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1. This week’s lecture: Refugees and the discourse of ‘self-sufficiency’

Fiona Ngô, associate professor of Asian American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies and Latina/Latino Studies at the University of Illinois, will present “The Perfectible Refugee and the Welfare Queen: The Reordering of Face and Disability” at noon Friday, Oct. 6, in Campus Life 100. In her talk, Ngô will examine the arrival of refugees from Southeast Asia, the Caribbean and Central America during the 1970s and ‘80s. Focusing on debate and testimony in Congress, she follows the discourse of “self-sufficiency” that draws on the long histories of immigration, disability, race and welfare. 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. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. ASEAN delegation meet and greet this week at NIU

A delegation of eight officials and academic researchers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will visit NIU Tuesday, Oct. 2. CSEAS associate and ASEAN specialist Aarie Glas (Political Science) and CSEAS will host an informal meet and greet with the group from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery in Swen Parson Hall. The NIU event is part of a U.S. Department of State-sponsored visit to Chicago to learn about U.S.-Asia foreign policy objectives, refugee and migration challenges and other issues important to the region. For details, contact CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

3. Center associates update: Presenting times three

* Aarie Glas (Political Science) presented “Towards Active Reflexivity: Positionality and Practice in the Production of Knowledge” with Jessica Soedirgo (University of Toronto) at the Aug. 30–Sept. 2 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting in Boston.

* Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) presented “Streets and Trains as a Classroom” and participated in a panel on rethinking area studies at the Sept. 20–22 International Conference Africa-Asia at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

* Alan Potkin (CSEAS) will be exhibiting his use of digital media to re-create demolished Lao Ramayana murals at the Vat Oub Mong temple in Vientiane, Laos, at the Digital Heritage 2018 conference Oct. 26–30 in San Francisco. Potkin and associate Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for Burma Studies) collaborated on the project, which involved CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, and the Digital Conservation Laboratory, Laos. The temple project is one of a number of multimedia projects Potkin documents on his website, Cultivate Understanding.

4. Students invited to apply for advanced Thai language scholarships

Advanced Thai language students (beyond first-year Thai) are invited to apply for two 2018–19 scholarships from the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund through the NIU Foundation. The $2,000 scholarship is disbursed $1,000 per semester. Eligible students should be pursuing study of Thai language, culture, history or politics, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and
demonstrate a focus on the study of Thailand. **Deadline to apply is Oct. 15.** Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, a letter from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a copy of their transcript electronically to Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk at kanjana@niu.edu. The Royal Thai government established the endowment to support Thai teaching and research initiatives at NIU.

5. **What’s happening at COTS 2018**

The Council on Thai Studies has released its draft schedule for its upcoming annual meeting **Oct. 12–14** in Ingraham Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The conference opens at noon **Oct. 12** with the keynote lecture by Puangthong Pawakapan (Chulalongkorn University and the Harvard-Yenching Institute), who will present “Development and Impact of the Thai Military’s Political Offensive.” Afternoon panel topics are Capital and Regulation and Resistance and Difference Across Language and Margins. The evening panels are Military, Democracy and the Place of Politics and The Cold War: Secrets, Spirits and Kings. Saturday’s program begins at 9 a.m. with the panel Queering Gender: Media, Society and History, followed by panels on Space and Politics in Northern Thailand; Military Dictatorship, Promised Elections and the Future of Democracy; the Construction and Reproduction of Nationalism; and Religious Devotion, Repression and Re-imagination. An optional brunch will close out the conference on Sunday. For details, email conference organizer Tyrell Haberkorn at tyrell.haberkorn@wisc.edu.

6. **Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application** NEW

Whether you’re applying for a summer 2019 or an academic-year 2019–20 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with one application. The soon-to-be posted application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. **Summer FLAS applications will be due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1.** The U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

7. **Module 2 scheduled for distance Burmese class**

The second module for Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than’s beginning Burmese as a non-credit distance class has been scheduled for **Jan. 27 to March 28.** Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both modules, community college students who intend to transfer to NIU, are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through CSEAS. For details, contact Than at than@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

What’s it like to be a FLAS fellow? See “Students Parlay Southeast Asian Studies into Scholarships, Travel, Leg Up in Job Market,” in the NIU Newsroom.
8. **Save the dates: COTS, STEMfest**
   - Oct. 12–14: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
   - Oct. 27: NIU STEMfest, NIU Convocation Center.
   - Nov. 1: “Unmasked: Facing the Imposter Syndrome,” 5 to 7 p.m., Holmes Student Center. Jobs PLUS event: registration required.
   - Nov. 12–16: International Education Week.
   - Nov. 15: International Culture Fest, 6:30 p.m., Campus Life Building.
   - Nov. 26: Gamelan open house, 102 Music Building.

9. **Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our latest podcast**
CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our Southeast Asia Crossroads 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 of a compound 50 years ago in Borneo that is now one of the most often-used antibiotics in medicine and its 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.

10. **Apply online for graduate conference travel**
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 three rolling deadlines (Oct. 15, Jan. 15 and March 15). Apply online.

11. **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 Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

12. **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.
   - The Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before Dec. 30 to editorialassistant@rjseas.org. See website.
13. Money for study

Center for Khmer Studies
- **Doctorate and Senior Fellowships**: Applications open for U.S., Cambodian and French scholars. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15**. See [website](#).

Leiden University
- **MA/PhD scholarships**: Institute of History offers funding for five master’s students intending to pursue doctorates in colonial and global history at Leiden. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1**. See [website](#).

South China Normal University/University of Oregon
- **Post-doctoral research fellowships**: Two-year position open to two post-doctoral scholars with experience in border politics or transnational migration for project funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. Project will include work in data collection and analysis, translation of research into peer-reviewable articles, and opportunity to do own research. Excellent writing skills required; Mandarin and/or Burmese language skills a plus. Send CV, one writing sample, two-page research statement, and names and contact info of two references to project PI Xiaobo Su at Xiaobo@uoregon.edu. Fellowship to begin January 2019. **Application review begins Oct. 15**.

East-West Center
- **Graduate fellowships**: Available for master’s or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees at University of Hawai‘i. Open to citizens or permanent residents of the US and citizens of countries in the Pacific and Asia, including Russia. **Deadline to apply for fall 2019: Dec. 1**. For details on this and other East-West funding opportunities, see [website](#).

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)
- **2018–19 fellowships**: Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American doctoral students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24**. 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. **Deadline to apply: May 31**. 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.

14. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **Council on Thai Studies (COTS)**, Oct. 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Keynote speaker: Puangthong Pawakapan, Chulalongkorn University, on “Development and Impact of the Thai Military’s Political Offensive.” 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.


18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific, Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See website.


Association for Asian Studies, March 21–24, Denver, CO. See website.

Midwest Political Science Association, April 4–7, Chicago. Call for papers. Deadline to submit: Oct. 5. See website.

15. Careers

Georgetown University

History professor: Tenure-track position to teach 20th-century history of Southeast and/or South Asia at Welsh School of Foreign Service. Open to current professors or new PhDs. Deadline to apply: Nov. 15. See job listing.

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.

16. 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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