

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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1. This week's lecture: Military perspective on Thailand's political landscape

Thai military attaché Senior Colonel Saranyu will present "A Military Perspective on Thailand's Political Landscape" with NIU alumnus John Brandon (MA political science, 1985), director of The Asia Foundation's regional cooperation programs, at noon Friday, **Oct. 3**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. To order a Filipino lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag 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 or questions, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Oct. 1 lecture: Thai scholars compare decentralization reforms in Thailand, Indonesia

Two Thai scholars will compare the progress of decentralization reforms in Thailand and Indonesia from a fiscal perspective in "The Specter of Leviathan in Central Local Relations Revisited" from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, **Oct. 1**, in Room 315 Altgeld. Speaking will be Achakorn Wongpredee, associate professor in the Graduate School of Public Administration at the National Institute of Development Administration in Bangkok, and NIU alum Tatchalerm Sudhipongpracha (PhD political science, 2011), now a lecturer in the College of Local Administration at Khon Kaen University in Khon Kaen, Thailand. The lecture is sponsored by CSEAS and the divisions of Public Administration and International Affairs. Light refreshments will be served.

3. Study abroad in Thailand, Bali or Laos next summer **NEW**

Thinking about heading to Southeast Asia next summer? CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively. Molnar's program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, is set for **June 8–July 3**. It will introduce students to Thailand's diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. **Application deadline is March 16**. Wang's program, Experiencing the Arts in Bali, will take students to a village location in Bali for three weeks to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts.



Students try out the gamelan in front of Jui-Ching Wang's Experience the Arts in Bali display at NIU's Study Abroad Fair last week.

NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Information on all study abroad programs, and opportunities for partial travel funding, is available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

4. Chiang Mai professor to lead off October COTS meeting **NEW**

Chayan Vaddhanaphutti, director of the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development at Chiang Mai University, will lead off the **Oct. 17–19** Council on Thai Studies

meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a noon presentation Friday, **Oct. 17**. His presentation will be followed by an afternoon of Thailand-related films with the first panel presentations beginning Friday evening. Most of the meeting's presentations will take place all day Saturday, **Oct. 18**, and in the morning Sunday, **Oct. 19**, all in Ingraham Hall. UW anthropology professor Katherine Bowie will host a brunch at her home following the meeting wrap-up Sunday morning. For more information, email COTS chair Ian Baird, ibaird@wisc.edu or see COTS [website](#). **CSEAS is organizing a van to the conference. If interested, please contact the Center at cseas@niu.edu.**

5. Center associates update: Kudos to Clymer, Russell, Than **NEW**



Clymer

* Kenton Clymer (History)'s new book, tentatively entitled *Delicate Dance: United States Relations with Burma/Myanmar Since World War II*, has been accepted for publication by Cornell University Press and will be published in 2015.

* Susan Russell (Anthropology) has received a \$90,117 Fulbright-Hays Group Project grant for next summer. The project, called "The Philippines: Ethno-Religious Diversity and Human Rights in a Transitioning Democracy in Southeast Asia," will send twelve

global studies and social science high school teachers and community college instructors from minority-serving institutions in northern Illinois to the Philippines for four weeks of cultural and language immersion. The emphasis, Russell says, will be on exposing educators to the history and ethno-religious diversity of the Philippines, basic conversational and listening skills in Tagalog, teaching about human rights and strategies for developing on-site lesson plans and video blogs. Illinois currently requires teachers to teach about the Holocaust and human rights in all public elementary and high schools.



Russell

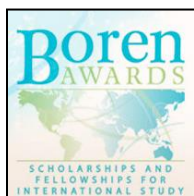
* Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) has received a \$35,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to run workshops in Myanmar/Burma and Bangladesh that will bring together academic and intellectual communities from the two countries.

