

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Now Indonesian President Joko Widodo campaigns during the 2014 campaign in Indonesia. Political scientist Dan Slater talks about Asia development and democratization in this week's Friday lecture. Details below. (Photo / Bloomberg)

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### Burnish your resume

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor or a graduate certificate 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 advisor Maria "Rai" Nihei at [mhancock3@niu.edu](mailto:mhancock3@niu.edu). Graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [iloveroti@gmail.com](mailto:iloveroti@gmail.com).

### 1. This week's lecture: Asia's development and democratization **NEW**



Slater

Dan Slater, associate professor of political science at University of Chicago, will present "Democracy through Strength: Asia's Development and Democratization" at noon Friday, **Sept. 9**, in Room 100 Campus Life. Slater received his PhD from Emory University in 2005; the focus of his research is the social and historical foundations of political order, conflict and accountability in Southeast Asia and other regions. He is the author of *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia* (Cambridge University Press, 2010); his chapter "The Content of Democracy: Nationalist Parties and Inclusive Ideologies in India and Indonesia" with Maya Tudor will be published in the forthcoming *Parties, Democracy and Movements in the Developing World*, edited by Nancy Bermeo and Deborah Yashar from Cambridge University Press. 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](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com).

### 2. All the news that fits: *Mandala* 2016 posted online **NEW**

The summer 2016 issue of the Center's [Mandala](#) annual newsletter is up on the Center website. Read all about the past summer of faculty research activities, the upcoming Burma Studies and Thai Studies conferences, staff changes, faculty transitions, student news and accomplishments, outreach updates, and a new scholarship established in the name of late political science professor Dwight King.

### 3. On display: Opening reception for Burma exhibits at NIU Art Museum this week **NEW**

There will be a public reception this week for four Burma/Myanmar art exhibits on display in the first-floor galleries at the NIU Art Museum from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, **Sept. 8**, preceded at 5 p.m. by "A Celebrating the Flowers of Burmese Art," a lecture by art history professor and Center for Burma Studies (CBS) Director Catherine Raymond in 315 Altgeld. The museum's series of exhibits takes visitors through the traditional and the modern. There are iconic pieces from the Burma Art Collection, including textiles, paintings, Buddhist pieces, chests for holding sacred texts, decorative pieces in wood, ivory and silver, and ceremonial lacquerware, as well as works by modern artists in Myanmar from the Thukhuma Collection. As Raymond explains, "While representing the past—through the donations of American diplomats, scholars or even simple explorers who have lived in Burma—the exhibitions also examine the transformations which occurred throughout Burma/Myanmar's history." The exhibits will be open through **Nov. 18**.

The museum exhibits are part of a larger celebration of Burmese art on campus this fall in conjunction with the **Oct. 7–9** International Burma Studies Conference and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CBS. Two exhibits opened **Sept. 1** at the Jack Arends School of Art: "Painting Myanmar Today: A Selection from the Thukhuma Collection" in the Olson Gallery and "Unexpected Myanmar; Paw Oo The's Watercolors" in the hallway cases across from the gallery. A public reception will take place 4:30 to 6 p.m. **Oct. 6**, with a gallery talk by the Thukhuma collector Ian Halliday of Hong Kong University. The exhibits will be on display through **Oct. 27**.

The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Memorial Library will also host an exhibit, "Exploring Calligraphy, Serigraphy, and Cartography in the Burmese Collection," opening **Oct. 1**.

#### 4. Learn about undergrad research opportunities this week

The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning is hosting a presentation session by faculty and students involved in campus research opportunities at noon **Sept. 8** in 125 Altgeld. Afterward, there will be an information session on two such programs, the Student Engagement Fund ([SEF](#)) and the Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research ([USOAR](#)) Program, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the same location. **Deadline to apply for spring SEF funding is Oct. 15; the deadline for USOAR funding is Oct. 1.**

#### 5. Burnish your resume with Southeast Asian Studies **NEW**

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#### 6. Your brilliant career: Professional development with CLAS **NEW**

Students close to graduation have until **Sept. 12** to sign up for ILAS 490-0001, a one-hour professional development seminar being offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The seminar meets from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesdays for six nights **Sept. 13** through **Nov. 1** in Reavis 2015. Topics covered include mapping your major to a career, marketing yourself to employers (establishing your brand), understanding organizational culture, workplace etiquette, networking, cultural diversity and more. The last two sessions will be devoted to job fair preparation, mock interviewing, and networking. For more information, contact Jack King, CLAS Director of Professional Student Development, at [jackking@niu.edu](mailto:jackking@niu.edu).

