

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Artist rendering of a collective farm in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge era (source: Bophana Center). See This Week's Lecture below.

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1. This week's lecture: The other side of death in Khmer Rouge Cambodia **NEW**



Jacobs

Rachel Jacobs, PhD candidate in comparative politics at University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present "Buffers Against Famine: Social Ties and the Effects of Collectivization in Khmer Route Cambodia" at noon **March 8** in Campus Life 100. Jacobs' talk will address the causes of non-execution deaths in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge regime (1975–79) when approximately one-quarter of the population lost their lives directly to execution or indirectly to starvation. She argues that it was not just the regime's control over agricultural farming but the policies of social control and collectivization that led to high rates of starvation. 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](#). Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be in cash or by check. If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for paying unless the lunch is sold at the lecture. **You may cancel your order without penalty by 10 a.m. Thursday.** E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com if you have any questions. See complete spring lecture [schedule](#).

2. Center associates update: Presenting and accounted for **NEW**

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) will be at Northwestern University this Friday, **March 8**, presenting "Islamization of the Indonesian State? Comparative Religious Regime Formation in Southeast Asia" at the [workshop](#), Islamist Movements in Indonesia and Turkey: Mobilization, Islamization and Legitimacy.



Hamayotsu



Lenczewski

She also has published "The Political Origins of Islamic Courts in Divided Societies: the Case of Malaysia" in the 2018 [issue](#) of *The Journal of Law and Religion*.

* Melissa Lenczewski (Geology and Environmental Geosciences) was in southern Illinois **March 1** to present "Environmental and Water Issues in Cambodia and Myanmar" at SIU-Carbondale.

3. Help wanted: 2019–20 Teaching Assistant for SEAS 225 **NEW**

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the 2019–20 teaching assistant for SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, location to be determined. Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines will deliver most of the lectures.

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. The Center will give preference to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays a monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. CSEAS also provides office space in Pottenger House. For more information, contact CSEAS Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu or Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

3. SEA Club prepares to host Nexus: Southeast Asia **NEW**



Weintraub

The Southeast Asia Club is preparing to host its 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference—Nexus: Southeast Asia—on Saturday, **March 30**, in Swen Parson Hall (new location). 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 (check out the group on [YouTube](#)). Weintraub's visit is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium and School of Music. Accepted papers will be due **March**

1. Email inquiries to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be awarded for undergraduate and graduate papers. Lunch will be provided.

4. 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](#).

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



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](#).

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 singles. **PYLP homestay dates are April 21 to May 5.** It's easy to apply [online](#)! Contact Homestay Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu or PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu for details.

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

6. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Buddhist nationalism in Myanmar **NEW**

Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and NIU political scientist Andrea Radasanu talk with comparative political theorist Matthew Walton, who shares insights into his years of research into Buddhist activism in Myanmar. Our following (more than 13,000 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.

7. **Save the dates:** Spring events

- **March 11:** Deadline to apply for Summer Research Opportunities Program ([SROP](#)).
- **March 20:** Children's story time featuring traditional folk tale and puppet show from Myanmar, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Burmese Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Khin Thu Thu Win. Snack provided.
- **March 30:** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Campus Life 100.
- **April 3:** CSEAS associate and Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail presents "Rebuilding the Community Spirit in the Language Training Classroom One Partner and One Group at a Time," 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Watson 110.
- **April 7:** Children's story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from Indonesia, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Bahasa Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Reza Fahlevi. Snack provided.
- **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.
- **April 13–May 5:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program
- **April 2–26:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
- **April 27:** Children's story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 11 a.m., Malta Public Library, 203 Adams St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal.
- **April 27:** YA/Teen Southeast Asia Graphic Novel Group discussion of the 2007 graphic novel, [Burma Chronicles](#), by Guy Delisle, 1 to 3 p.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Dr. Matt Jagel, CSEAS Outreach. Books available for checkout at the library.

8. 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**.

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 Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

10. Money for study **NEW**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Scholar-in-Residence:** Long-term fellowship for U.S. postdoctoral Cambodia researcher. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S. Department of Education

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award:** Funding for doctoral candidates to pursue dissertation research abroad in foreign language and area studies. **Deadline to apply: March 25.** Informational webinar video and more available on [website](#). **NEW**

Open Society Foundations

- **2019–20 Scholar Awards:** Proposals invited for doctoral students and faculty from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Grants for up to \$15,000 available. **Deadline to apply: March 29.** 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](#).

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](#).

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.

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

- **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](#).

- **Nexus: Southeast Asia, 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 30, NIU Campus Life 100. 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. 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. See [website](#).
- **6th Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference: Within and Beyond Asia**, April 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Passages: Locating Global Traditions in Southeast Asian Music and Performance**, April 19, Indiana University. See [conference notice](#). **NEW**
- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop**, May 28–29, University of Zurich. See [website](#).
- **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](#).
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies**, June 13–15, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. 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.” See [website](#).
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **7th International Symposium of Journal Antropologi Indonesia**, July 23–26, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. See [website](#).
- **Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop**, Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. Email to nick.enfield@sydney.edu.au. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, D.C. See [website](#).
- **EuroSEAS 2019**, Sept. 10–13, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Call for papers for [panel](#): New Focus on Old Archaeology: Reassessing Controversies in Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15**. Contact: Lia Genovese at trinacria_1955@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Of Peninsula and Archipelago: The Landscape of Translation in Southeast Asia**, Aug. 31–Sept. 1, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Hosted by the International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies. **Deadline for abstracts: April 1**. 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 Gagner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.

12. 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](#).

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](#).

13. 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. See [website](#).

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