6. Alumni news: Destinations ITO and VOA **NEW**

- Congratulations to former CSEAS graduate assistant Srie Ramli (PhD political science, 2014), who is working as a Training Specialist for the International Training Office designing, coordinating, and managing the academic part of short-term training program for international participants at NIU. "We've had training programs with participants from all over the world including the Philippines, Indonesia, China, Belize, Sri Lanka, and France, with various themes including youth leadership, good governance, and business management," Ramli says.
- Sreinith Ten (MA political science, 2014) is working full-time at [Voice of America Cambodia](#) in Washington, DC. Ten was an intern at VOA over the summer.

7. Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.



The Boren fellowships and scholarship program, an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from \$20,000 for undergraduates to \$30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne

Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For more information, see the [Boren website](#).



The Blakemore Foundation makes grants for the advanced study of selected Southeast Asian languages—Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese—by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. The grants cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate

degree pursuing a professional, business, technical or academic career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). **The deadline to apply is Dec. 30.**

8. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad certificate



Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. To learn about NIU's Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at jehrenkonig1@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

9. Money for study

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Post-doc and senior fellowships:** Short-term and long-term funded research opportunities available through Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 30.** See [website](#).

International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University

- **IIAS fellowships:** Funding available for scholars focusing on three topic areas: Asian Cities, Asian Heritages, and Global Asia. Interdisciplinary interests encouraged. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 1.** See [website](#) for details.

Social Science Research Council

- **International dissertation research fellowships:** Nine- to 12-month support for graduate students in humanities and humanistic social sciences. Amounts vary depending on research plan. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 4.** See [website](#) for details.

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **AIFIS/CAORC research grants:** U.S. scholars invited to apply for \$5,750 grants to support research in Indonesia. **Deadline: Oct. 15.** See [website](#) for details.
- **AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation grants:** U.S. and Indonesian scholars invited to apply for \$5,000 grants to support research across the field of contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 14.** See [website](#) for details.

University of Cambridge

- **Charles Wallace Burma Trust Visiting Fellowship:** Centre of South Asian Studies three-month fellowship (Jan. 13 to March 13, 2015) open to Burmese scholars working in any field. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities:** Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 3.** See [website](#).

United States-Indonesia Society

- **2015 Sumitro Fellowships:** \$10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

10. Job/internship opportunities

New York University Abu Dhabi

- **Tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asian history:** Applications sought for assistant, associate or full professor position. Benefits include housing and educational subsidies for dependents. Appointment to begin Sept. 2015. **Application review begins Oct. 15.** For information, see [website](#). **NEW**

Asia Group

- Strategic and capital advisory group seeks engagement manager and associate based in Jakarta or Singapore. MA degree in business, economics, international relations, Asian regional studies or communications required. **Desired start date: Oct. 1.** Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Shannon Hayden at hayden@the-asia-group.com.

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

World Health Organization

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](#).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the [Idealist website](#).

Hess International Educational Group

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess [website](#) for details.

11. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 17–19, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [link](#) for details.
- **12th Northeast Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 25, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Hosted by Cornell Indonesian Association and Yale Indonesian Forum. See [conference website](#).
- **1st International Conference on Salween-Thaniwin-Nu Studies**, Nov. 14–15, Chiang Mai University.
- **Symposium on ‘Social Resistance in Non-Democracies,’** Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. See [symposium website](#).
- **4th International JSA-ASEAN Conference**, Dec. 15–16, Thammasat University Institute of East Asian Studies. See [conference website](#).

- **International Symposium on Cambodia**, Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See [symposium website](#).
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See [conference website](#).
- **Workshop: Religious Pluralism, Magic and Gender/Sex Diversity in Southeast Asia**, Jan. 21–22, Humboldt University, Berlin. Precedes DORISEA conference (see separate listing). Some travel funding available. **Deadline: Sept. 30**. Email peter.jackson@anu.edu.au for details.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See [conference website](#).
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. Call for panels. **Deadline: Oct. 1**. See [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies 2015**, March 26–29, Chicago. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia**, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Nov. 15**. See [website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Dec. 31**. Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See [consortium website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. Call for panels and roundtables. **Deadline: Oct. 31**. See [conference website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See [conference website](#).

12. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014-15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, that were chosen by members of the NIU and local communities.
- “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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).

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