

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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**History turns a page:** On a two-week trip to Southeast Asia for NIU in October, CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, right, and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences dean Christopher McCord and Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce happened to be in Phnom Penh during the week of public mourning at the Royal Palace, above, for the late King Norodom Sihanouk, 89, who died Oct. 18 in China and whose body will lie in state at the palace until cremation ceremonies in February. With thousands of mourners lined up to pay their respects to the late monarch, the three managed to get into the main square of the palace to sign the official condolence book. For more details on the trip, see below. (Photo provided by Deborah Pierce)

## Making the rounds of Southeast Asia

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### Take the bus: Road trip to UI-UC for Nov. 8 Burma forum

The Center for Burma Studies is organizing a van to travel to Urbana-Champaign for a University of Illinois forum on human rights and the Rohingya Muslims in Burma/Myanmar on Thursday, **Nov. 8**. The forum is being hosted by the UI Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Information and Alumni Center, 1101 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana. If interested, call CBS at 753-0512.

### 1. This week's lecture: Craig Etcheson on genocide justice in Cambodia



Etcheson

Visiting CSEAS scholar Craig Etcheson will present "Genocide Justice? Challenges Facing the Khmer Rouge Tribunal" at noon Friday, **Nov. 9**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, better known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal (KRT), has been a source of controversy since well before it commenced operations in 2006. Now in its seventh year of proceedings, the KRT is facing a variety of inter-related challenges that threaten to compromise the completion of its underlying mission. Etcheson will review these issues and assess their possible impact on the legacy of the Extraordinary Chambers. To order an Indonesian 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. Lunches that are not picked up and have not been cancelled must still be paid for. 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](mailto:seabrownbag@gmail.com). CSEAS is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

### 2. Around the region in 15 days: NIU delegation touches base in five SEA countries

The itinerary was full for an NIU delegation making a regional visit to partner institutions and in-country alumni in Southeast Asia during October: three mainland countries—Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam—and two island nations, Indonesia and Malaysia, in 24 days. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, along with College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Christopher McCord and Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce were in the air and on the ground from **Oct. 15–31**.

Over the course of the trip, the team made visits to colleges and universities to discuss student exchange, future collaborations, and memoranda of understanding. The team also met with alumni groups in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. "The trip was an important opportunity to arrange for faculty and students to come from Southeast Asia to NIU and for NIU faculty and students to study and conduct research in the region," Ledgerwood said.



At a dinner Oct. 17 at the Gran Mahakam Hotel in Jakarta, the NIU team visited with alumni Nico Harjanto, left, Matt Eden, second from right, and Tobias Basuki, right, along with Sylvia Shirley Malinton, center right, former Consul at the Chicago Consulate General in Chicago and now with Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Photo provided by Deborah Pierce)

### 3. Indonesian leaders to discuss state of democracy in Indonesia Wednesday

Two Indonesian leaders, one of them an NIU alumnus, will make two presentations on the state of Indonesia democracy at 10 a.m. Wednesday, **Nov. 7**, in the Heritage Room of the Holmes Student Center. Bahtiar Effendy, dean of the Social and Political Science Department at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University in Jakarta, will offer a socio-religious perspective on



Effendy, left, and Rasyid

Indonesia politics. A leader of Muhammadiyah, the second largest mass religious organization in Indonesia, he received his doctorate in political science at Ohio State University and is the author of *Islam and The State in Indonesia* (Ohio University Press, 2004). Ryaas Rasyid, a member of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's advisory council and formerly the country's Minister of Regional Autonomy, will present a regional and bureaucratic perspective. Rasyid received his master's degree in political

science from NIU in 1988 and his doctorate from the University of Hawaii in 1994. Effendy and Rasyid are making a return trip to campus; the two previously spoke at NIU in September 2010. There will be light refreshments at Wednesday's event.

