

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of February 4, 2019



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1. This week's lecture: 'Buddhist nationalism' in Myanmar **NEW**



Walton

University of Toronto political scientist Matthew Walton will present "'Buddhist Nationalism' in Myanmar: Diverse Identities, Contested Modernities," at noon **Feb. 8** in Campus Life 100. Walton will share insights into his years of research into Buddhist activism in Myanmar and analyzing the nuances and variations of nationalist sentiment among various ethnic groups. Prior to his talk, Walton will conduct a short graduate seminar, "Human Nature and Buddhist Politics in the *Aggañña Sutta*: Contrasting Interpretations from Burma and Thailand," from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the same location. Walton's seminar, co-sponsored by the Tocqueville Forum in Political Science and CSEAS, will explore what Peter Jackson has called the "interpretive plasticity" of Buddhist concepts by examining the ways in which two Buddhist thinkers from Burma and Thailand have interpreted and drawn upon a particular Theravada Buddhist text to defend divergent political systems and ideologies. (An RSVP is required to attend the seminar; contact Political Science Professor Andrea Radasanu at aradasanu@niu.edu.) To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request or cancel a previous request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for the cost. Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com for details. See complete spring lecture [schedule](#).

2. Call for papers: Deadline Feb. 8 to submit for spring conference



Weintraub

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference—Nexus: Southeast Asia—which is set for Saturday, **March 30**, in Campus Life 100. Papers may be submitted from any discipline on a topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; **Abstracts due Feb. 8; final papers due March 1**. Email inquiries or abstracts to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub (PhD University of California-Berkeley), professor in the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Music specializing in the music of Southeast Asia, specifically Indonesian performing arts and more broadly in ethnomusicology and cultural theory. He is also the founder and lead singer of the Pittsburgh-based band Dangdut Cowboys, which plays *dangdut*, an Indonesian folk/pop music genre. The NIU Graduate Colloquium and School of Music are co-sponsoring Weintraub's visit to NIU.

3. Looking ahead: Summer Research Opportunities Program

The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) offers an eight-week Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) for undergraduate students to conduct paid, faculty-mentored research in their field of study. Students are required to commit to 40 hours per week, present at the Summer Research Symposium on campus, and participate in supplemental activities. Chosen students will receive a \$3,500 stipend and optional free on-campus housing. **Applications due: March 11**. See the OSEEL [website](#).

4. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our newest podcast

Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series (more than 10,500 listens since its debut in September 2016). In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones talks to historian Vicente Rafael, Costigan Endowed Professor at the University of Washington, about "The Trauma of Witnessing: Photographing the Philippine Drug War." Rafael is studying the role of photojournalism as an act of witnessing the Duterte regime's war on drugs in the Philippines. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

5. Be a 'home-bassador' for spring SEA youth exchange programs

CSEAS is actively seeking homestay hosts in April and May for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs that have brought talented students and young adults to NIU for leadership development training for 15 years. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). **SEAYLP Homestay dates are April 13–20.** Students are placed in pairs while adults in pairs or 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. See the SEAYLP [website](#) for program details and online application. For more



Horsing around: SEAYLP participants learn all about horses during their homestay with an area family. Read what local families have said about being a homestay host in [NIU Today](#).

information, contact Homestay Coordinator Susan Edwards at se3279@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

CSEAS is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 15 years has brought young people and adult leaders from Mindanao in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or as singles. **PYLP homestay dates are April 21 to May 5.** Contact PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu or Homestay Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.

6. **Save the dates:** Abstracts due, spring programs coming up **NEW**

- **Feb. 8:** Abstracts due for spring student conference
- **Feb. 15:** Last day to see Burmese reverse glass painting exhibit at NIU Art Museum.
- **March 1:** Final papers due for spring student conference
- **March 11:** Deadline to apply for Summer Research Opportunities Program ([SROP](#))
- **March 30:** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Campus Life 100.
- **April 10:** "Liberalism and Democracy in Myanmar, book presentation by Dr. Ian Holliday, noon, Campus Life 100. Co-sponsored by CSEAS and Center for Burma Studies. **NEW**
- **April 1–28:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program

- **April 2–26:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program

7. Study Indonesian, other SEA languages through Boren awards

The [Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative](#), begun in 2017, is a fully funded David L. Boren language-study scholarship aimed specifically at increasing the number of Indonesian-speakers in the U.S. This summer/fall program is open to U.S. citizens who are either beginning Indonesian language instruction or who have already begun study. It begins with an eight-week Indonesian language program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's [Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#), followed by a fall program in Indonesia at the State University of Malang administered by the American Councils for International Education. Awardees are encouraged to request funding to stay in Indonesia after the fall language program is complete and participate in study abroad programs they identify on their own. Both undergraduates and graduate students may [apply](#) (**Feb. 7 deadline for undergrads, Jan. 30 deadline for graduate students**). Boren graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships offer fully funded opportunities to study other SEA languages as well. Deadlines to [apply](#) are same as above. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu.

