An Indonesian Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries ship recently patrols along Indonesia’s exclusive economic zone in the Natuna Islands in the contentious South China Sea. Learn more about this and other strategic Southeast Asia issues at this week’s Friday lecture and at the ASEAN@50 conference on Monday, Sept. 18. Details on both events below. (Photo / Getty Images in The New York Times).

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1. Fall brownbag series starts Sept. 15: U.S.-Southeast Asia relations

The Center’s fall 2017 lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Sept. 15, in Room 100 Campus Life, with John Brandon, associate director of The Asia Foundation and NIU alum (MA political science, 1985). Brandon will present “United States-Southeast Asia Relations in a Trump Administration: A Return to Benign Neglect?” Under the Obama administration, many in the Asia region appreciated the substantial gains made in U.S.-ASEAN relations, with its greater emphasis on multilateralism in the effort to foster a rules-based regional order. But Asia’s evolving architecture, including ASEAN’s position, hinges on how any U.S. president manages America’s relations with China. With the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and a greater emphasis by President Trump on bilateralism, Brandon looks at what this portends for U.S. policy towards Southeast Asia and its relations with the region. 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 (note: the online order form still says $6, but the correct price is $7). Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. ASEAN@50: Challenges and opportunities

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand founded the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967 as a means of promoting regional stability and economic cooperation. Fifty years later, 10 of the 11 countries of Southeast Asia are members, with significant new challenges facing this strategic region of the world. CSEAS and the Indonesian Consulate in Chicago will welcome diplomats and scholars to a one-day conference, ASEAN@50: Challenges and Opportunities, on Monday, Sept. 18, in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. The morning session begins at 9 a.m. Philippines Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge, Indonesian Consul General Rosmalawati Chalid and Thai Consul General Saksee Phromyothi will address the group, moderated by John Brandon of The Asia Foundation. After lunch in the Sky Room, CSEAS faculty associate Aarie Glas (Political Science) will moderate an academic panel beginning at 1 p.m. Alice Ba, University of Delaware, will present “The South China Sea and ASEAN’s Organizational Development, Shaun Narine, St. Thomas University, will present “Leadership and Normative Change in the Region,” and John D. Ciorciari, University of Michigan, will present “CLMV and Human Rights in the Region.” The conference, which is free and open to the public, will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

3. Center associates update: Kudos and Cornell

Congratulations to Associate Professor of Music Jui-Ching Wang, who has been appointed the new assistant director for CSEAS. Wang teaches world music and coordinates world music ensembles including the Indonesian gamelan, Chinese and Middle Eastern groups. She has just returned from a Fulbright year in Jogyakarta where she conducted research on children’s singing games. Wang received her bachelor’s degree in music from Soochow University in Taipei, her master’s in piano performance and music education from NIU, and her PhD in music education from Arizona State University. While a student at NIU, she
worked closely with her predecessor, Dr. Kuo-Huang Han, who brought the gamelan to campus. Wang is married to associate art professor Shei-Chau Wang, with whom she has led three Exploring the Arts in Bali study abroad programs. Her CSEAS office is located on the second floor of Pottenger House.

Southeast Asia language teachers Kanjana Thepboriruk (Thai), Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (Tagalog), Tharaphi Than (Burmese) and Silvia Ginting (Indonesian) traveled to Cornell University to join SEA language teachers from across the country to attend the Sept. 8–10 Southeast Asian Language Teaching Conference. Cornell’s Southeast Asia Program hosted the program in collaboration with the Council of teachers of Southeast Asian Languages (COTSEAL), the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the UC Berkeley-UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies with support from the Henry Luce Foundation. CSEAS Director Eric Jones attended the latter half of the conference.

