



SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES PROGRAM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2009–2010 IN REVIEW

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since its founding, the SAIS Southeast Asia Studies program has been through mainly prosperous times, but the global financial crisis has been exceptionally difficult because our principal foundation funders faded with the downturn. Fellowship funds for our graduate students have declined while the tuition at SAIS has moved inexorably upward. Competitor programs simply offer more cash. We are requiring current students to make do with substantially less while we constantly search for new sources for the program. Some may be able to help with personal contributions and others

can offer suggestions of alternative sources to sustain what has become the best program of its type in the United States. If you can help in either way, now is the time for our alumni to come to the aid of Southeast Asia Studies. Thank you for your support.



FACULTY UPDATES: RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND OUTREACH

Professor Karl Jackson visited alumni during the summer in Seoul, Bangkok, Manila, and Jakarta. Research-wise the big news is that the U.S.-Korea Institute and Southeast Asia Studies will be replicating the SAIS 2000 survey on political participation and democracy but utilizing national rather than just capital city samples. Several dissertations and at least one book will result from this decade-long attempt to unravel the secrets of civil society and political participation underlying Asian democracy. Professor Jackson hopes to begin analyzing the data during the winter and spring when he will be on sabbatical leave.

Professor Benjamin Reilly



Visiting Professor Benjamin Reilly has been at SAIS since the 2009-10 academic year, teaching courses in Southeast Asia Studies on internal conflict and democratization. He is involved in numerous collaborative research projects,

and has recently completed a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowship at the National Endowment for Democracy. Outside of SAIS, he is Professor of Policy and Governance in the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University, and has also worked for the United Nations, International IDEA and the Australian government. He is the author of six books and over 60 journal articles and book chapters on issues of democratization, constitutional reform, party politics, electoral system design and conflict management, and has advised many governments and international organizations on these subjects—most recently, for the United Nations Development Program in Mongolia.

Professor William Wise made presentations at two conferences in Hanoi on the 15th anniversary of the normalization of U.S.-Vietnam relations during the summer, and met with SAIS alumni in the Vietnamese capital. Earlier, in the spring, he organized a two-day conference at SAIS on “Counterinsurgency from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.” This fall he is teaching a new course on “The Politics of Assassination in Asia” and continues to chair the SAIS Philippines Roundtable and co-chairs with Professor Jackson the newly established Southeast Asia Forum at SAIS. His research centers on U.S. intelligence activities in Southeast Asia during the Cold War.

Professor William Wise



Professor Frederick Brown continues as Visiting Research Scholar. He wrote “Vietnam and America: The Limits of Engagement—Parameters of the Possible”, for *Current History*, April 2010. His article “Rapprochement Between Vietnam and the United States” will appear in the December 2010 issue of *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore. He visited Hanoi in July to take part in conferences celebrating the 15th anniversary of normalization of relations between Vietnam and the United States. One was sponsored by the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, and the second was sponsored by the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences.



Professor Frederick Brown

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VISITING PROFESSORS AND SCHOLARS

The SE Asia Studies proudly welcomes **Catharin Dalpino**, **G. Eugene Martin**, **Marvin C. Ott**, and **Thitinan Pongsudhirak**.

Catharin Dalpino has taught comparative Asian politics at SAIS, Georgetown University, and George Washington University. She served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and authored numerous books on U.S. policy in Southeast Asia. **Eugene Martin** is the Managing Director, AsiaPacific Strategies. From 1966 to 2000, he served as a Foreign Service Officer in the Philippines, China, and Burma. **Marvin C. Ott** was Professor of National Security Policy, National War College and Faculty Fellow at the Institute for National and Strategic Studies, National Defense War University. He has authored more than one hundred chapters, articles, monographs and op eds. on international affairs. **Thitinan Pongsudhirak** is the Director of the Institute of Security and International Studies and Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He has authored numerous publications on trade policy, economics, and foreign policy in Thailand.



The Indonesian Forum. From left to right: James Castle, President, CastleAsia; Anies Baswedan, Vice Chancellor, Paramadina University; Karl Jackson, Director, SE Asia Studies, SAIS; Chatib Basri, Advisor, Ministry of Finance; Karen Agustiawan, President Director and CEO, Pertamina.

EVENTS

During the 2009–2010 academic year, SE Asia Studies was pleased to host distinguished speakers who participated in our weekly Wednesday Lunch Seminars, and numerous conferences, forums, and roundtables discussions. These wide-ranging events offered students new perspectives on relevant issues beyond the classroom.