#### 7. **Save the dates:** Fulbright deadline, campus conferences, exhibits and more exhibits **NEW**

- **Sept. 8:** "Celebrating the Flowers of Burmese Art," Catherine Raymond, Room 315 Altgeld, followed by opening reception for Burma exhibits at the NIU Art Museum.
- **Sept. 9, 12:** Campus deadlines for Fulbright ETA and student research fellowships.
- **Sept. 13:** Asian American Welcome Night, 5 p.m., co-hosted by the Asian American Resource Center and Chi Sigma Tau fraternity.
- **Oct. 6–9:** International Burma Studies Conference, Holmes Student Center and Altgeld Hall, NIU. See [website](#) to register.
- **Oct. 28–29:** Council on Thai Studies conference, Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, NIU. See [website](#) to register.
- **Through September:** Exhibit on Cambodian music through the years, Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, Founders Memorial Library.
- **Through December 9:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit, Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.

#### 8. Enlarge your world: Campus deadlines for Fulbright fellowships

NIU anthropology graduate student Shannon Thomas is spending nine months on Palawan island in the Philippines this semester conducting research as a Fulbright scholar with the indigenous Filipino Tagbanua people. Since 1946, the US Department of State's [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)

has provided fully funded opportunities to study, conduct research, or to serve as English teaching assistants in more than 70 countries. The campus deadline to apply for a 2017–18 Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship is **Sept. 9**. Applicants must have a letter of affiliation or indication of academic admission (if enrolling somewhere) by **Sept. 12**. NIU's Fulbright adviser is Associate History Professor Valerie Garver ([vgarver@niu.edu](mailto:vgarver@niu.edu)). Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will take place in late September. For details, contact either Garver or Sarah Lindell with the Division of International Affairs ([slindell@niu.edu](mailto:slindell@niu.edu) or phone 815-753-9526).

## 9. Money for study

### *Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Fellowships:** Open to US and Cambodian PhD candidates and scholars in social sciences and humanities to pursue research in Cambodia and elsewhere in mainland SEA. Short-term and long-term awards. Funded by American Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).

### *Institute of International Education*

- **Boren awards:** Undergraduate scholarships (\$20,000) and graduate fellowships (\$30,000) for study or research abroad of less commonly taught languages, including SEA languages. **Fellowship deadline: Jan. 31. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 9.** See [website](#).

### *Rotary International*

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. Applications for 2018–19 fellowships available in mid-December. See [website](#).

## 10. Job/internship 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](mailto: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. See [program website](#).

### *Room to Read*

- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See [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](mailto: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](#).

*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](#).

## 11. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Association for Southeast Asian Studies in the UK**, Sept. 16–18, SOAS, University of London. See [website](#).
- **Thailand in Comparative Perspective: An International Symposium**, Sept. 26–27, University of Sydney. Also, one-day workshop for postgrad and early-career researchers **Sept. 28**. See [conference website](#).
- **Asia Pacific Sociological Association Conference**, Sept. 24–25, Royal University of Phnom Penh. Theme: Globalization, Mobility and Borders: Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia Pacific." See [conference website](#).
- **International Burma Studies Conference**, Oct. 9–16, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. See conference [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies 2016**, Oct. 28–29, Northern Illinois University. See conference [website](#). **4<sup>th</sup> Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference**, Jan. 4–5, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Theme: Memories, Networks and Identities of Transnational Hmong. See [website](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region**, Feb. 16–18, 2017 East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Call for papers. Some travel funding available. **Deadline to submit abstracts and travel grant applications: Sept. 12**. See [website](#).
- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual History Graduate Student Conference**, Nov. 4, Northern Illinois University. Theme: Producing History. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: Aug. 22**. Email abstracts or send questions to JoAnn LoSavio at [niuhistorygsa@gmail.com](mailto:niuhistorygsa@gmail.com).
- **On Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the 'Margins' under Globalization**, Feb. 7–8, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India. **Deadline to submit abstracts: Aug. 31**. See [details](#).
- **Vietnam and Korea as 'Longue Duree' Subjects: Negotiating Tributary and Colonial Positions**, March 3–4, 2017, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. Two-part international conference coordinated by International Institute for Asian Studies and others. **Deadline to submit abstracts: July 5**. See [website](#).
- **13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. **Deadline to submit abstracts: Aug. 21**. See [website](#).

- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Co-sponsored by International Institute for Asian Studies and Chiang Mai University. Some funding available. Deadline to submit abstracts: Oct. 10. See [website](#).

## 12. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team to make arrangements at [cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org](mailto: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](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.

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