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1. This week’s lecture: Politics of agricultural development

Sirojuddin Arif (PhD candidate, political science) will present a lecture on the subject of his dissertation, “Farmers, Workers, and State Responses to the Food Crises: State-Society Conflicts and the Politics of Agricultural Development in Indonesia and Nigeria,” at noon April 12 in Campus Life 100. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request or cancel a previous request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. Cost is $5 for students and $7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be in cash or by check. If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for paying unless the lunch is sold at the lecture. **You may cancel your order without penalty by 10 a.m. Thursday.** E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com if you have any questions. See complete spring lecture schedule.

2. Special event this week: Lecture, art donation, exhibit reception

The Center for Burma Studies welcomes University of Hong Kong Professor and Vice-President for Teaching and Learning Ian Holliday to campus April 10, in celebration of Holliday’s donation of 29 paintings made by contemporary artists from Myanmar to the Burma Art Collection. Holliday, author of *Liberalism and Democracy in Myanmar* (Oxford University Press, 2018), will begin the day with a special CSEAS lecture from noon to 1 p.m. in Campus Life 100. Holliday will address the prospects for liberal democracy in Myanmar by examining historical conditions, constitutionalism, democracy, major political actors, ethnic conflict and transitional justice there. Holliday, who is owner of the Thukhuma Art Collection, will formally present his donation to NIU at a reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the lower level of Founders Memorial Library, where the paintings will be on view.

3. Center associates update: Back to the field

* CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) has received a $9,500 Research and Artistry grant from NIU’s Division of Research and Innovative Partnerships to continue her fieldwork research on children’s singing games this summer in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Wang will be spend a month conducting a large-scale survey on how elementary schools and communities continue to teach this tradition, after which she will to present her research in mid-July at the 2019 International Council for Traditional Music World Conference in Thailand.

* Jim Wilson (Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences) presented “Open Source GIS Instruction in Two Classroom Settings,” a poster featuring workshops he conducted on health/medical geography using OGIS in Myanmar in 2017 and 2018, at the April 3–7 American Association of Geographers annual meeting in Washington, DC. One of 1,000 poster presented at the conference, Wilson’s demonstrates how he extended ideas and projects from the workshops at Yadanabon University and University of Magway into a seminar/flipped classroom at NIU, for example, mapping the ecological factors in malaria transmission in Thailand using OGIS. Summer 2018 FLAS Fellow Autumn Smith (BS candidate, geography), listed as a co-author on the poster, contributed the Thailand section.

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) has been invited to Cornell University present “Making the Majority in the Name of Islam: Democratization, Moderate-Radical Coalition and Religious
Intolerance in Indonesia” this week at the April 10–12 State of Religious Pluralism in Indonesia workshop organized by Cornell’s Indonesia program. She also was elected the 2019–22 secretary for the Association for Asian Studies Indonesia Timor Leste Studies Council at the AAS annual meeting in March.

4. LoSavio named 2019–20 Neher Fellow

History doctoral candidate JoAnn LoSavio has been awarded the 2019–20 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. LoSavio, who received her BA in history and anthropology from NIU in 2012 and her MA in anthropology from Emory University in 2014, after which she returned to NIU to pursue her history PhD. Her research area of interest is women, cultural decolonization and their role in nation building. LoSavio grew up in South Korea and Malaysia, and moved to the United States at the age of 16. A first-generation college graduate, LoSavio came to NIU as a transfer student and was drawn to Southeast Asian studies through two study abroad programs to Malaysia and a summer FLAS fellowship at Universiti Malaya Pahang. She is the eighteenth graduate student to receive the endowed Neher fellowship, established in 2002 by NIU political scientist emeritus and former CSEAS Director Clark Neher and External Programming Director emeritus and CSEAS associate Arlene Neher. The Center awards the $5,000 fellowship plus tuition waiver to one advanced-level graduate student.