Wednesday Lunch Seminars: SE Asia Studies hosted, among other presenters, **Jessica Evans**, Human Rights Watch, Asia Division; **Shawn McHale**, Associate Professor of History and International Affairs and Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University; **Jim Nach**, Foreign Service Officer (retired); **Steven Rood**, the Asia Foundation, Philippines and Pacific Islands; and **Shanti Ruwyastuti**, Metro TV, Indonesia.

Myanmar/Burma: Outside Interests, Inside Challenges. This international forum was made possible through the generous support of the **Konrad Adenauer Foundation USA**, the **Henry Luce Foundation**, CNA, the **Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA**, and the **Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution**. The forum focused on alternative approaches to promoting political development and economic growth that held possibilities for more success than the engagement or the sanctions emphasized during the past 20 years.


Lessons Learned, Lessons Lost: Counterinsurgency from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan. This conference was made possible with the generous support of the **Lockheed Martin Corporation**. With our co-organizer, the **Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University**, this conference hosted, among others, **Michael G. Vickers**, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict & Interdependent Capabilities.

The Philippines Roundtable: The Philippines Senators **Manuel Villar** and **Aquilino “Nene” Pimentel** engaged in a wide-ranging discussion with SE Asia Studies students. Senator Villar

emphasized the critical need for political leadership in his country, and stressed his qualifications for the Philippine presidency, focusing mainly on his leadership and managerial capabilities gained, in part, from his service as Speaker of the House of Representative and President of the Senate.

The Indonesia Forum: **Mari Pangestu**, Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia, gave a keynote address of Indonesia’s political and economic future, stressing the need for U.S. understanding of challenges facing Indonesia. **Karen Agustiawan**, President and CEO, Pertamina, Jakarta, described her program for reforming the national oil company. **Chatib Basri**, Advisor, Ministry of Finance Republic of Indonesia, analyzed Indonesia’s economic and financial condition. **Anies Baswedan**, Vice Chancellor of Paramadina University, Jakarta, examined the political situation in the wake of parliamentary and presidential elections. **James Castle**, President of CastleAsia, a Jakarta business consultancy, urged the Yudhoyono administration to focus on reforming state-owned enterprises and improving infrastructure for distribution of goods and services.

Anwar Ibrahim, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Malaysia, delivered a rousing speech on issues of governance, democracy, and contemporary politics in Southeast Asia. He is currently the Leader of the Opposition in the Malaysian Parliament. For an audio of his speech: <http://www.sais-jhu.edu/news-and-events/index.htm#ibrahim>.



Karl Jackson, Director, SE Asia Studies, SAIS, and Anwar Ibrahim, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

SE ASIA GRADUATE STUDENTS

SE Asia Studies continues to be among the most popular regional studies programs at SAIS, with more than 35 active students across the DC and Bologna campuses. Currently enrolled SE Asia students bring a diversity of cultural, educational, and professional backgrounds to the program. Numerous nationalities are represented, including Australia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, Italy, and the United States. The incoming SE Asia students have backgrounds that include teaching ESL

in Thailand and working with NGOs in China on rule of law issues.

We welcome Kathleen Bissonnette, Craig Blackburn, Samuel Christophersen, Sean Creehan, Jia Han, Ran Hu, Scott Inouye, Bao-chiun Jing, Charlotte Putney, Noppon Sagnanert, Alexandra Stuart, Kiet Vo, Adam Weinberg, and Amy Weiner.

Student Profile: Paula Guevara, second-year SE Asia student, hails from Manila, Philippines, where she studied European Languages (majoring in German) at the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

Prior to joining SAIS, she taught English in Vilnius, Lithuania, and organized cultural events at the Goethe-Institut Manila. As a representative of Goethe-Institute she attended the Berlin International Film Festival, and served as Festival Director of Manila's International Silent Film Festival. At SAIS, her focus is on regional integration in East Asia and ASEAN.



Lao textile factory visited by Wallis Yu to examine working conditions.



May Nguyen on the border of Vietnam and Laos working with ethnic minority communities.



Justina Wong with Mercy Corps employees in Jakarta, where she worked on an urban poverty assessment.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Through the generous support of the **Freeman Foundation**, second-year SE Asia Studies students have experienced rewarding internships in Southeast Asia and Washington, D.C. These internships are an integral part of the learning experience. They comprise a wide range of positions in the private sector, public sector, multilateral organizations, and non-profit NGOs.

Summer 2010 internships comprised **Allison Fajans-Turner** at the Governance and Conflict Management Division, The Asia Foundation, Kuala Lumpur; **Roxana Paula Guevara** at Vriens and Partners, a government relations firm based in Singapore; **Liana Hinch** at The Asia Foundation, Jakarta; **Duk Hwan Kim** at the Export-Import Bank of Korea, Jakarta; **Mee Jung Kim** at the World Bank, Washington, DC, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies,

Jakarta; **Jennie Lin** at HSBC, Hong Kong, **Christopher Liu** at VNG (Vinagame), Ho Chi Minh; **James Lerch** at UNAIDS, New Delhi; **Darin McNelly** at the State Department, Washington, D.C., and Wisma Bahasa, Yogyakarta; **F. Conor Riggs** at World Vision Lao PDR; **Awidya Santikajaya** at the Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and **Wallis Yu** at the State Department in Laos.