8. Advanced language programs offer more 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 varying levels of funding and the chance to learn overseas:

- **United States-Indonesia Society scholarships:** Applications open for U.S. juniors, seniors or graduate students, ages 18-30, to apply for **May 23–Aug. 1** summer language and culture program in Indonesia. Applicants pay \$2,000 toward program fees and transportation to and from Indonesia; all other fees covered by USINDO. See USINDO [website](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.**
- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK):** Intensive six-week program **June 10–August 2** in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia. Coordinated through University of Hawai'i-Manoa in collaboration with the Center for Khmer Studies and the Institute of Foreign Languages in Cambodia. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** Partial [funding](#) available. See [ASK website](#).

9. Apply online for graduate conference travel

The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](#) proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure \$200 to \$500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply [online](#) by **March 15**.

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. 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 Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

11. Money for study

NIU

- **Student Engagement Fund:** Provides funding from the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) for students working on 2019 faculty-mentored research and undergraduate student engagement projects, in addition to study abroad programs and conference or group class travel. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).

University of Hawai'i/East-West Center

- **NEH Summer Institute:** Four-week program, "Colonial Experiences and Their Legacies in Southeast Asia," **June 10–July 5**, for faculty and advanced graduate students. Directed by Barbara Watson Andaya (UH) and Peter Hershock (East-West Center). \$3,300 stipend. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** See [website](#).

Fulbright-Hays

- **Dissertation research abroad fellowships:** U.S. Department of Education-funded opportunity for PhD candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad. **Deadline to apply: March 25.** See [website](#).

Library of Congress

- **Philip Lee Phillips Society Fellowship:** Two-month opportunity to conduct research at the library's John W. Kluge Center using Geography and Map Division's collections and resources. No degree requirement, but scholars in the fields of geography, cartography or history preferred. Stipend: \$5,750 per month for two months. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 15.** See [website](#).

ENITS/ENITAS

- **2019 scholarships:** Chulalongkorn University offers funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai studies or related disciplines. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Junior Resident Fellows Program: July 1–Aug. 9.** Open to U.S., French and Cambodian undergraduates or recent graduates. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).
- **Khmer Language and Culture Study: June 10–Aug. 2.** Open to U.S. undergraduates, graduate students, post-grad researchers and faculty with two years of Khmer study. In collaboration with [University Hawai'i-Manoa](#); Fulbright-Hays funding available for 12 students. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).

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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. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See [website](#).

ProFellow

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

12. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers **NEW**

- **18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **21st Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 8–10, Ithaca, NY. Theme: Conformities and Interruptions in Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver. CO. See [website](#).
- **The Vietnam War Symposium**, March 22–23, Texas Christian University Department of History, Fort Worth. Registration appreciated. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Nexus: Southeast Asia, 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 30, NIU Campus Life 100. Call for papers. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 8.** Submit to niuseaclub@gmail.com. Keynote speaker: Andrew Weintraub, professor, University of Pittsburg Department of Music.
- **2nd Graduate Conference in Qualitative Inquiry**, March 30, NIU Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. Open to NIU graduate students presenting original qualitative research. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 28.** See NIU Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **2nd University of Michigan Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference: (Re)Making Memory in Southeast Asia**, April 6, Ann Arbor, MI. See [website](#).
- **19th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia**, April 13, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Co-sponsored by the Yale and Cornell Indonesian forums. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 24.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **6th Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference: Within and Beyond Asia**, April 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Feb. 15.** See [website](#).
- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop**, May 28–29, University of Zurich. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 17.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Transformation of Youth Identities in East and Southeast Asia: Public Spaces and Intimacy**, May 27–28, University Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies**, June 13–15, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).
- **SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, June 17–21, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See [website](#).

- **International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference**, July 4–8, Singapore. “Asia-Pacific and World Order: Security, Economics, Identity and Beyond.” **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 8.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop**, Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. **Send abstract of proposed contribution by Feb. 28** to nick.enfield@sydney.edu.au. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, D.C. See [website](#).
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies**, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: April 1.** For details, email Serge Gragner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.

13. Careers

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Membership and business development associate:** Entry-level position based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. See [job listing](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Instructor:** Seeking applicants with undergraduate teaching experience for Junior Resident Fellows Program, July 1–Aug. 9. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** See [job listing](#).

College of Lake County

- **Anthropology instructor:** Full-time faculty member sought for Business and Social Sciences Division in Grayslake, Ill. Position to start Aug. 12. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** See [website](#).

El Colegio de Mexico

- **Professor, Buddhist Studies:** Full-time position funded for four years by Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, with possibility of tenure after grant expires. Start date: August. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** For details, email direccion-ceaa@colmex.mx.

Thammasat University

- **One-year professorship:** Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. Email Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

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

- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers:** Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

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. 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 [website](#).

14. 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. 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. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, Il. See [website](#).

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