5. Student news: Success at podium and defense

Kudos to the winners of best graduate and undergraduate papers at last weekend’s NIU Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference. Dan McCoy (PhD candidate, history), who presented “A Conclave of Connivers: Nixonian-Kissingerian Policy toward Cambodia during the Vietnam War,” won for best grad paper and Paul Un (BA candidate, politics and government, University of Puget Sound), won best undergraduate paper for “Balancing and Bandwagoning in Southeast Asia: Driving China Toward Revisionism.” Honorable mentions in both categories were Alyssa Lynne (PhD candidate, sociology, Northwestern University) for “Paired Double-Consciousness: Katheoy Self-Formation” and Mikaela Marget (BM candidate, cello performance, Lawrence University) for “Bali’s Forgotten Stepchild: The Balinese Rebab.” Twenty-three students took their turn at the podium in panels on either side of University of Pittsburgh ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub’s entertaining and informative keynote address tying together the Beatles, Indonesian pop music, and post-independence politics in Indonesia. Many thanks to Dr. Iur Damoli Dumoli Agusman, Director General of Treaties and Legal Affairs for the Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who gave opening remarks, and to Chicago Consul General Rosmalawati Chalid and her team for being the club’s special guests at the conference opening. “We greatly appreciate the Indonesia consulate’s continued interest in and support of Southeast Asian studies at NIU,” said CSEAS Director Eric Jones. Congratulations to From left, Paul Un, Andrew Weintraub, Mikaela Marget, Alyssa Lynne, Eric Jones and Dan McCoy. (Photo / Thomas Phetmuangmay)
Amanda Spradling (MA candidate, Art History), who successfully defended her thesis “Leaves of the Bodhi Tree from East to West: The Symbol of the Sacred Fig Tree in Ancient India, Southeast Asia and Contemporary Contexts” on March 19.

6. Campus notes: NIU Press, SEAYLP, Burma Chronicles
As of July 1, Northern Illinois University Press will become an imprint of Cornell University Press, a partnership agreement that not only could serve as a model for academic publishing according to Publishers Weekly, but also will give NIU Press’s Southeast Asia series a boost. Under the agreement announced April 4, NIU Press will keep an acquisitions editor and a faculty press board. Cornell will take over editing, production and design, marketing, distribution and sales. CSEAS associate Kenton Clymer (History) currently coordinates the Southeast Asia series. In addition to the series, NIU Press publishes Burmese and Vietnamese language textbooks, volumes that were developed by the Center’s Southeast Asia Publications program before its closure in 2009. ● The Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) has landed at NIU. The 50 students and 10 adult leaders began the three-week program at NIU April 3. ● As part of the Center’s active library outreach program this spring, CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Matt Jagel will lead a discussion of the 2007 graphic novel, Burma Chronicles, by Guy Delisle, for the YA/Teen Southeast Asia Graphic Novel Group at the DeKalb Public Library April 27. The discussion is set for 1 to 3 p.m. at the library, 309 Oak St. Books are available for checkout at the library.

7. CSEAS to host workshop on teaching Vietnam
CSEAS is partnering with the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Warrenville on Teaching Vietnam, a free workshop for area high school and community college educators, from 8:30 a.m. to noon May 4. The conference, led by CSEAS Director Eric Jones and Outreach Coordinator Matthew Jagel, both historians, will cover the war in historical and global context as well as offer curriculum ideas and teaching materials. The first 20 registrants will be eligible for mileage reimbursement. Parking is free to all attendees. For more information, register online, or email Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu.

8. Get your fall SEAS courses here
Revolt and revolution. America and Asia. Art and the arts. Interdisciplinary offerings are the name of the game in Southeast Asian studies this fall in addition to all five SEA language classes: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. Geography class added; see below.

Other fall courses include:
- ANTH 422/522, Gender in Southeast Asia
- ARTH 294, Introduction to Arts of Asia (Catherine Raymond)

SEAYLP packs into Pottenger House while picking up program materials and touring the campus April 4.
- ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art (Catherine Raymond)
- GEOG 382, Geography of Disease and Health (James Wilson)
- HIST 346, Women in Asian History (Trude Jacobsen)
- HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War (Stanley Arnold)
- HIST 470/570, America and Asia (Kenton Clymer) Online
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Jui-Ching Wang)
- POLS 376, Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 377, Revolt, Revolution, and Genocide (Kheang Un)
- SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Jui-Ching Wang)

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

9. Southeast Asia Crossroads: A ‘novel’ take on Burma

Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and University of Missouri education anthropologist and author Rosalie Metro on her captivating novel on cultural understandings and misunderstandings in Burma/Myanmar, *Have Fun in Burma*. Our following (more than 14,000 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

10. Be a ‘home-bassador’ for spring SEA youth exchange programs

There is still time to sign up to be homestay host in April and May for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs coming to NIU this week for several weeks of leadership training. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for a few more households to host pairs of high school students or adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP).**

**SEAYLP Homestay dates are April 13–20.** Students are placed in pairs while adults in pairs or singles. Hosts provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Orientation for SEAYLP hosts is set for 7 to 8 p.m. April 11 in Room 506, Holmes Student Center (parking free in the visitor lot after 5 p.m.). See the SEAYLP website for program details and online application. For details, contact Homestay Coordinator Susan Edwards at se3279@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

CSEAS is also seeking hosts in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 15 years has brought young people and adult leaders from Mindanao in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or singles.**

**PYLP homestay dates are Horsing around:** SEAYLP participants learn all about horses during their homestay with an area family. Read what local families have said about being a homestay host in NIU Today.
April 21 to May 5. It’s easy to apply [online](#) Contact Homestay Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu or PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.

