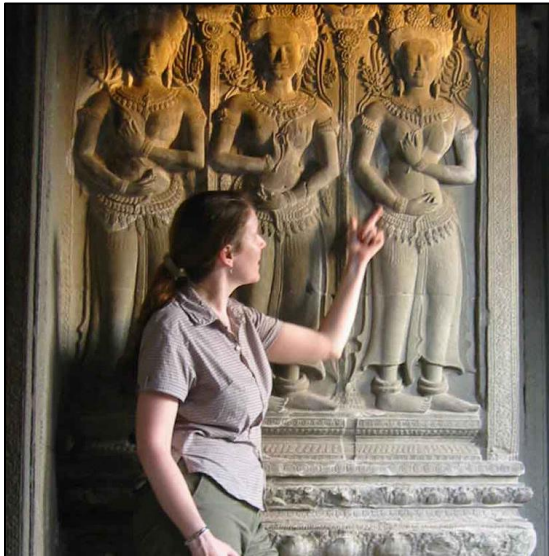


CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Beyond weekly lectures, cultural events gear up

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This week's lectures: Not one but two

The CSEAS Fall Lecture Series offers two weekly lectures this week. On **Oct. 14**, independent scholar and historian Leslie Castro-Woodhouse will present "Woman between Two Kingdoms: Dara Rasami and the Making of Modern Thailand" at 12:30 p.m. CDT both in person at Campus Life 100 and via [Zoom](#). Castro-Woodhouse, who received her doctorate in Asian history at University of California-Berkeley in 2009, is the author of the just published *Woman between Two Kingdoms: Dara Rasami and the Making of Modern Thailand* (Cornell University Press). Dara Rasami was one of the 153 wives of King Chulalongkorn of Siam in Thailand during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Born in the Lan Na kingdom, Rasami served as both hostage and diplomat for her family and country. Her story sheds light on how Siam responded to the intense imperialist pressures facing it in the late nineteenth century. The Thai Teaching and Research Fund is co-sponsoring the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

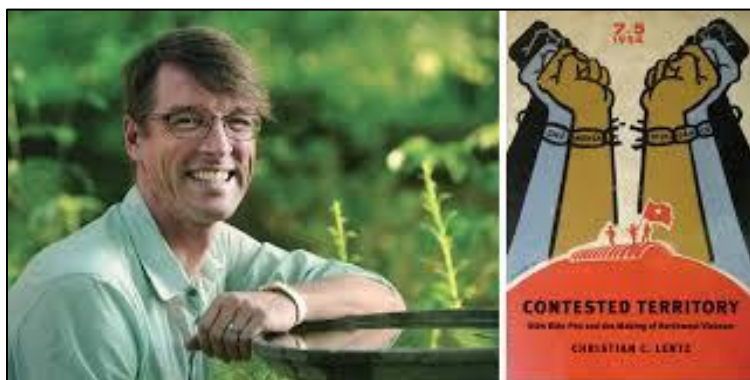
University of Hawai'i-Manoa geographer Krisna Suryanata, who works in the critical analysis of ecological sustainability, will present "Forms of Agrarian Accumulation in Rural Java" at noon **Oct. 15** via [Zoom](#). Born and raised in Indonesia, Suryanata is trained in soil sciences and remote sensing, and uses a more holistic approach to understanding natural resource management and processes of agrarian change. Her lecture is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium. For information on any CSEAS lecture, contact Outreach Coordinator Rachael Skog at rskog@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.



The NIU Thai Music Ensemble will perform at the Nov. 5 Showcase of SEA Performing Arts.

From wayang to gamelan, a night of SEA performing arts

Ever since last spring's pandemic shutdown, CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) looked toward rescheduling what was going to be a showcase of Southeast Asian performing arts to celebrate NIU's [125th anniversary year](#) and mark NIU's long [history](#) with Southeast Asian studies. This free public event is now back on the calendar, set for **Nov. 5**, at 7 p.m. CDT in the Boutell Concert Hall. The 125th Anniversary Celebration Showcase of Southeast Asian Performing Arts will feature *wayang kulit* puppetry by [Jennifer Goodlander](#), Thai music and dance, Javanese gamelan, Vietnamese guitar, and two world premiere percussion pieces. In conjunction with the concert will be the opening reception at 6 p.m. for "Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma," an exhibit of Burmese contemporary art on display in the adjacent Whitney Gallery through **Dec. 10**. The events are co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, the Office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the School of Music.



Christian C. Lentz, author of the book *Contested Territory*, chosen for this October's GETSEA Community Read.

Books available for October's GETSEA Community Read

The Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian (GETSEA) consortium will be reading *Contested Territory: Điện Biên Phủ and the Making of Northwest Vietnam* by Christian C. Lentz for its **Oct. 19** Community Read event at 6 p.m. CDT. Lentz, associate professor of geography at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, reframes the 1954 Battle of Điện Biên Phủ in this 2019 work of historical and political geography that won the Association of Asian Studies' 2021 Harry J. Benda Prize. A limited number of copies of the book, published by Yale University Press, are available at CSEAS. Contact cseas@niu.edu for availability. The book is also [available](#) at NIU Libraries, both in print and as an e-book.



Some of the members of the Karen community in Aurora, IL with a traditional bamboo house they recreated for "The Art of Surviving" exhibit. (Photo / Karla Findley)

Two talks to illuminate Burmese refugee exhibit

Learn more the refugee experience at two upcoming talks in conjunction with the "The Art of Surviving: The Journey of Burmese Karen Refugees in Illinois," a Center for Burma Studies exhibit on display through **Nov. 12** at the NIU Art Museum. The [exhibit](#) examines the Burmese Karen refugee experience through recreations of home, glimpses of refugee camps, artifacts, textiles, oral histories, and photographs. Aurora community members who have welcomed refugees will share their experiences on **Oct. 14**. NIU students will share their experiences as young adult children of Karen refugees on **Oct. 28**. Both talks will be in-person in 125 Altgeld

Hall and online at 5 p.m. CDT (see Save the Dates below for Zoom links); seating is limited and require masks to attend. The exhibit will become a traveling exhibit in 2022. For more details about the exhibit, see **Sept. 14** [article](#) by Katrina J. E. Milton in the *Midweek*.

