Music en masque: The Thai Music Ensemble, one of the few Southeast Asian studies classes offered in-person this semester, are practicing outside as long as the weather holds. Other SEA classes are online. See below

And we’re back!

CSEAS welcomes returning and new students and faculty to campus. The Center is open 8 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, and always available by phone (815-753-1771) and email (cseas@niu.edu)

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1. Virtual and otherwise, what’s on tap for fall at CSEAS

After a spring like no other, CSEAS is geared up for a fall like no other, with most classes online and events virtual. Instead of weekly in-person Friday lectures, we will be offering three lectures in collaboration with the Graduate Colloquium this fall. Temple University geographer Jacob Shell will present “Elephant Riders of the Burmese and Kachin Forestlands: Evasive Mobility, Vadalogical Geography, and Mahuto-Futurism” in a virtual lecture on Microsoft Teams at 3 p.m. Sept. 18; just dial in to attend. Columbia University anthropologist Eve Zucker will present “From Guardian Spirit: Reintegration through Transformation” at noon Oct. 9 in Barsema Hall 200. Cornell University visiting Southeast Asia Program fellow Mesrob Vartavarian will present “A Special Relationship: The United States and the Philippine Military” at noon Nov. 13 in Barsema Hall 200. Also this fall, NIU Thai Studies is hosting the Council on Thai Studies annual meeting as a virtual event Nov. 13–15. CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepbiriruk (World Languages and Culture) is heading the effort; for details, contact her at kanjana@niu.edu. Another virtual event launched over the summer is the online exhibition, “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma,” put together by Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond. The exhibit, planned for the Southeast Asian Performing Arts Showcase in spring, was cancelled along with the showcase, but now is now live online. It focuses on the changing portrayal of Burmese women by Myanmar artists.

Over the summer, summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows had to pivot from intensive language study in Southeast Asia to online language study through the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Those who opted to participate in SEASSI were graduate students Timothy Johnson, Dan McCoy, Isabelle Squires, Matthew Westler and Zachary Zoet and undergraduates Pay Say and Biak Thang. Graduate student Eden Maxey did private Burmese study at NIU over the summer. CSEAS has awarded 17 AY2020–21 FLAS fellowships. Recipients are graduate students Christopher Bechtel (Tagalog), Patricia Buczynski (Indonesian), Timothy Johnson (Indonesian), Dan McCoy (Indonesian), Isabelle Squires (Tagalog), Rita Veron (Tagalog), Matthew Westler (Thai), Glynnis White (Indonesian) and Zachary Zoet (Burmese), and undergraduate students Spencer Jones (Indonesian), Ahyen Labanan (Tagalog), Elayna Lachs (Tagalog), Angel Latham (Indonesian), Anne Rutherford (Thai), Pay Say (Burmese), Biak Thang (Burmese), and Holly Young (Thai).

Plans are in the works for more creative and safe ways to bring our SEA community together in these COVID-19 times. In the meantime, please join us, and the Center for Burma Studies, for a Socially Distanced Meet and Greet from 3 to 4 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 3, on the west lawn of Pottenger House. Meet friends and colleagues old and new with contactless beverages (bottled Thai ice tea and Mogu Mogu) and clementines, all under the trees. Mask up and see you there!
2. Get your fall SEAS courses here

There is still time to sign up for an SEAS class this fall. Interdisciplinary offerings are the name of the game. The origins of SEA cities past and present. Six millennia of arts and architecture in SEA and elsewhere in Asia. The history of SEA since 1800 and the history of Buddhist SEA. Introduction to international relations focusing on six SEA countries. All but ARTH 294 and ARTH 457/657 are being taught online. In addition, all five SEA language classes are virtual: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. Note: Non-NIU students may also sign up for Burmese, Indonesian, and Thai as for-credit distance classes. A non-credit Distance Indonesian class is also available.

Non-language fall courses include:

- ANTH 491/591, Origins of Cities (Piphal Heng)
- ARTH 294, Introduction to Arts of Asia (Catherine Raymond)
- ARTH 457/657, Religion, Conflict and Environment in Classical and Contemporary SEA Art (Catherine Raymond)
- HDFS 384, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi)
- HIST 343, History of SEA since 1800 (Jones)
- HIST 442/542, History of Buddhist SEA (Trude Jacobsen)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Alex Yoffe)
- POLS 285, Introduction to International Relations (Aarie Glas)
- POLS 376, Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 381, Regional Security (Aarie Glas)
- SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Micah Morton). Also offered as Honors class.

All courses are applicable toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. For details, see full course list.

3. Center associates update

- Kheang Un (Political Science) will serve as CSEAS Assistant Director for 2020–21, succeeding Ju-Ching Wang (School of Music) who served from 2018 to 2020. Wang will be on sabbatical this year.
- Kanjana Thepbiriruk (World Languages and Cultures) received a $14,500 Summer Research and Artistry Opportunity Grant for her project, “Thai as a Heritage Language in the United States,” which aims to assess Thai language instruction in the U.S. with the goal of helping increase Thai language proficiency in K-12 schools. Data collection will take place during AY 2020–21 and will employ one graduate and one undergraduate assistant. Thepbiriruk’s article “Dressing Thai: Fashion, Nation and the Construction of Thainess, 19th Century to Present” has been published in the Journal of Applied History, Vol. 1, No. 2.

4. Learn the lingo: Virtual workshop on translation and SEA works

Tyrell Haberkorn, professor of Southeast Asian Studies at UW-Madison, is holding a six-part virtual workshop this fall for graduate students interested in translating and circulating work from SEA languages into English. The workshop will be divided between conversation about the possibilities, challenges, politics and practicalities of translation and combining scholarship and translation through five sets of readings outlined below and critiquing draft translations by workshop members. Through peer critiques and listening sessions, students will develop a sense of what constitutes a ‘good’ translation. The workshop will meet virtually from 6 to 8 pm CST (7 to 9 pm EST, 5 to 7 pm MST, 4 to 6 pm PST) on six Wednesdays beginning Sept. 9 and concluding with a
public online reading Nov. 18. For a full schedule and details on how to apply, please see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jtXrhasZuS_rjdZweYiAEHh3ovIZev_7PB4NmVXKUU/.

5. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Vietnam’s efforts to be a global market player NEW
Tune in to the latest episode of CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series for host Eric Jones’ conversation with Cornell PhD candidate Hoang Minh Vu about his research surrounding the Third Indochina War and Vietnam’s efforts to integrate itself into the economic fabric of the non-Communist global market. Our podcast following (more than 24,000 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

6 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.

7. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts
Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at kclymer@niu.edu.

8. Money for study NEW
Center for Indonesian Policy Studies NEW
- 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 NEW
- 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.

9. Careers
U.S.-ASEAN Business Council NEW
- Policy and research internships: Semester internships based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. Deadline for spring 2021 placement: October 10; for summer 2021 placement: March 10. For details, email 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.

VIA
- **Global Community Fellowship**: 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. 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 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.

The future calls

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