11. **Save the dates:** Cultural events, teacher workshop NEW

- **Through April 26:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
- **April 13–May 5:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program
- **April 14:** NIU World Music Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Featuring the NIU Gamelan Ensemble and a pop-up performance of Indonesian *dangdut* music. NEW
- **April 27:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 11 a.m., Malta Public Library, 203 Adams St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal.
- **April 27:** YA/Teen Southeast Asia Graphic Novel Group discussion of the 2007 graphic novel, *Burma Chronicles*, by Guy Delisle, 1 to 3 p.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Dr. Matt Jagel, CSEAS Outreach. Books available for checkout at the library.
- **April 30:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 9:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal.
- **May 1:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and puppet show from Myanmar, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Burmese Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Khin Thu Thu Win. Snack provided.
- **May 2:** Join NIU Tagalog students and participants of the Philippine Youth Leadership Program for traditional Philippine food and cultural event known as a Boodle Fight. Noon, MLK Commons.
- **May 2:** Philippine Cultural Show, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Community Room, Newman Catholic Student Center, 512 Normal Road, DeKalb. Co-hosted by the Southeast Asia Club, Philippine Student Association, CSEAS and the Asian American Resource Center. Food, cultural activities, and entertainment.
- **May 3:** End-of-semester potluck, recognition, and sarong soiree, 5:30 p.m., Eric Jones home, 720 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore.
- **May 4:** Workshop for high school, community college educators: Teaching Vietnam: Context and Perspectives on America’s War in Southeast Asia. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Division Museum, Cantigny Park, Wheaton. Breakfast and lunch included. First 20 to register will be eligible for mileage reimbursement.

12. **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 Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

13. **Money for study**

*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**

- **19th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia,** April 13, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Co-sponsored by the Yale and Cornell Indonesian forums. See [website](#).
- **6th Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference: Within and Beyond Asia,** April 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Passages: Locating Global Traditions in Southeast Asian Music and Performance,** April 19, Indiana University. See [conference notice](#).
- **1st International Conference on Asia Pacific Ethnology and Anthropology,** May 20–24, Yunnan University, Kunming City, China. See [website](#).
- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop,** May 28–29, University of Zurich. See [website](#).
- **Transformation of Youth Identities in East and Southeast Asia: Public Spaces and Intimacy,** May 27–28, University Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. See [website](#).
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies,** June 13–15, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. See [website](#).
- **SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology,** June 17–21, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia,** July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See [website](#).
- **11th Engaging with Vietnam Conference,** July 15–16, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11,** July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **7th International Symposium of Journal Antropologi Indonesia,** July 23–26, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. See [website](#).
- **The Vietnam War in the Pacific World,** Aug. 15-16, Macquarie University, Sydney. See [website](#).
- **Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop,** Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. Email to nick.enfield@sydney.edu.au. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association,** Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, D.C. See [website](#).
- **EuroSEAS 2019,** Sept. 10–13, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Call for papers for panel: New Focus on Old Archaeology: Reassessing Controversies in Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15.** Contact: Lia Genovese at trinacria_1955@yahoo.co.uk.
▪ Of Peninsula and Archipelago: The Landscape of Translation in Southeast Asia, Aug. 31–Sept. 1, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Hosted by the International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies. See website.

▪ Council on Thai Studies, Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: Aug. 1. For details, email Taylor Easum, teasum@uwsp.edu.

▪ Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. For details, email Serge Gragner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.


15. Careers

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

▪ Membership and business development associate: Entry-level position based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. See job listing.

Center for Khmer Studies


Thammasat University

▪ One-year professorship: Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. Email Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

VIA

▪ Global Community Fellowship: 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See website.

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 **NEW**

- **Cambodian Rock Band**, featuring the music of Dengue Fever, through May 5, Victory Gardens Zacek McCay Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. “Part comedy, part mystery, part rock concert, this thrilling story toggles back and forth in time as father and daughter face the music of the past.” See website. **NEW**

- 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. See website.