

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of April 16, 2018



CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk's Thai language students take their Food Unit speaking exam ordering their meal at a Thai restaurant after participating in a Songkran Festival sponsored by the Royal Thai Consulate Chicago and the Thai-American Association of Illinois April 14 in Chicago. It was just another in a full week of SEA activities at NIU. See item 3 below.

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1. This week's Friday lecture: Reshaping Vietnam's foreign policy **NEW**



Path

Political scientist Kosal Path of the City University of New York at Brooklyn, will present "The Origins of Vietnam's 'Doi Moi or Renovation' Thinking in 1986" at noon Friday, **April 20**, in Room 100 Campus Life. Path, who received his PhD from the University of California, was a researcher for the Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University and the Documentation Center of Cambodia from 1995 to 2000. His presentation focuses on a political history of how early reformists in Vietnam re-shaped rigid Marxist-Leninist orthodoxy into a less ideological and broad-based foreign policy in the mid-1980s. 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 \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Pay in cash or by check.

2. Friday lecture 2.0: Cold War images of violence in SEA **NEW**



Vann

Sacramento State University historian Michael Vann will present " 'And not just the men, but the women and children, too': Gendered Images of Violence in Indonesian, Vietnamese and Cambodian Museums" at 10 a.m. Friday, **April 20**, in Room 121 in the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies (next door to CSEAS). Vann is currently researching a comparative analysis of depictions of violence in three Cold War museums in Southeast Asia: the Museum of the Indonesian Communist Party's Treachery in Jakarta, the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City, and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Phnom Penh. "By exploring the museums' collections, I engage issues of history and memory,

state-constructed narratives, political silences and uncomfortable relationships between these three institutions within the contemporary ASEAN framework," Vann says. This talk will focus on his gendered analysis of the depiction of women and children in each museum.

3. That was the week that was: Festivals, performances and successful student conference **NEW**

CSEAS was in full outreach mode the weekend of **April 7** and continuing into the next week. The weekend began Saturday with the **Southeast Asia Club Spring Student Conference**. A dozen graduate and undergraduate students presented: I Younan An, Cassandra Chhay, Cameron Foreman, Limeng Ong,



Keynote speaker James Hoesterey and CSEAS Director Eric Jones, back left, with the conference presenters.

Amanda Spradling, Markie Striegel, Kallen Terry and Janet Vallejo, all from NIU; Michael Miller from Cornell University; Gavin Ryan, a 2017 Fulbright Scholar; and Bailey Wetzell and Shkelcim Zeciri from Sauk Valley Community College. The keynote speaker, anthropologist James Hoesterey from Emory University, discussed the evolution of "moderate Islam" in Indonesian politics and society. Cassandra Chhay (anthropology) won the award for Best Graduate Paper ("Educational



Thai language students enjoy a lighter moment after finishing their Songkran performance.

CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk's Thai language students at NIU hosted a **Songkran Lunar New Year** on **April 8** at DeKalb Public Library, drawing nearly 50 people during the afternoon event. Attendees made traditional Thai crafts, took photos at a Songkran "photo booth," and watched music and dance performances by the students and performers from the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute (TCFAI) of Chicago. . . .Later in the day on **April 8**, Southeast Asian culture and music took center stage at the **World Music Concert** at Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, directed by CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang. The performance began with the 60 participants in this year's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) parading through the concert hall in their respective country's traditional dress, led by Survey of World Music instructor Chamni Sripraram on Thai drum. Musicians and dancers from the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, led by gamelan instructor Ngurah Kertayuda, and TCFAI, led by Sripraram performed for an audience of about 250. . . .It was the Philippines' turn to shine **April 11**, when Tagalog language instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail, FLTA Ken Calang and the Tagalog language students introduced the campus to Bayanihan community spirit with an event on the Martin Luther King Commons. Passing students had the



Young performers from the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago play Thai hammer dulcimer at the World Music Concert.



opportunity to learn about Tagalog, tinikling dancing, boodle fighting and eating *balut*. Joining the celebration were participants in the 2018 Philippine Youth Leadership Program, who came from a welcome lunch in the Holmes Student Center dressed in their respective traditional dress from Mindanao.

PYLP participants join the Bayanihan festivities on the MLK Commons.

