to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put “Abstract” in the subject line). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be Creighton University historian and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins. A former Fulbright Fellow to the Philippines and NIU alumnus, Hawkins is the 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).
3. Two FLAS opportunities, one application, one deadline
Whether you’re applying for a summer 2020 or an academic-year 2021–22 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with one application. The application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted on the CSEAS website. **The deadline to apply is Jan. 15.** The U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute June 14 to Aug. 6 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As with summer 2020, travel restrictions may limit summer FLAS study to the SEASSI option. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Kheang Un at kun1@niu.edu. The U.S. Department of Education funds FLAS fellowships.

4. Applications open: Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship
U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center’s 2021–22 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a $5,000 annual stipend. To apply, you should be at an advanced stage in your master’s or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. You must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15.**

5. Applications open: Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship
International students pursuing advanced degrees involving substantial Indonesia research are invited to apply for the 2021–22 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Applicants for this $1,000 award should be a student in good standing and at an advanced stage in their master’s or doctoral program. In keeping with King’s lifelong commitment to public affairs, preference given to students interested in working in developing countries. Application must include a personal statement, research proposal, PDF of graduate transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15.**

6. Still time to sign up for spring SEA courses
Nearly all Southeast Asian studies classes for spring semester will be taught online with the exception of the gamelan (MUSE 370) and Thai music ensemble classes, which will be taught face-to-face. The Center’s foundational course, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, will also include an Honors section.

   In addition to our continuing SEA language classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, spring SEA courses include:
   - ANTH 491/628, Religion and Cosmology of Southeast Asia (Piphal Heng, guest lecturer)
   - HDFS 384, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi)
   - POLS 285, Introduction to International Relations (Aarjen Glas)

Guest lecturer Piphal Heng is offering ANTH 491/628, Religion and Cosmology of Southeast Asia, this spring.
- POLS 371, Politics in Southeast Asia (Kheang Un)
- POLS 384, Contemporary Foreign Policy (Aarjen Glas)
- POLS 672, Topics in Comparative Politics (Kheang Un)
- MUHL 398/634, Music History and Literature: Music of Thailand (Chamni Sripraram, instructor)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Alex Yoffe, instructor).
- SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Kheang Un with Eun Ji Won).

Registration has already begun. For details and course descriptions, see complete course list.

7. Save the dates: Spring deadlines, lectures
- Jan. 15: Deadline for 2021–22 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) summer grants and academic-year fellowships, graduate Neher fellowship, and graduate King scholarship. See CSEAS Funding.
- Jan. 31: Deadline for abstracts, 2021 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference.
- 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.
- 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.

8. CSEAS expands its podcast offerings

Now there are two good reasons to tune into CSEAS podcasts: 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. In the latest Crossroads episode, “A Special Relationship: The United States and the Philippines Military,” host Eric Jones speaks with historian Mesrob Vartavarian about how the rise of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte fits with the history of military elites and oligarchy in the Philippines. Southeast Asia Crossroads’ following has grown to more than 37,400 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 70 countries; topics range from history and politics to art and culture. Since its June 1 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, and We Were Soldiers), and features a conversation with Dave Luhrssen, author of The Vietnam War on Film (ABC-CLIO, 2019), in its most recent episode.

9. 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. Visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Kheang Un at kun1@niu.edu.
10. 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 in. 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.

A few good books
NIU Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to NIU History Professor Emeritus Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at kclymer@niu.edu.

11. Conferences, webinars NEW

- Where Great Powers Meet: America and China in Southeast Asia webinar, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. CST. Hosted by the Asia Society. Via YouTube and Facebook Live. See website for links. NEW

- Regulating Religion in Asia webinar, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. CST. Hosted by the National University of Singapore Centre for Asian Legal Studies in collaboration with the Asia Research Institute. Via Zoom. NEW

- Southeast Asia Climate Outlook Survey 2020: Results and Analysis webinar, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. Results of ASEAN-wide survey of future climate change impacts on SEA. Survey conducted by ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore. Via Zoom. NEW


- Viral Sovereignty: Security and Mistrust in the Indonesian H5N1 Influenza Outbreak, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. CST. Via Zoom. NEW

- East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific, Feb. 11–13, Honolulu. IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL See website.

- 2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, March 20, Northern Illinois University. VIRTUAL Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

- 2021 Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference, Links and Fractures, March 19–21, Cornell University. VIRTUAL Deadline for abstracts: Dec. 18. See website.
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.


12. Money for study
ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute
- **Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow:** Social Media in Southeast Asia, three months to one year, in Singapore. Fluency in English and at least one SEA language required. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 18. See website.

Blakemore Foundation
- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Apply for 2021–22 graduate fellowships for one year of intensive language study (Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Khmer or Burmese). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 30. See website.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)
- **Fellowships:** Two programs, one for scholars (including international scholars who have U.S. residents for at least three years) and one for scholars and doctoral students, for research to be conducted in 15 countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, and Myanmar. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 15. 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.

13. Careers
National University of Singapore
- **Assistant professor:** Department of Sociology tenure-track position in anthropology of Asian borderlands, beginning fall 2021. **Application review began Nov. 30.** See job listing.

University of Washington
- **Assistant professor:** Department of Asian Languages and Literatures tenure-track position in modern Southeast Asian literature and culture, beginning fall 2021. **Application review began Nov. 12.** See job listing.

Yale University
- **Postdoctoral position:** Council on Southeast Asia Studies seeks associate for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 appointment. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 15. See job listing.

Yale-NUS College
- **Assistant professor**: Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian history to begin start of 2021–22 academic year. [Application review began Nov. 1 and continues until job filled](#). See [job listing](#).

**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.

**Devel: 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.

The future calls
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