

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of October 7, 2019



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Islamic finance, special lectures, SEA films

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1. This week's lecture: Techno-politics of money in SEA **NEW**



Rudnyckj

University of Victoria anthropologist Daromir Rudnyckj, author of *Beyond Debt: Islamic Experiments in Global Finance* (University of Chicago Press, 2019), will present "Approaches to Southeast Asian Capitalism," at noon Friday, **Oct. 11**, at Campus Life 110 (Honors office). Rudnyckj's current research examines the techno-politics of money. Based on ethnographic fieldwork in Malaysia, Rudnyckj illustrates how the state, led by the central bank, seeks to make Kuala Lumpur "the New York of the Muslim world," the central node of global financial activity conducted in accordance with Islam. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). To cancel an order, you must do so 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. Feed your body and mind.

2. Campus notes: This week's special lectures and kudos **NEW**



Rehbein

CSEAS welcomes Dr. Boike Rehbein, professor of society and transformation in Asia and Africa, Humboldt University, Germany, this week to present "Inequality in Southeast Asia with a Focus on Thailand" from noon to 1 p.m. **Oct. 9** in the Asian American Resource Center (entrance: Door with red awning on south side of Health Services Building). Rehbein, who specializes in inequality, social theory and globalization, has published more than 25 books in these fields. His talk will explore Thailand's unique social structure, a country of the global South that has never come under colonial rule while emulating Western modernization. Here's [one](#) of Rehbein's recent lectures at the University of Cologne. . . John Brandon, director of international programs for The Asia Foundation in Washington, D.C., will also be on campus this week to give an informal government and international career talk at 2 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 8**, in the lower level of Founder's Library near Caribou Coffee. Brandon, who received his master's in political science from NIU and is a veteran Southeast Asia hand, offers the kind of SEA career perspective you won't get from a website. . . . Kudos to FLAS fellow and current MBA student Dan Wade (J.D., 2019), who has passed the bar exam and will be sworn in as an attorney in Illinois in November.

3. Center associates update: On the road again **NEW**

* Eric Jones (History, CSEAS) travels to New Orleans this weekend for the Council of National Resource Center Directors meeting. The council is an advocacy group for area studies education in the U.S.

* Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for



NIU at MCAA: Catherine Raymond, Markie Striegel, Carmin Berchiolly, Jui-Ching Wang and Shei-Chau Wang

Burma Studies), Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music, CSEAS) and Shei-Chau Wang (Art Education) joined Center for Burma Studies research assistant Carmin Berchiolly (MA art history, 2017) and MA art history candidate Markie Striegel presenting at the **Oct. 4-6** Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

4. CSEAS at COTS next weekend **NEW**

CSEAS scholars and graduate students travel to Madison next weekend to present at this year's Council on Thai Studies (COTS) [annual meeting](#) **Oct. 18–20**, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Southeast Asian Studies. On **Oct. 18**, CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk (World Language and Cultures) will present "Dressing Thai: Fashion, Nation and the Construction of Thainess" at 3:30 p.m. Later in the evening by Thai Language Professor Emeritus John Hartmann, who will present "Through Looking Glasses of Differing Colors: Contrasting View of the Thai Novel *Thutiyawiset* by M. L. Boonlua Debyasuvarn" at 6:30 p.m. On **Oct. 19**, graduate FLAS fellow Matthew Werstler (MM candidate, world music) will present "Imagin(ed/ing): Singing Communities of Tai Peoples in Southwest China" and History doctoral candidate JoAnn LoSavio will present "Temporary Thais: Circular Thai-U.S. Migration in the 1960s."

5. Southeast Asia Film Festival in Chicago this week **NEW**

Southeast Asia is on the silver screen in Chicago this week at the SUBTITLE Southeast Asian Short Film Festival "Within, Without," from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, **Oct. 10–12**. Films will be screened in two locations: **Oct. 10** in the DePaul CDM Theatre, 14 E. Jackson Blvd, LL105, and **Oct. 11–12** on the third floor at 5027 N. Broadway. Admission is free. SUBTITLE, a Chicago group that began as an online film magazine, has organized the event. The program features short films made by established and emerging SEA filmmakers, ranging from documentary and fiction to experimental films. "Through the filmmakers' voices, this program explores the fluid identities of Southeast Asians that are encapsulated in conversations about love, death, gender, youth and dreams, everyday life, money, traditions and myths," SUBTITLE notes. The festival leads off with *Weeping Birds*, a 2018 feature film by Malaysian filmmaker Chan Teik Quan that tells the story of an elderly couple who take old age and death as a joke. See [website](#) for complete film list and program notes.



6. **Save the dates:** Special lectures galore, fall gamelan concert **NEW**

- **Oct. 8:** Government and international career talk by John Brandon, director of international programs for Washington, D.C.-based Asia Foundation, 2 p.m., lower level, Founders Library.
- **Oct. 9:** "Inequality in Southeast Asia with a Focus on Thailand," lecture by Dr. Boike Rehbein, professor of society and transformation in Asia and Africa, Humboldt University, Germany. Noon to 1 p.m., Asian American Resource Center (entrance: Door with red awning on south side of Health Services Building).
- **Oct. 9:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Philippines, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. A CSEAS Outreach activity.
- **Oct. 18:** Deadline to submit [nominations](#) for NIU outstanding international educators, staff and students. **NEW**

- **Oct. 24:** Huang Minh Vu, PhD candidate Cornell University, Vietnamese scholar, 1 p.m. Campus Life 100.
- **Oct. 18–20:** Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Southeast Asian Studies. See [website](#).
- **Nov. 13:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Thailand, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St.
- **Nov. 25:** NIU Gamelan Ensemble fall concert, 6:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Music Building.

7. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Grassroots politics in SEA **NEW**



Tune in to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series to hear host Eric Jones and SUNY-Albany political scientist Meredith Weiss discuss her research on the durability of "hybrid" electoral authoritarianism and the impact on grassroots politics in Southeast Asia. Our following (more than 18,500 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around



Weiss

the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

8. CSEAS offers distance Indonesian class fall and spring

Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama's 10-week beginning Indonesian [distance class](#) through CSEAS begins this week. But you can also sign up to take it in the spring; just sign up and indicate spring on the registration form. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Instruction will be live and conducted by Aoyama. Contact her at rhartati1@niu.edu for details.

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. 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.

11. Money for study

NIU

- **Undergraduate Student Engagement [Travel Grants](#):** Funding available for full-time students to attend professional conferences, NIU study abroad programs, Huskie Alternative Break trips and other student engagement projects. Applications reviewed the 15th of every month. **Deadline for study abroad funds: Dec. 8.** For details, contact engage@niu.edu.

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarships:** Open to undergraduate and graduate students for fully funded intensive summer 2020 study of Bahasa Indonesia. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 19.** See [website](#).

Blakemore Foundation

- **Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study:** 2020-21 fellowships for recent graduates, graduate students and working professionals, covering tuition and a stipend for educational, living and travel expenses. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 20.** See [website](#).

National Endowment for the Humanities

- **CAORC senior research fellowships:** Applications open for 2019-20 fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars (who have resided in the U.S. for three or more years. Research to be conducted between May 2020 and November 2021 in an American overseas research center in Cambodia, Indonesia or Myanmar. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 23.** See [website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Senior research fellowships:** Applications open for in-country fellowships for doctoral students from U.S., Cambodia and France. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** Other fellowship opportunities also. See [website](#).

Center for Indonesian Policy Studies

- **Visiting research fellowships:** Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related PhD 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. **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

- **Council on Thai Studies,** Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies,** Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. For details, email Serge Gagner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.
- **SEASIA Biennial Conference 2019,** Dec. 5–7, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Change and Resistance: Future Directions of Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific,** Feb. 13–15, East-West Center, Honolulu. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Oct. 15.** See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association,** April 16–19, Chicago. Call for papers. **Deadlines for proposals begin Oct. 3; undergraduate proposal deadline Dec. 5.** See [website](#).
- **Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast,** June 12–13, University of Hawaii-Hilo. Diverse topics in humanities, arts, social sciences, health, law or other disciplines related to Asia and Asian diaspora. **Deadline for proposals, etc.: Feb. 29.** See [website](#).

- **Association for Critical Heritage Studies 2020**, Aug. 26–30, University College, London. Panel call: Rethinking Settle Colonialism and Indigenous Heritage in Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 10.** See [website](#).

13. Careers **NEW**

Northern Illinois University

- **Assistant Professor:** Tenure-track position in cultural anthropology; seeking SEA specialist, starting Aug. 2020. Joint hire with Department of Anthropology and CSEAS. [Submit applications and documents through NIU online employment system.](#) **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1. NEW**

University of Florida

- **Assistant Professor:** Tenure-track position in modern Asian history, starting Aug. 2020. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** See [website](#).

Singapore Management University

- **Professor:** Tenure-track position at full, associate or assistant level in politics and history of SEA, starting July 2020. **Application review begins Oct. 1.** See [website](#).

McGill University

- **Assistant or Associate Professor:** Tenure-track position in SEA religions, with research rooted in study of at least one tradition and comparative study of another. **Application review begins Oct. 1.** See [website](#).

ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute

- **Visiting Fellow/China and Mainland SEA:** Two- to six-month fellowship to study social and cultural impact of Chinese capital and labor flows into villages, towns and cities of Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and/or Laos, starting Jan. 2020. PhD required (political science, sociology, anthropology or demography studies preferred). See [website](#).

Clark University

- **Visiting Assistant Professor:** One-semester, non-tenure track position in the history of Islam in early modern and/or modern world, starting Jan. 2020. ABD or PhD in history, Islamic studies, or related field required. See [website](#). **NEW**

University of California-Santa Cruz

- **Assistant Professor SEA History:** Tenure-track position in history with emphasis on environmental history; all SEA geographical and topical subfields welcome. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 5.** See [website](#). **NEW**

Vanderbilt University

- **Assistant Professor Asian Environmental Studies:** Tenure-track position beginning fall 2020. Open to humanities, social sciences, natural sciences specialists in Southeast, East or South Asia. **Application review begins Nov. 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**

SNA International

- **Historian:** Full-time position to conduct historical research and writing for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, based in DPAA lab in Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. MA minimum educational requirement. **Position open until filled.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline to apply for spring internships: Oct. 10.** For details, email internships@usasean.org. See [website](#).

Yale-NUS College

- **Assistant anthropology professor:** Tenure-track [position](#) for 2020–21 academic year. **Application review begins Oct. 31.** Apply online. 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](#).

14. Area cultural opportunities

- Within: Without, Southeast Asian Short Film Festival, 6:30 to 11 p.m., **Oct. 10–12**, Chicago. Films will be screened in two locations: **Oct. 10** in the DePaul CDM Theatre, 14 E. Jackson Blvd, LL105, and **Oct. 11–12** at 5027 N. Broadway, third floor. Organized by SUBTITLE, the festival features short films made by established and emerging SEA filmmakers. See [website](#) for film list and program notes.
- Check out Asian Pop-Up Cinema, a semi-annual film festival in Chicago sponsored by non-profit film organization Sophia's Choice. Season 9 runs from **Sept. 10–Oct. 10** and includes 17 new films and special guests, including films from the Philippines and Thailand. Screenings will be held in various Chicago sites. See the season's [fall lineup](#).
- 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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