4. Get your gamelan on: You know you want to NEW

The NIU Gamelan Ensemble is looking for a few more players to round out the set this semester. You can take it as a one-credit class (MUS 370/670) or sit in as a volunteer. If you’re already taking 12 hours or more, there is no extra fee if you take it as a class, says CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang. Learning gamelan with master instructor Ngurah Kertayuda is a fun way of exploring Indonesian culture, she adds. The class meets at 5 p.m. Mondays. If you’re interested, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

5. Tune in to our latest podcast: Mandating modernity and the new Thai womanhood

In our latest Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast, CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones sits down with NIU Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk to discuss modern Thai womanhood. Check out our other podcasts as well, including conversations with Eastern Connecticut State University historian Bradley Camp Davis, University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell...
University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary’s College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebro, Burma historians Maitrii Aung-Thwin and Jovan Cavoski, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the series’ inception in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 2,300 times with listeners in 50 countries.

6. Save the dates: A semester of events NEW
   - Sept. 18: ASEAN@50: Challenges and Opportunities, one-day conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sky Room, Holmes Student Center.
   - Sept. 18: Tea and a Southeast Asia film with the Southeast Asia Club, 5 p.m., Campus Life 100. Come make new friends with fellow Southeast Asianists! NEW
   - Sept. 22: Indonesian governor’s address, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
   - Oct. 4: History graduate student JoAnn LoSavio presents “Modern Mandala: The Young Women of Post-Independence Burma and Malaysia,” noon to 1 p.m., Room 103 Reavis Hall. Hosted by the NIU Center for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality. NEW
   - Oct. 9: Edson Cabalfin, associate professor in the School of Architecture and Interior Design, University of Cincinnati presents “Uncle Sam in the Orient: American Colonial Influence on early 20th Century Architecture and Urbanism,” 5 p.m., Room 100, School of Art.
   - Nov. 8: Colegio de Mexico anthropology professor John Marston discusses his research in Cambodia, noon to 1 p.m.
   - Nov. 17: Lantern Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., East Lagoon. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club.

7. 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. To learn more, visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with adviser Maria “Rai” Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Acting Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

8. Money for study NEW
   
   Rice University
   - Postdoctoral Fellowship in SEA Studies: Applications open for Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship to begin Jan. 1, 2018. Open to any aspect of research in SEA with transnational orientation. See website. NEW

   National Endowment for the Humanities

   U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)

   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
**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. 30. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 8.* See [website](#).

**Blakemore Foundation**

- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Tuition and stipend awarded to college graduates, graduate students and young professionals for academic year of advanced language study in Asia. SEA languages: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.  
  *Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.* 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, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. See [website](#).

**University of Cambridge**

- **Scholarships for international students:** Fully funded undergraduate and graduate scholarships available.  
  *Undergraduate deadline to apply: Oct. 15. Graduate deadline to apply: Dec. 6.* See [website](#).

9. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers** NEW

- **66th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs,** Sept. 15–17, University of Notre Dame. See [website](#).
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories,** Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See [website](#).
- **Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies,** Oct. 26-27, York University, Toronto. Theme: People In and Out of Place. Hosted by York Centre for Asian Research. Call for papers. See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute,** Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See [website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies,** Nov. 27–28, Singapore. See [website](#).
- **8th International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities and Innovation,** Nov. 27–28, Ho Chi Minh City. Call for abstracts.  
  *Deadline to submit: Oct. 6.* See [website](#).
- **International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium,** Dec. 11–12, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. Theme: River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History. See [website](#).
- **17th International Graduate Student Conference,** Feb. 15–17, East-West Center, Honolulu. Call for abstracts.  
  *Deadline for submission: Sept. 23.* Limited number of travel grants available. See [website](#).
10. Careers

Texas Christian University

- **History Instructor**: Position with an emphasis on survey courses in one or more areas, including Asia and world history. Begins August 2018. **Applications close Oct. 10, 2017**. See job listing.

Eurasia Group

- **Research Associate**: Singapore-based specialist in Southeast Asia. Master’s degree or greater preferred. Fluency in one SEA language preferred but not required. **Posted Aug. 18**. See job listing.
- **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. See job listing.

National Institute of Education in Singapore

- **Assistant or Associate Professor, History**: Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. **Posted Feb. 6**; position will remain open until filled. See job listing.

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.

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.

DeeMetJOBS.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 WHO website.

11. Area cultural opportunities
• 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. Also 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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