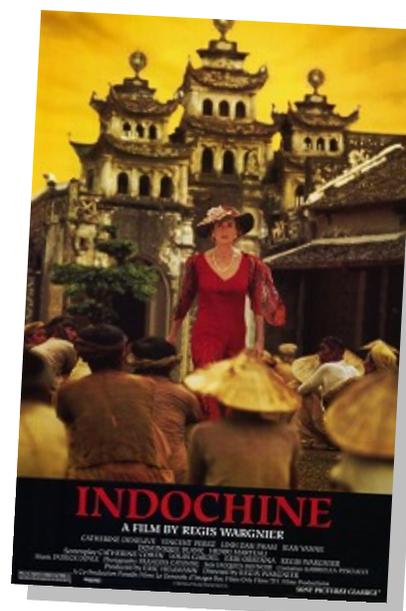
#### 4. New SEA film class added to spring course list

Eleven courses, including a new course on Southeast Asia through film, is on the spring semester course list for Southeast Asian Studies now posted on the [center website](#). CSEAS Foreign Languages and Literatures associates John Hartmann and Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail are introducing ILAS 490/590, Seeing Southeast Asia through Film and Media, which will be offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday in 106, Fay-Cooper Cole Hall. Through studying a sampling of Southeast Asia films, including the 1992 film *Indochine*, the three-credit course will explore cultural, historical, political and sociolinguistic issues in the region. Also on tap for spring is FLIN 421, Introduction to Indonesian Literature, which will be taught by Patricia Henry, time and location to be announced.

Other spring courses include HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War, taught by Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen, which will examine U.S. involvement in Vietnam from 1940 to 1975, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Three anthropology courses are on the list: Anthropology of Religion (ANTH 328/790, from 11 to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday) and Ritual and Myth (ANTH 428/528, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday), both taught by Andrea Molnar, and Peoples and Cultures of Insular Southeast Asia (ANTH407/507, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday taught by Susan Russell).

Students interested in the art and architecture of Southeast Asia can sign up for ARTH 457/657 from 11 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Thursday, taught by art historian and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond. CSEAS associate Michael Buehler (political science) will teach POLS 365, Origins of Political Order, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and associate Jui-Ching Wang (music education) once again will offer Gamelan, her ensemble performance course, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Asian American families will be the topic of FCNS 384, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, taught by Kelly Champion (family and consumer science).

ILAS 225, the center's survey course on Southeast Asia, will be offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog and Thai are also on the spring course list. Note that the list includes only those classes that can be used to



fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major. Any questions, contact the center at 815-753-1771.

### 5. **Save the dates:** Celebrate International Education Week Nov. 12–16

The center will join the Division of International Programs in observing International Education Week next week, **Nov. 12–16**, the theme of which is “Celebrating Global NIU.” In place of the center’s weekly Friday seminar, CSEAS is co-sponsoring the week’s capstone lecture, which will be given by esteemed Southeast Asia scholar and Burma specialist David Steinberg of Georgetown University on Friday, **Nov. 16**, in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center. Steinberg’s presentation, entitled “The Last Amateur: Reflecting on 50 Years of Engagement with Asia,” is also the center’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Lecture. The lunchtime event, which is open to all, will take place from noon to 2 p.m. with a light lunch buffet before the talk.



Steinberg

In addition to international menus in the residence halls and Blackhawk Food Court, as well as displays in Holmes Student Center and Founders Library all week long, International Programs has a number of campus activities open to all (see [calendar](#)). These include:

- **Nov. 12:** International marketing exchange from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Neptune Central
- **Nov. 13:** Fulbright Specialist Award workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Room 406 Holmes Student Center. Amy Levin, English Department chair, and Emily Prieto, director of the Latino Resource Center, will discuss how best to apply for, and experience, this short-term Fulbright appointment for NIU faculty and research associates to spend two to six weeks at universities abroad.
- **Nov. 14:** Student Fulbright workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Sky Room, Holmes Student Center, and a minorities and study abroad session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in 406 DuSable.
- **Nov. 15:** A scarf-tying demonstration with NIU art historian and French fashionista Catherine Raymond from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Sky Room and a facilitated screening of *Crossing Borders*, a 70-minute documentary about four Moroccan and four U.S. university students, at 7 p.m. in 148 DuSable.
- **Nov. 16:** Student International Dance and Global Village Potluck from 5:30 to 10 p.m. in the Barsema Hall atrium, sponsored by the College of Business, the Foreign Language Residence Program, the ELS Language Center, and the AIESEC student group. There will be dance performances, cultural displays, and an international food tasting followed by a dance from 8 to 10 p.m.

