

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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1. This week's lecture: Effect of religious identity on language in Malaysia



Mukherjee

Dipika Mukherjee, an author, poet and sociolinguist affiliated with Northwestern University's Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, will present "The Effects of Religious Identity on Language Variation: Case Studies from Malaysia" at noon Friday, **September 13**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Mukherjee's research focuses on language patterns of diasporic communities, with her most recent work examining the effect of Malaysia's national language policy on different migrant groups there. To order a Cambodian 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 details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. The entire [fall lecture series schedule](#) is posted on the Center website.

2. Center associates update: Sabbaticals, field research, and fellowships away

* Congratulations and best wishes to Political Science associates Michael Buehler and Kikue Hamayotsu, who have been promoted to associate professor.

* The ranks of Center associates are a little thinner this year with five associates off campus for either fall semester or the entire 2013–14 year. Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are on sabbatical. Hamayotsu has been in Indonesia since summer researching religious intolerance and democracy, and religious parties and electoral politics in Indonesia and Malaysia. She presented a paper, "Welfare Provisions, and State-Society Relations: Lessons from Muslim-Dominant Regimes in Southeast Asia, Malaysia and Indonesia" in August at a workshop organized by the National



Kikue Hamayotsu interviews Muslim politician and youth leader of the Muhammadiyah Islamic movement this summer.

University of Singapore's Asia Research Institute. Wang travels to Indonesia later this year where among other projects she is planning a summer 2014 study-abroad program to Bali on Indonesian music and dance. Kenton Clymer (History) is not teaching fall semester while working on his next book and plans to travel to Myanmar for part of the time. Danny Unger (Political Science), after teaching comparative politics at NIU's six-week summer program at Oxford University in England, is on leave in Thailand for the year. Trude Jacobsen (History) is in London where she is a visiting fellow for the Centre for History of Public Policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and working on her next book. She will be back in DeKalb for a week in October to lead a panel at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

* In addition to teaching Origins of Political Order (POLS 665) this semester, Michael Buehler (Political Science) is a Rajawali Research Fellow at Northwestern University's Equality Development and Globalization Studies program for 2013–14.

* Jim Henry (Computer Science), who retired last year as did Indonesian professor Patricia Henry, is back in his department teaching for one more year. The Henrys, whose association with NIU and the Center goes back more than 30 years, received honorary certificates from CSEAS at the 50th Anniversary Gala in March. Among their NIU accomplishments, the Henrys and associate John Hartmann created [SEAsite](#).

3. Thai ambassador comes to NIU to finalize upcoming royal visit



*Her Royal Highness
Princess Maha Chakri
Sirindhorn*

Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Chaiyong Satjipanon and a team from the Royal Thai Embassy were at NIU **Sept. 5** to finalize details on the upcoming **Sept. 18** visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, who is coming to receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree. Noted for her work in higher education and humanitarian efforts in Thailand, Her Royal Highness holds a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in Oriental epigraphy and in Pali and Sanskrit languages, and a PhD in educational development. She is the head of the Department of History at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, Associate Provost for International Programs

Deborah Pierce, and CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Chalermsee Olson (Founders Memorial Library), and Catherine Raymond (School of Art) have been busy working with NIU officials and the Royal Thai Embassy on preparations since early summer. Raymond is creating an exhibit of Thai art and artifacts from NIU collections that will be on display for Her Royal Highness in Altgeld 203, near the Auditorium where the ceremony will be held. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a processional that will include Her Royal Highness, Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Chaiyong Satjipanon, Thai Consul General in Chicago Songphol Sukchan, NIU President Douglas Baker, Provost Raymond W. Alden, political science professor emeritus and distinguished Thai scholar Clark Neher, faculty and other dignitaries. The public is invited to attend the ceremony; those wishing to attend must email the Center at cseas@niu.edu by **Sept. 9**. The ceremony will conclude around 11 a.m.; those attending are invited to tour the exhibit afterward. For more details on the royal visit, see [NIU Today](#).



While on campus Sept. 5, Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Chaiyong Satjipanon, center, presented Provost Raymond W. Alden, right, and language professor John Hartmann with a \$5,000 gift from the Royal Thai government for enhancements to the Thai section of SEAsite, the online language and culture resource developed by NIU. (Photo /CSEAS)

4. Student news: More kudos and puppets on parade

- The Indonesian POLS graduate students keep racking up the competitive research grants—congratulations to Sirojuddin Arif, who has won a 2013–14 grant from the American-Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation (AICEF).

- The Center has two new characters on display in the front office, thanks to 2013 graduate Gregory Kramer (political science), who brought two wooden shadow puppets back with him from Malang, Indonesia, where he spent eight weeks studying intensive Indonesian as a U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholar. The puppets, from left, are Bima, the Javanese knight, and Semar, the king's adviser.



Center outreach Coordinator

Julie Lamb crafted handsome wooden block stands for the puppets. Many thanks to Greg, who is pursuing graduate school options he hopes will take him back to Indonesia, for these beautiful pieces.

