

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Sound check for Al-Mizan during a concert in Bantul, Yogyakarta. Learn more about Islam's role in modern Indonesian sociocultural practices in this week's lecture. (Photograph by Albert Agha)

Music, culture and the muse in Indonesia

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1. This week's lecture: Islam's role in modern cultural practices in Indonesia **NEW**



Agha

Former FLAS fellow Albert (Aboud) Agha (MM music, 2013), PhD candidate in ethnomusicology at the University of California Los Angeles, will present "Dawah Through Musicking: Al Mizan Music Group and the State Islamic University in Yogyakarta" at noon Friday, **Feb. 24**, in Campus Life 100. Agha's talk will cover issues and themes concerning Islam's role in the scope of modern cultural practices in Indonesia and the broader global Islamic sociocultural trends. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request 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. Notes from all over: Outreach at Waubensee, POLS in print **NEW**



CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood lectures about the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodia at Waubensee Community College.

CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood talked about the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodia to an audience of about 160 gathered **Feb. 14** for "Cambodia Research and Reflections: Community College 2016 Study Tour," a special presentation at Waubensee Community College conducted by Kathleen Westman, associate professor of sociology at Waubensee. Westman is one of three area community college educators who traveled with Ledgerwood to Cambodia in 2016 for the purpose of developing teaching materials about

Cambodia. The group visited schools and universities, markets, Buddhist wats and temples, national museums and libraries, the ongoing Khmer Rouge tribunals, and Angkor Wat to observe facets of Cambodian life, history, current events, and social conditions specific to Cambodia's future growth and progress. "By visiting women's NGOs we learned that by empowering women promises expanded opportunities in well-being and nation development," Westman said. "When women have more opportunities to contribute, not only will Cambodian nation building be enriched but the rest of the world will benefit." Lesson plans and curricula developed by Westman and study-tour participants Paul Edelman from Sauk Valley Community College and Willie Morris from Harper College will soon be posted on the CSEAS website. The event was sponsored by the Waubensee Sociology and History departments, the Womyn for Womyn Student Group and CSEAS. . . . Political science PhD candidate Iqra Anugrah, who has been in Indonesia conducting field research for the past year and a half, participated in a workshop at the University of Sydney's

Southeast Asia Centre **Feb. 5–7** and has contributed a chapter to a resulting publication, *Activists in Transition: Contentious Politics in the New Indonesia*. Iqra's chapter is entitled "Land Rights Movement in Contemporary Indonesia." . . . Fellow political science colleague and CSEAS graduate assistant Thomas Rhoden published a review of *Caretaking Democratization: The Military and Political Change in Myanmar* by Renaud Egretreau in the **Feb. 9** edition of *The Irawaddy*. It originally appeared in [Tea Circle](#), a forum hosted at Oxford University for emerging research and perspectives on Burma/Myanmar.



Rhoden

3. Apply for Indonesia summer study abroad by March 1



Hamayotsu

Interested in gaining firsthand field and living experience next summer in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority democracy in the world? CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is leading [Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia](#) **May 21–June 4** in Yogyakarta, Central Java. The two-week program will focus on how Indonesia's diversity informs the country's politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict, and a rapidly changing Southeast Asian society. Yogyakarta is a vibrant hub of culture, arts, education and industry. Participants will live at [Gadjah Mada University](#) and participate in daily activities and field trips. Students can earn up to six hours of graduate or undergraduate credit (undergraduate credit can be applied to CSEAS's minor in Southeast Asian studies). The cost is \$3,250 (not including airfare). **Deadline to apply: March 1.** NIU offers limited funding opportunities, including the Provost Travel Grant (contact the NIU Study Abroad office) and other options, such as the Student Engagement Fund, listed in Money for Study below. For details, contact Hamayotsu at khamayotsu@niu.edu or [NIU Study Abroad](#) at 815-753-0700.

NIU Study Abroad also offers the opportunity to study Laotian history, language and culture through the five-week [SAIL](#) program offered by the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco. The program will be held **June 27–July 31** in Vientiane, Laos, based at the Lao-American College, the first private college and only school founded by a US citizen in the Laos. Participants can earn up to 10 hours of undergraduate credit. Cost is \$2,960 (\$3,785 with college credit). **Deadline to apply: April 3.** Some scholarship funding available from SAIL (funding application deadline is **March 15**) in addition to some NIU funding.