Save the dates: Virtual grad fair, STEMfest, SEA showcase, COTS

- **Through Oct. 31:** Digital Thai comics [exhibit](#) through the Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Library.
- **Through Nov. 12:** “The Art of Surviving: The Journey of Burmese Karen Refugees in Illinois” at the NIU Art Museum.
- **Oct. 14:** “Land of Hope: Living Together in the U.S.”: Aurora, IL community members who have welcomed refugees share their experiences in [online](#) and in-person presentation at 5 p.m., 125 Altgeld. Moderated by Karla Findley.
- **Oct. 19:** Virtual Graduate and Professional School Fair, 5 to 7 p.m. See [details](#).
- **Oct. 23:** Look for CSEAS at NIU [STEM Fest](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holmes Student Center.
- **Oct. 28:** “Huskie Refugees at NIU”: Three NIU students share their experiences as young adult children of Burmese Karen refugees in [online](#) and in-person presentation at 5 p.m., 125 Altgeld.
- **Nov. 5:** 125th Anniversary Celebration Concert: Showcase of Southeast Asian Performing Arts, 7 p.m. Boutell Concert Hall. Accompanied by “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma” exhibit on display in the adjacent Whitney Gallery through **Dec. 10**. Opening reception at 6 p.m. before concert.
- **Nov. 12–13:** Council on Thai Studies ([COTS](#)) virtual conference, hosted by Ohio University.
- **Nov. 15–19:** International Education Week.
- **Through May 14:** Exhibit of nine textile-making practices from around the world including SEA at Pick Museum of Anthropology. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Latest Crossroads podcast: A Cambodian village across the decades



In the latest [episode](#) of Southeast Asia Crossroads, CSEAS Director and anthropologist Judy Ledgerwood sits with host Eric Jones to talk about her latest research and unprecedented study of one Cambodian village through 60 tumultuous years. With 73 episodes, Southeast Asia Crossroads’ following has grown to 50,000 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 100 countries; topics range from history and politics to art and culture. Tune in also to [Napalm in the Morning](#), an exploration of films dealing with the Vietnam War.

2020-21 Mandala online and in print

How did the CSEAS community spend the pandemic year? Virtual conferences, online classes, virtual exhibits, online cultural events, and dealing with COVID-19 in SEA. Check out our take on a year and a half like no other, plus faculty activities, student news, and alumni updates, in the combined summer [2020-21 Mandala](#) newsletter, now in print and online.

Conferences, workshops, webinars

Conferences

- **Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, Oct. 21–24, Vancouver. See [website](#).
- **COTS 2021**, Nov. 12–13: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, hosted virtually by Ohio University.
- **2021 National Humanities Conference**, Nov. 11–14, Detroit. See [website](#).
- **Modern Language Association Conference**, Jan. 6–9, Washington. DC. Covering such issues as big data and social media in Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 17–20, virtual. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Conference**, April 7–10, Chicago IL and virtual. Call for papers, roundtables and panel proposals. See [website](#).

Webinars

- **Southeast Asia in Transition: Plastic Runs Through It: “Mekong Fisheries,”** 7 to 8:30 p.m. CDT, Oct. 13. Co-sponsored by the Luce Foundation, East-West Center, Michigan State University, University of Hawai’i Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and Chiang Mai University. Details and registration [here](#). **NEW**
- **Queer and Feminist Movements against Dictatorship in Thailand**, 7 p.m. CDT, Oct. 20. Thai queer feminist Sirabhob “Raptor” Attohi in conversation with Cornell University SEA historian Tamara Loos. Details and registration [here](#). **NEW**

Money for study

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

- **Fellowships:** For U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 16.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarships:** Fully funded intensive summer language program in Indonesian. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 16.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S. Department of Defense

- **Boren Awards:** Intensive language study scholarships for undergraduates, fellowships for graduate students. **Deadline to apply for scholarships: Feb. 2. Deadline to apply for fellowships: Jan. 26.** See NIU Boren advisor Lauren Mock (lmock1@niu.edu) or the Boren [website](#).

Council on Foreign Relations

- **International Affairs Fellowships:** Open to early- to mid-career international relations specialists and to tenured international relations scholars. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** See [website](#).

Blakemore Foundation

- **Blakemore-Freeman Fellowships:** Awarded for one academic year of full-time intensive language study of Asian languages, including Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Khmer or Burmese, in approved language programs in East or Southeast Asia. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** See [website](#).

Center for Indonesian Policy Studies

- **Visiting research fellowships:** Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related doctorate 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. See [website](#).

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ProFellow

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

Careers

SUNY-Cortland

- **Assistant professor of Asian history:** Southeast Asia specialty encouraged for full-time tenure-track position. **Application review begins Nov. 5.** See [job posting](#). **NEW**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- **Assistant SEA history professor:** Full-time tenure-track position. Part of multi-disciplinary hiring initiative focused on Social Justice in Southeast Asia. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 24.** See [job posting](#). **NEW**

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

- **Assistant global studies professor:** Tenure-track position; regional and disciplinary focus open but expert knowledge of one or more Asian country and language requires. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [job posting](#).

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. For details, email internships@usasean.org. 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. Compensation in college credit. 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](#). **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](#).

The future calls

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