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1. This week’s lecture: Javanese singing games NEW

Assistant CSEAS Director and Associate Music Professor Jui-Ching Wang will present “Sing Our Songs, Sing Our Pride: Tempang Dolanan Anak and its Sociocultural Functions in Indonesia (1920s-1980s)” at noon Friday, Sept. 14, in Campus Life 100. Read about her research about Javanese children’s singing games in the latest issue of The Mandala, then come to lunch to hear more. 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 $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Outreach update: Experiencing SEA in DeKalb NEW

Starting out fall semester with a boy bawang, CSEAS Outreach introduced the Philippines to 260 children and adults Sept. 8 at the DeKalb Public Library’s 8 Countries in 1 Day event. The adobe-flavored corn snack, along with prawn crackers, were just one aspect of the CSEAS’s Philippines exhibit, which showcased Filipino dance, stories, cooking, geography, language and studying abroad. Filipino Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Lady Aileen Orsal charmed younger attendees with her telling of the Pineapple Legend and by performing ikit ikit, the duck dance. She also prepared take-away recipe cards to go along with photos of authentic Filipino dishes and a looping cooking video. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows Cameron Foreman and Janet Vallejo, who were in the Philippines over the summer studying Tagalog, shared their in-country experiences. Outreach GAs Rachael Skog and Qi Yu, and the Center’s Colleen Gray, rounded out the outreach team, manning the exhibit’s kids craft table where a sheet of colored paper could be turned into a floatable paper boat. “The library thought our exhibit was awesome,” Skog said. . . . Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) Program Director Sreypich Tith shared information about the Cambodia organization’s programs and fellowships for junior and senior scholars from the US, France and Cambodia while she was on campus this week. Twenty-one students, faculty and community college educators attended the Sept. 10 presentation at Campus Life 100.

3. Campus notes: Around and about NEW

FLAS fellow and geology graduate student Samuel Mallow has been accepted to present “Groundwater and Surface Water Quality of Boeng Cheung Ek Wastewater Treatment Wetland, Phnom Penh, Cambodia” with his supervising professor CSEAS associate Melissa Lenczewski.
(Geology and Environmental Geosciences) **Nov. 5** at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Indianapolis. . . Alum Aaron Johnson (PhD political science, 2016) and his wife Pieu were in DeKalb over Labor Day Weekend visiting Thai language professor emeritus John Hartmann. Johnson now works for the Department of Homeland Security. Hartmann hosted a gathering for the couple **Sept. 2** at his home. . . Kicking off its 2018–19 Ohana! event series, the Asian American Center is hosting Asian American Welcome Night from 5 to 7 p.m. **Sept. 11** at the center, 429 Garden Road. There will be games, food and other activities.

**4. CSEAS offers non-credit distance Burmese class**
Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than is offering beginning Burmese as a [distance class](mailto:tthan@niu.edu) through CSEAS this fall. Module 1 will run **Sept. 27** to **Dec. 6**. Contact her at tthan@niu.edu for details.

**5. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our latest podcast**
CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our [Southeast Asia Crossroads](https://www.youtube.com/c/NIUCSEAS) podcast series since its debut in September 2016. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones discusses “Microbes, ‘Borneo Mud’ and Antibiotic Resistance” with Waubonsee Community College biologist Sheela Vemu. With Southeast Asia being one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, Vemu details the discovery 50 years ago of a compound found in Borneo that is now one of the most often-used antibiotics and the implications for ethno-pharmacology today. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

**6. Save the dates: Academic fairs, COTS, and more**
**NEW**
- **Sept. 12**: Majors and Minors Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC. Do you need a headshot for that resume or conference program? Get a free professional photo taken by an NIU photographer at the fair.
- **Sept. 26**: Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Oct. 12–14**: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
- **Oct. 27**: NIU STEMfest.
- **Nov. 12–16**: International Education Week.
- **Nov. 15**: Opening of the exhibit, “Vanishing Art from Myanmar: The Buddhist Reverse Glass Painting Tradition, NIU Art Museum. Through **Feb. 15**.
- **Nov. 26**: Gamelan open house, 102 Music Building.

**7. Apply online for graduate conference travel**
The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](https://www.niu.edu/graduate/news) 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 three rolling deadlines (**Oct. 15**, **Jan. 15** and **March 15**). Apply [online](https://www.niu.edu/graduate/news).

**8. 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](https://www.niu.edu/college/hum/cseas) or stop by CSEAS at 520
College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts
Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, 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.

10. Money for study NEW
U.S. State Department

- **Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Fellowship**: Aimed at students interested in diplomatic careers and entering graduate school in fall 2019, award includes money for tuition, room, board, books and fees. Also includes two funded internships, one in the U.S. and one overseas. Includes personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities. **Deadline to apply: Sept. 20.** See website. NEW

- **Rangel Fellowship**: Aimed at students interested in diplomatic careers and entering graduate school in fall 2019, award includes money for tuition, room, board, books and fees. Also includes two funded internships, one in the U.S. and one overseas. Includes personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities. **Deadline to apply: Sept. 17.** See website. NEW

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, 2019.** 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.

11. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW


- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 27–29, Indiana University. Organized by IU Center for Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press, funded by the Mellon Foundation. See website.


- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 19–20, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN. See website.

- **Love’s Labour’s Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labor and the Politics of Gender**, Dec. 3–4, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. See [website](#). NEW
- **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi**, Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30.** See [website](#). NEW
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver. CO. See [website](#). NEW

### 12. Careers

**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**
- **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](#).
- **Careers**: Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. 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/AEC**
- **Job listings**: Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (AEC).

**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](#).

### 13. 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. 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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