4. Emory political scientist to keynote spring student conference



Doner

Mark your calendar for the Southeast Asia Club's spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, **April 1**, in Campus Life 100. Final papers are due Friday, **March 8**; email them to niuseaclub@gmail.com. \$100 cash awards will be awarded for best undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be Emory University political scientist Richard Doner, a specialist in the political economy of economic development in Southeast Asia.

5. A world full of family: Be a host for SEA youth exchange programs **NEW**

CSEAS and NIU's International Training Office (ITO) are actively seeking area home stay hosts for two spring Southeast Asia youth exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. State Department at NIU for more than a decade.

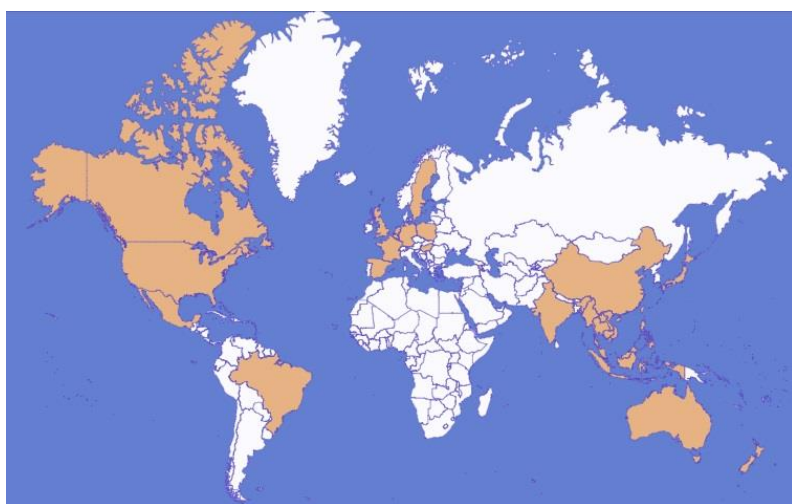
CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host 50 high school students and ten adult leaders from nine Southeast Asian countries participating in the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Home-stay dates are **April 8–16**. Students may be placed in pairs and adults as singles. Hosts provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host-stay family orientation is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, **April 3**, on campus. Host family applications may be submitted [online](#) (where you will also find more details about hosting). Contact SEAYLP Administrative Director Maria Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu. Read what local families have to say about being a home-stay host in [NIU Today](#).

Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without getting on an airplane
9. It beats watching “Survivor” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Malay, Thai, Tagalog or Vietnamese
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
4. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
3. It’s a good excuse for spring cleaning
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. **Your family will make friendships of a lifetime**

ITO is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of ITO. The home stay dates for PYLP are **April 17–29**. Contact ITO home-stay coordinator Leslie Shive at lshive@niu.edu.

6. New podcast: How we know what we know in SEA studies **NEW**



Getting closer to world domination: Thirty countries around the world listen to Southeast Asia Crossroads.

National University of Singapore historian and NIU alumnus Maitrii Aung-Thwin discusses his book *The Return of the Galon King* (Ohio University Press, 2010) and how we know what we know in Southeast Asian studies with CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones on the latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast. 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, 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 942 times with listeners in 30 countries.

7. **Save the dates: Make a difference, have some tea, prep for grad school** **NEW**

- **Feb. 21:** Want to make a difference? Interested in taking time to serve others? Hear from the Peace Corps, Teach for America, the Red Cross, College Possible and Easter Seals Wisconsin at a special panel discussion from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in DuSable Hall 474. **NEW**
- **Feb. 22:** Enjoy tea, snacks and conversation with the Southeast Asia Club at club president Andrew Waite's house, 621 N. Annie Glidden Road. For info, email niuseaclub@gmail.com. **NEW**
- **Feb. 25:** Grad School Prep Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Room 012 Altgeld Hall. Application tips, GRE strategies, advice from current grad students.
- **March 3:** CSEAS affiliate Melissa Lenczewski (Geology) discusses science research opportunities in Myanmar, 4 p.m., Davis 308.
- **April 1:** SEA Club spring student conference, Campus Life 100.
- **April 5–28:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)) at NIU.

8. **Help wanted: Seeking 2017–18 TA for SEAS 225**



CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the Teaching Assistant for SEAS 225, the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course, for the 2017–18 academic year. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Most lectures will be given by NIU's Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines. Specific duties include: Develop course syllabus and assessment modules; grade all exams, papers and assignments; keep office hours for student tutoring and guidance on lecture materials; post course material on Blackboard; teach some classes, including overview lectures and presentations relevant to his/her

discipline and research interests. Applicants should be advanced in their graduate studies (minimum two years) and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia, in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience preferable but not essential. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. All materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Lisa Heal by 9 a.m. **Monday, March 13**. 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.