Experiences of 1.5 Generation Cambodian-American Refugees" and I Younan (political science) won the award for Best Undergraduate Paper ("The Motives Behind U.S. Involvement in the Indochina Refugee Crisis"). CSEAS Outreach GA Rachael Skog served as conference coordinator. Forty-one students and faculty attended the conference. . . .CSEAS and

4. Get your fall SEAS courses here **NEW**



Wilson

A new geography course, GEOG 498E, The Geography of Disease and Health, will be offered this fall, taught by CSEAS associate Jim Wilson (Geography). The course will explore the geographic dimensions of health in local and regional populations across the globe, mostly focusing on Southeast and South Asia and including Africa and the Americas. Topics include disease ecology, infectious and chronic diseases, geographic mobility, geographic disparities in health and healthcare resources among others.

All five SEA language and literature classes are on offer for fall: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center will also offer its undergraduate and graduate Southeast Asia survey courses. The undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The graduate class, SEAS 625 (also cross-listed as HIST 660), Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective, will be taught by CSEAS Director Eric Jones from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Thursdays.

Other fall courses include:

- ANTH 424/525, Anthropology of Peace and Conflict Resolution (Andrea Molnar)
- ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art and Archaeology (Catherine Raymond)
- HDFS 384 Asian American Families (Kelly Champion)
- HIST 442/542, History of Buddhist Southeast Asia (Trude Jacobsen)
- HIST 470/570, America and Asia (Kenton Clymer)
- HIST 660, Reading Seminar in Asian History (Eric Jones)
- MUHL 326, Survey of World Music (Jui-Ching Wang)
- MUHL 421, Topic Studies in Ethnomusicology, Jui-Ching Wang
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Ngurah Kertayuda)
- POLS 371, Politics in Southeast Asia (Kheang Un)
- POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 672, Topics in Comparative Politics (Kheang Un).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. For details, see [course list](#) online.

New online course for fall 2018

Distinguished Research Professor Kenton Clymer is teaching HIST 470/570, America and Asia, as an online course this fall. The course examines America's relations with Asia beginning with its first permanent involvement—the acquisition and governance of the Philippine Islands from Spain in 1899—continuing through to the dramatic changes in its relationship to China beginning in 1971, the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia and the response to Burma's 1988 revolution.

5. Help wanted: Seeking 2018–19 TA for SEAS 225

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the 2018–19 teaching assistant for SEAS 225, the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, location to be determined. Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines will deliver most of the lectures. Specific duties include: Develop course syllabus and assessment modules; grade all exams, papers and assignments; keep office hours for student tutoring and guidance on lecture materials; post

course material on Blackboard; teach some classes, including overview lectures and presentations relevant to his/her discipline and research interests. Applicants should be advanced in their graduate studies (minimum two years) and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia, in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience preferable but not essential. The Center will give preference to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays a monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. Office space in Pottenger House is also provided. **Send all materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts to Office Manager Lisa Heal by 9 a.m. April 23.** Email to lheal@niu.edu, FAX to 815-753-1776, or send by post to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

6. Guest professor to teach summer POLS class

CSEAS and the Department of Political Science will welcome Professor Xu Ke from China's Xiamen University in June to teach POLS 395, Contemporary Topics in Political Science—Selected Issues on China. The summer course will cover current security issues facing China and Southeast Asia in the areas of cybersecurity, health, the environment, energy, transnational crime, terrorism and society. It will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, **June 18–28**, in Room 422 DuSable. The class is cross-listed under HIST 391/591 and SEAS 490/690.



Xu Ke

7. Get your conference travel on

The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](#) proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure \$200 to \$500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by any of five rolling deadlines. Students may now apply [online](#).

8. **Save the dates:** SEA textile talk, SEAYLP culture night **NEW**

- **April 16:** Southeast Asian textiles and clothing, lecture by Dr. Richard Cooler, 5:30 p.m., Pick Museum of Anthropology, Cole Hall. Includes behind-the-scenes tour of the collection. **NEW**
- **April 17:** Summer FLAS orientation, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at CSEAS. **NEW**
- **April 20:** SEAYLP Culture Night, 6:30 p.m., Blackhawk Café West. **FREE**.
- **April 21–26:** SEAYLP Global Youth Leadership Camp for area high school students.

9. Latest podcast: Pornography, blasphemy and an Indonesian preacher **NEW**

In our newest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast, Emory University anthropologist James Hoesterey discusses enigmatic Indonesian preacher Aa Gym with host Eric Jones and CSEAS graduate assistant Sinta Febrina. Check out our other podcasts as well. Our listenership keeps growing. Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 6,000 times by listeners in 70 countries since the series inception in September 2016.

10. 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 Maria Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

11. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts

The Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly but accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press, at kclymer@niu.edu.