Summer 2009 internships comprised Jennifer **Hendrixson** at World Concern Myanmar; **Meghan Houlihan** researched conflict resolution efforts at The Asia Foundation, Philippines; **Josh Johnson** worked for Liew Chin Tong, a Malaysian parliament member in Penang, Malaysia; **Seth Kane** at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Chulalongkorn

University, Bangkok; **Kelly Keehan** at the Office of the U.S. Executive Director, Asian Development Bank, Manila; **Sarah Magfur** at Leopard Cambodia Ltd., a private equity company in Phnom Penh; **Robert McDonald** at World Vision Lao PDR; **Jeff Meyers** at J.P. Morgan Chase in Singapore; **Trinh Ngyuen** in Hanoi; **May Nguyen** conducted an assessment on ethnic minority communities for East Meets West Foundation in Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos; **Shane Perkinson** at The Asia Foundation, Phnom Penh; **Timothy Preston** at Indopacific Edelman, Jakarta; **KP Santivong** at APCO Worldwide, Jakarta; **Justina Wong** at Mercy Corps, Jakarta.

If you are interested in having a SE Asia Studies student contribute to your organization, please contact **William M. Wise** at 202-587-3221 or wwise2@jhu.edu

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ALUMNI PROFILE



Between field visits to sites near the Burmese-Thai border, **Brian Jungwiwattanaporn** (SAIS '09) gave us a quick update about his work in Southeast Asia.

"I am the Information Coordinator for Save the Children UK's Cross-border Programme. We are a regional programme encompassing the countries of the GMS working in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam focused on developing child protection systems targeted at migrant children, stateless children, trafficking victims, and children suffering from neglect and abuse. Working through local partners we work on anti-trafficking and child protection initiatives at the community level which enable us to engage in advocacy work at the national level and with ASEAN."

"Which leaves me off to the Burmese border with Thailand. As a program focused on migration, part of my job is the monitoring and reporting of work engaged by our partners across the region. I also support our advocacy work by creating communication materials and meeting with potential donors."

"I'll be off to China and Cambodia next month too, so I'll be getting mileage out of my SAIS education. [I]t's been busy. Life in SEA is pretty good though, even busy days at least involve good food along way."



Left to right: Sarah Maghfur, Jennie Lin, Chris Liu, Meghan Houlihan, Wallis Yu, Paula Guervara, and Allison Fajans-Turner.

COURSE TRIPS

SE Asia Studies students typically have taken country-based study trips prior to interning in Southeast Asia. In May 2009, **Professor James Riedel** and SAIS students shared their impressions from a trip to Vietnam that included stops in HCMC, Can Tho, Hanoi, Mai Chau, and Thai Binh. While Vietnam has weathered the financial crisis, agricultural constraints, the slow financial sector development, and macroeconomic imbalances pose challenges to Vietnam's future growth.

SAIS THAI CLUB EVENTS

Through the generous support of the **Royal Thai Embassy** in Washington, D.C., the **Thai Club** at SAIS has collaborated with SE Asia Studies on numerous events during the 2009-2010 academic year. These events included hosting **Duncan McCargo**, Professor of Southeast Asian Politics and Director of Research, Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds to discuss politics of Islam and the insurgency in Southern Thailand; **Sek Wannamethee**, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, of the Royal Thai Embassy, to discuss Thailand's role in ASEAN; and **Kasit Piromya**, Foreign Minister of Thailand.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

The SE Asia Studies community—colleagues, alumni, friends worldwide—have diligently worked to support **Hoa Tran** (SE Asia Studies Alumna 2009). Our fundraising efforts, including a silent auction and dinners, have been very successful.



As many of you know, Ms. Hoa returned to her native Vietnam to teach in the international Studies Department, Vietnam National University, her alma mater. However, her career was interrupted by continued declining health, which she has battled most valiantly.

In honor of Hoa, who was **Frederick Brown's** former student, the Frederick Z. Brown Fellowship Fund in Southeast Asia Studies has been officially changed to the **Tran Thi Quynh Hoa Fellowship Fund in Southeast Asia Studies**. We hope this Fund will encourage other students in Vietnam to pursue studies at SAIS and follow in Hoa's footsteps.

We are extremely sad to report that Ms. Hoa passed away on October 17, 2010.