5. Thinking globally, acting locally with Southeast Asia Club

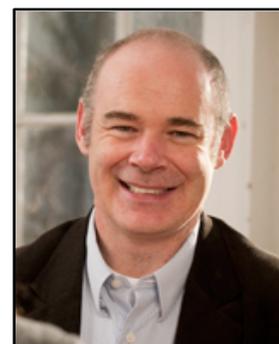


SOUTHEAST ASIA CLUB

The Southeast Asia Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 1 p.m. **Sept. 12** in the Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. This year's officers are Nicole Loring, president; Elise Waite, vice president; Rebecca Anthenat, secretary; Zharfan Irawan, treasurer; Anthonie Tumpag, culture night coordinator; and conference coordinator, Brian Ventura. The club organizes cultural performance events, presents an annual student conference, and community outreach activities to local schools, libraries, and nonprofits. See the club [website](#) for details or email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

6. Fall area Southeast Asia conferences include COTS at NIU

It's not too early to be thinking about the upcoming fall Southeast Asia conferences in the area, including one at NIU. The annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting will be held on campus the weekend of **Oct. 18–19**. COTS, which began at NIU in 1972, is an informal organization of scholars interested in all aspects of Thai studies. The conference will lead off with a lecture Friday by **Srisompob Jitpiromsri**, an NIU alumnus and director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University in Pattani, Thailand. The keynote speaker Saturday will be University of Leeds professor of Southeast Asian politics Duncan McCargo. Registration is free; the deadline is **Sept. 20**. Reservations for rooms at the Holmes Student Center must be made by **Sept. 27**. Conference organizers include CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Julia Lamb (CSEAS), Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library), Grant Olson (Foreign Languages and Literatures), and Danny Unger (Political Science). **Register early and help the organizers get a count; the registration form is on the [COTS website](#).**



Duncan McCargo

Following COTS, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., is hosting the 62nd Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs **Oct. 25–27**. The conference, the Midwestern affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, is the largest such regional AAS meeting. Associate Trude Jacobsen (History), the conference’s Southeast Asia representative, will lead and present on the panel “The Past in Burma’s (Gendered) Present: Historicizing Intersectionality in Myanmar.” The Center is organizing group transport. Conference registration, which includes Saturday evening banquet and one-year MCAA membership, is \$55 for students registering by **Sept. 15**. For details, see the [conference website](#).

7. **Save the dates:** Explore majors, study abroad fairs, and international ed week

- **Sept. 18:** 21st annual Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. For more information, email niuabroad@niu.edu.
- **Sept. 24:** Exploring Majors Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center **NEW**
- **Nov. 11–15:** Mark your calendar for International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs. Plans include a lecture by an NIU alumna and Islamic banking expert from Malaysia, an international careers event, and a keynote lecture on colonial Burma by Rutgers University historian Chie Ikeya on **Nov. 15**.

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



Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration 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 Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

9. **Sept. 20 deadline to apply for Fulbright programs**

Interested in applying for a Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship? Two 2013 CSEAS alumni, SarahEmily Lekberg (MM music) and Matt Ropp (BA communications), will be teaching English in Vietnam and Malaysia respectively this year courtesy of the Fulbright ETA program. Now’s the time to finish getting application materials together for both U.S. State Department-funded programs; **Sept. 20** is the deadline to apply through NIU’s Division of International Programs. Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will be held in early October. Before applying, contact Fulbright program advisor Janet Hathaway (School of Music) at jhathaway@niu.edu or 815-753-7970. More program details available [online](#).

10. **Job/internships opportunities**

University of Utah

- **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History:** Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 8**. For details, see [job posting](#).

Singapore Management University

- **Associate Professor, International and Asian Studies:** For details, see [job posting](#).

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. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

11. Money for study

National University of Singapore/Stanford University

- **Fellowship opportunity:** Applications open for 2014 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship on Southeast Asia. Open to all nationalities with backgrounds or positions in the social sciences or humanities. Fellowship provides travel and stipend for one month at NUS and one to three months at Stanford writing or researching contemporary Southeast Asia. For details, see [fellowship website](#). **NEW**

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **Research grants for scholars:** \$5,000 Henry Luce Foundation grants available for American and Indonesian scholars in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 15.** Forms available at [AIFIS website](#).
- **Research grants for graduate students, postdocs:** \$5,750 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) grants available for research in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 15.** Forms available at [AIFIS website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Fellowships:** Applications open for PhD students and senior scholars to conduct research in Cambodia. PhD fellowships are for a maximum of 11 months; senior scholar fellowships are for 4 to 6 months. Open to U.S. citizens only. For details, see [CKS website](#).

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **6th International Indonesia Forum**, Sept. 21–22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Call for papers for this conference at Sunan Kalijaga University. See [conference website](#).
- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 26–28, Bloomington, Ind. Sponsored by the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. See [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.
- **Canadian Council on Southeast Asian Studies**, Oct. 17–19, Montreal. See [conference website](#).
- **New Research in Southeast Asian History**, Oct. 18–19, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Inaugural graduate student conference. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Constructing Southeast Asia**, Oct. 23–24, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. Organized by the Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies at Gadjah Mada. For details, see [conference website](#) or email coconsea@gmail.com.
- **5th International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 30–31, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. For details, see [conference website](#).

- **Framing 'Asian Studies': Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **1st International Conference on Jambi Studies**, Nov. 21–24, Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **Alay at Laya: International Conference on Bonifacio and Mabini**, April 17–19, Manila. In commemoration of the 150th birthdays of Andres Bonifacio and Apolinario Mabini, important figures in the independence movement in the Philippines. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: Oct. 15.** For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. **Deadline for abstracts: Sept. 1.** For details, see [conference website](#) or email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

13. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in a long-running exhibit at the [Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum](#), 360 Park St., in Elgin. **NEW**
- Eight-week Javanese gamelan classes at the [Old Town School of Folk Music](#), 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., begin Wednesday, **Sept. 4**. More information on the [Chicago Friends of the Gamelan](#) website or find the group on Facebook.
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is 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 Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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