12. Money for study

National Library of Singapore

- **Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship:** Funding to facilitate and publishing about Singapore and Southeast Asia culture. **Deadline to apply: April 27.** See [website](#).

Institute of International Education

- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program:** 2019–20 competition for awards open. For details of available awards, see [catalog](#). **Deadline to apply: Aug. 1.** For details, contact NIU Campus Program Advisor Taylor Atkins at etatkins@niu.edu.

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](#).

Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University

- **ENITAS, ENITS Scholarships:** Funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai-Tai and ASEAN studies. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** 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.

13. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **Global Problems and Community Praxis: Local, National and International Approaches to Peace and Transcultural Communication,** April 19–20, NIU Naperville. Sponsored by NIU and Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication, Tetova University, Macedonia. Keynote speaker: Ambassador James Pardew.
- **Escaping the Homeland: Contesting Diasporic Narratives,** April 20–21, Yale University. 17th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia. See [website](#).
- **Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Conference,** April 27–28, UC Berkeley, CA. Migrations and New Mobilities in Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **Asiascape: Digital Asia Conference,** May 29, Leiden University, The Netherlands. Theme: "Rethinking Communities in the Age of the Digital." See [website](#).
- **Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History,** May 17–18, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Business and Human Rights: Holding Governments Accountable in Asia,** July 12–14, Bangkok. See [website](#).

- **13th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies**, July 23–27, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).
- **13th International Burma Studies Conference**, Aug. 3–5, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **The Rohingya Crisis: A Multidimensional Tragedy**, Aug 24, Asia Centre, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **UK Association of Southeast Asian Studies**, Sept. 5–7, University of Leeds. **Proposals and abstracts due: May 31**. See [website](#).
- **Africa-Asia, A New Axis of Knowledge**, Sept. 20–22, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Organized by International Convention of Asia Scholars, University of Dar es Salaam and the Association for Asian Studies in Africa. See [website](#).
- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 27–29, Indiana University. Call for papers soon. Organized by IU Center for Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press, funded by the Mellon Foundation. Call for papers forthcoming. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 19–20, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN. **Abstract/panel proposals due: April 16**. See [website](#).
- **American Academy of Religion**, Nov. 17–20, Denver, CO. Topic: Religion in Southeast Asia. Call for papers. See [website](#).
- **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi**, Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).
- **Delta Cities: Rethinking Practices of the Urban**, Dec. 10–15, Vietnam. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, and Engaging with Vietnam. See [website](#).
- **CALA 2019: Revitalization and Representation**, Jan. 23–26, 2019, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology. See [website](#).

14. Careers **NEW**

Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs (ISEAA)

- **Summer instructor:** Teach three-week intensive course on international relations and politics in Southeast Asia to small group of undergraduate students in Chiang Mai, Thailand, **May 28–June 15**. Salary, housing and travel costs provided if instructor not based in Chiang Mai. Send CV and statement of interest to Adam Dedman, ISEAA Director, at adam@iseaa.org. **NEW**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Summer instructor:** Lead and develop syllabus focused on Cambodian history and contemporary society for six-week undergraduate Junior Resident Fellowship Program **July 1–Aug. 10**, in Siem Reap. PhD in relevant social science and humanities required. Send CV and statement of interest to Suong Samedy at samedy.suong@khmerstudies.org. **Deadline to apply: April 30. NEW**

Asian Research Center for International Development

- **Research Associate, Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai, Thailand:** Candidate will work on Southeast Asia-China relations. Must have master's degree or higher; facility in English and one Southeast Asian language. See [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

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

- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. **Spring recruiting beginning now.** See [job listing](#).
- **Careers:** Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

University of San Francisco

- **Assistant Professor International Studies:** Tenure track to begin August 2018. See [website](#).

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. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at 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](#).

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](#).

15. Area cultural opportunities **NEW**

- Lunar New Year Celebration, 6 p.m. to midnight, **April 21**, Furama Restaurant, 4936 Broadway, Chicago. Sponsored by the Cambodian Association of Illinois. Food, cultural performances, and music. Tickets \$50 for adults. For information, call 773-878-7090.
- Thai New Year Water Festival, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., **May 19 and 20**, 4753 N. Broadway St., Chicago. First-time Chicago Songkran event will feature Thai food vendors from around Chicago, live music, traditional Thai dances, Buddhist prayer and water activities. **NEW**
- Lantern Parade and Vesakha Day Celebration, 4 to 7 p.m., **May 19**, Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple & Meditation Center, 221 Dean St., Woodstock, IL 60098.
- 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. 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. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, Il. See [website](#).

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