Also during the week International Programs is also hosting a number of invitation-only events, including receptions for local exchange program host families, study abroad program directors and alumni, Cobb Fellows, international students, and NIU’s outstanding international educator, department and student. Phi Beta Delta, the international honor society, will induct new members in a ceremony **Nov. 13**.

## 6. Center associates update: In the media, on Facebook and in print

- Center associates Deborah Pierce, Associate Provost for International Programs, and Michael Buehler (political science) received recent media mentions. An **Oct. 28** [article](#) in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* featured NIU's successful efforts to expand its participation in the Fulbright program, prominently quoting Pierce and mentioning CSEAS and the active Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program



Buehler, left, and Pierce

- here. Michael Buehler was quoted in an **Oct. 10** [article](#) in *Southeast Asia Globe* magazine about Nurul Izzah Anwar, the eldest daughter of Anwar Ibrahim, leader of Malaysia's People's Alliance (PR) opposition coalition.

- Susan Russell is getting her social-media game on with her new open group on Facebook: Philippine Studies Group New Books and Reviews. "It's an open group, not an 'official' Philippine Studies Group of AAS but a transnational project for scholars, students, and NGO leaders interested in Philippine studies," Russell said. "The site is for posting information about new books or articles as well as reviews of new books or discussion of Philippine research." Anyone may join.



Russell

- Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) has a chapter, "Bringing Clientelism and Institutions Back In: The Rise and Fall of Religious Parties in Indonesia's Electoral Democracy," in a new Routledge [release](#), *Party Politics in Southeast Asia: Clientelism and Electoral Competition in Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines*. The book is based on a panel at the 6<sup>th</sup> European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) conference Hamayotsu attended in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2010. She is collaborating on a panel, "Religion and Politics in Contemporary Southeast Asia," for the 7<sup>th</sup> EuroSEAS conference set for **July 2–5** in Lisbon, Portugal. For details on the conference, see the [event website](#); paper proposals are still open.



Hamayotsu

## 8. Coming up on the CSEAS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Calendar

- Through May 15:** "Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera," curated by professor emeritus and retired CSEAS associate Richard Cooler, is on display at The Anthropology Museum at Fay-Cooper Cole Hall. For museum hours and other information, call 815-753-2520.
- See the [CSEAS website](#) for a calendar of 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on our new interactive timeline on the home page.

## 9. Thai Studies: Awards for original paper, language study and student/faculty research

- Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is announcing a \$300 prize for an original research paper of outstanding merit dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies and written by an NIU student. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club's annual spring student conference **April 13** at which the winning paper must be

presented. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** Submissions should be sent as a PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at [golson@niu.edu](mailto:golson@niu.edu). The winner will be announced at the student conference.

- **Advanced Thai language study:** Through the Royal Thai government's Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU, the Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate academic-year scholarships. Each recipient is eligible to receive \$500 per semester (\$1,000 for the full year). Eligible undergraduates must be pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. The study of advanced Thai language is a requirement, regardless of discipline. Applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and sufficient language standing to take advanced Thai. Submit a one-page statement of interest, letters of recommendation from the Thai language instructor and another faculty member addressing the applicant's academic skill, and a transcript. Award recipients are expected to attend and participate in Thai Studies-focused events at NIU. **Deadline to apply: April 5.** Email to Chalermsee Olson at [eteolson@niu.edu](mailto:eteolson@niu.edu).
- **Faculty and student research travel:** Faculty and students are both invited to apply for grants supporting projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies. For example, students planning to present work at conferences related to Thai Studies may apply for funding to cover a portion of their costs (which could include travel, accommodations or conference registration fees). Applications should include a clear, concise description of the project's purpose, a budget, and the ways in which the funds would be used to advance Thai Studies. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on **Feb. 28** and **Sept. 30**. Send applications to Chalermsee Olson at [eteolson@niu.edu](mailto:eteolson@niu.edu)

## 10. Summer FLAS information and applications posted

It's not too early to start thinking about summer and immersing oneself in a language overseas.



One way to get there is through a summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship through the center. Information and forms to apply are posted on the [CSEAS website](#); deadline to apply is **Jan. 1**. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. Each year the center selects a number of qualified undergraduate and graduate students to study Southeast Asian languages as summer FLAS fellows. These fellowships provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S.

Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, during the summer semester ([list](#) posted on the CSEAS website). Top priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of \$2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow's tuition at a Southeast Asia language program will be paid (up to \$4,000). Any qualified undergraduate or graduate student is welcome to apply.

## 10. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Khmer Summer Abroad Programs, June 24–Aug. 2**  
The Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii-Manoa administers two summer abroad programs for Khmer language study in Phnom Penh. The [Advanced Study of Khmer](#) (ASK) program offers six weeks of intensive language training designed

for third-year Khmer students. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 1.** The [Khmer Language and Culture](#) Summer Abroad Program offers six weeks of intensive training for beginning and intermediate students; **applications due April 6.** Both programs are run by UH in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh, Center for Khmer Studies. Both programs include one-week home stays in rural Cambodia. For details, see individual program websites or email Chhany Sak-humphry at [sak@hawaii.edu](mailto:sak@hawaii.edu).

**NOTE: Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU's Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.**

## 11. Money for study

### *Blakemore Foundation*

- **Blakemore fellowships:** Applications now being accepted for 2013 Blakemore-Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants for advanced study of various languages including Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese. Grants cover tuition and stipend educational expenses, living costs and transportation. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [Blakemore Foundation](#) website for details.

### *Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, available for five U.S., five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students, June 24-Aug. 2. Partial stipend (\$800) offered. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** See [CKS](#) website for details. **NEW**

### *Kyoto University Center for Southeast Asian Studies*

- **Visiting research fellowship:** Six-month fellowships to pursue research at Kyoto University. Stipend for travel and living expenses plus some research funding provided. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 30.** For details, see [program website](#). **NEW**

### *East-West Center*

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

### *Harvard University*

- Indonesia Research Fellows 2013–14: Harvard Kennedy School Indonesia Program offering fellowships to Indonesia researchers, academics, and practitioners to pursue independent research at the Ash Center Aug. 2013 to June 2014. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 15.** See [program website](#) for details. **NEW**

### *University of Michigan*

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research on any topic relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](#).

## 12. Job opportunities

### *University of Oxford-St. Anthony's College*

- **Aung San Suu Kyi Senior Research Fellow:** Full-time, five-year senior research fellow position in modern Burmese studies to coordinate and develop interdisciplinary program at Oxford. Salary plus housing allowance and other benefits offered. **Apply by Nov. 28.** Interviews to be held at Oxford Jan. 30. For details, see [college website](#).

*Idealist.org*

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

### 13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Indonesia Focus Conference 2012**, Nov. 9–10, Michigan State University. Sponsored by the Indonesia Student Association of MSU. Registration free and required. Speakers include Indonesian Ambassador Dino Patti Djalal. Go to [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Religion in Southeast Asia**, Nov. 17–20, Chicago. Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Salvage and Salvation: Religion, Disaster Relief, and Reconstruction in Asia**, Nov. 22–23, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. What dynamics are in play at the intersection of religion and disaster relief in Asia? Call for papers. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Inter-University Conference on Social Development**, Dec. 10–12, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Theme: Southeast Asia and Human Insecurities: Causes, Costs and Challenges. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Oct. 30.** For details, see [conference website](#).
- **12<sup>th</sup> International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 14–16, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. Limited number of travel grants available. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Studies Symposium, March 9-10, University of Oxford, U.K.** Call for papers for “Southeast Asian Politics and History” panel. **Deadline: Dec. 15.** See [conference website](#) for details and for other panels. **NEW**
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, San Diego, CA. Call for papers is closed; registration opens in September. See the [conference website](#).
- **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Early registration deadline: Jan. 15.** For details on article submission and registration, see the [conference website](#) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Dec. 1.** For details, see [conference website](#).
- **8<sup>th</sup> International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](#).
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, 2013, Istanbul. Four-day conference focused on reconceptualization of the Asian expanse as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. For details, see [conference website](#) or email [interasia@ssr.org](mailto:interasia@ssr.org).

- **Thailand in the World: 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email [brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au](mailto:brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au).

#### 14. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “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 General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).
- The Friends of the Gamelan of Chicago Performance Ensemble meets Tuesday evenings at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Previous study of Javanese gamelan music or dance required. Modest class fee. For details on this and beginning classes offered, see Friends [website](#).

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