9. **The match game: Apply for CSEAS match to Graduate School travel funding**

CSEAS will match up to \$250 in Graduate School travel grants for students traveling to out-of-town (or out-of-country) conferences during 2016–17 to present. If you will be receiving Graduate School travel funding, contact CSEAS Office Manager Lisa Heal (lheal@niu.edu) about the CSEAS match. If you are considering applying (**deadline to apply: March 20**), you must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School [website](#) for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

10. 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.

11. Advanced language programs offer funded chances to study abroad

Studying a Southeast Asian language in-country: Highly desirable. Studying a Southeast Asian language fully or partially funded: Priceless. These programs offer funding and the chance to learn overseas:

- **US-INDO Summer Studies Program:** Intensive 10-week language and cultural studies program **May 25–Aug. 3** in Yogyakarta is sponsored by the US-Indonesia Society with support from the Freeman Foundation. The 2017 program includes a 10-day break to accommodate the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Cost of the program for participants is \$2,000 with all other costs covered. **Deadline to apply: March 31** (acceptance by **April 30**). For details, see [USINDO website](#).
- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK):** Intensive six-week program **June 20–July 29** sponsored by the Center for Khmer Studies in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Coordinated through University of Hawai'i-Manoa. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28**. Partial [funding](#) available. For details, see [ASK website](#) or email Ms. Tith Srey Pich at juniorfellowships@khmerstudies.org.

12. Money for study

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- **SEF grants:** Student Engagement Fund support undergraduate projects for summer and fall 2017, including mentored student research, faculty-led study abroad programs and conference or competition travel. **Deadline to apply: March 15**. See [website](#).
- **SROP grants:** Summer Research Opportunities Program funds eight weeks of support for students to engage in full-time faculty-mentored research during the summer (40 hours per week). Participants receive housing, meals and a stipend. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 19**. See [website](#).
- **USOAR grants:** Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad, up to \$2,500. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available [online](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 22**. Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2017** to complete their projects, and must present a poster at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day in April.
- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students are invited to submit proposals for 2016–17. **Deadline to apply: March 20**. One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. CSEAS will do a department match. Contact Director Judy Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu.

U.S. Department of State

- **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program:** Undergraduate scholarships for Pell Grant recipients for study-abroad and international internship programs during summer 2017 or the 2017–18 academic year. **Deadline to apply: March 7**. Contact Anne Seitzinger at NIU Study Abroad, aseitz@niu.edu. For information about the program, see [website](#).

Fulbright-Hays

- **Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships:** Applications now available for 18-month program for doctoral candidates to conduct full-time dissertation research. **Deadline to apply: March 14.** See [website](#).

Chulalongkorn University

- **ENITS/ENITAS Scholarships:** Graduate funding for research related to Thai Studies (ENITS) or research related to the ASEAN region (ENITAS). Recipients required to present research and preliminary results in May 2017 at Institute of Thai Studies in Bangkok. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** 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, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2018–19 fellowships open.** See [website](#).

13. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **Vietnam and Korea as 'Longue Duree' Subjects: Negotiating Tributary and Colonial Positions,** March 3–4, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. See [website](#).
- **19th Graduate Student Conference, Crossings in Southeast Asia,** March 10–12, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies (AAS),** March 16–19, Toronto. Registration open. See [website](#).
- **Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference,** April 1, Northern Illinois University. Keynote speaker: Richard Doner, political scientist, Emory University. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.
- **The Rise of Asia: History and Perspective,** March 22–24, University of Le Havre, France. Call for papers and for publication. **Deadline for abstracts: ASAP.** See [website](#).
- **Symposium on Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asia,** April 1, Ingraham Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Research Group (SEARG). Details pending. Email seargmadison@gmail.com.
- **Asian Review, Political Ideologies in Southeast Asia,** May or June 2017, Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Asian Studies, Bangkok. Call for papers and workshop. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 20.** Some travel funding available. 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. **Application deadline: March 1.** 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. **Deadline for abstracts: April 15.** See [website](#).
- **International Conference on National Human Rights Institutions in Southeast Asia,** July 13–14, Bangkok. Call for papers and posters. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28.** 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. **Deadline for abstracts: March 3**. 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. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31**. See [website](#).
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28**. See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. **Deadline for abstracts: March 8**. See [website](#).

14. Careers

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](#).

15. 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.

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