SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES PROGRAM

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Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Alumni,

Over the summer, Rawong Rojvanit (SAIS '01) and Tom Parks (SAIS '06), graduates of Southeast Asia Studies, visited with their son, Tawan, a true Southeast Asia Studies baby. We are already holding a place in the SAIS class of 2036 for Tawan!

This new academic year, full of the promise exemplified by Tawan, marks an important milestone and speaks to the generosity and sustained efforts of our community. We are pleased to announce that after four years of a Southeast Asia Studies sponsored, non-credit Burmese course, SAIS is now offering Burmese as part of the regular SAIS curriculum. We can proudly boast that SAIS offers training in four Southeast Asian languages: Bahasa Indonesia, Thai, Vietnamese, and now, Burmese. Study of Burmese at SAIS was made possible by the generosity of **Caterpillar Inc**.

Prof. Karl Jackson with Tom Parks, Rawong Rojvanit, and their son, Tawan Parks.

We are working hard to ensure quality education in Southeast Asia Studies—from the breadth of our courses, to our close faculty-student interaction, and our research and study opportunities. Help us build this legacy by making a gift to Southeast Asia Studies at SAIS. Your contribution will fund fellowships for tuition, in-country language training, and summer internships. Join with us to guarantee the next generation's access to a world-class Southeast Asia program!

Best Wishes

Karl Jackson *Bill Wise*

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SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDENT NEWS

This fall we welcome 11 new M.A. students from Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, France, South Korea, Thailand, and the United States: **Jatuchatra Chommai, Alexis Collatos**, **Jacqueline Foelster** (Bologna), **Young Lim Lee** (Bologna), **Nicola Lwin, Elizabeth Posegate Vish, Jennifer Schuch-Page, Amanda Stek, Adrian Stover, Annie Su** (Bologna), and **Andrew Wasuwongse**.

These students bring a wealth of cultural, educational, and professional experiences. They have served in the Peace Corps in Cambodia and the Thai Foreign Service; interviewed North Korean defectors in China; worked for the Tifa Foundation in Jakarta; and assisted women candidates in Kenya's parliamentary elections.

Noppon Sagnanert and Nancy Ngo in Bologna.

We are also pleased to welcome **Nancy Ngo** and **Noppon Sagnanert** to the Washington, DC campus, following their first year of study in Bologna and successful summer internships in Vietnam and Thailand, respectively.

Dr. Paul D. Wolfowitz, former dean of SAIS, and Wallis Yu (SAIS '11).

On September 29, **Mr. Bruce D. Schulman** (SAIS '99) hosted a small luncheon in honor of **Wallis Yu** (SAIS '11), first winner of the Wolfowitz Fellowship Prize. Mr. Schulman donated the prize that is awarded to the Southeast Asia Studies concentrator earning the highest GPA in his or her class. **Former SAIS Dean Paul Wolfowitz**, for whom the prize is named, attended the luncheon, along with **Professors Jackson** and **Wise**, and several of Wallis's SAIS friends.

James Wilson (China Studies and Southeast Asia Studies) was awarded the M.A. degree with Honors in May 2011. The degree with honors is awarded to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class and perform exceptionally well in the M.A. oral exams.

VISITING FACULTY AND SCHOLARS

As this newsletter went to production, we learned of
G. Eugene Martin's passing.
Gene was a dear friend and valued colleague of the program.
A tribute to him will be carried in the next edition of this newsletter.

Mr. James Castle

Mr. James Castle joins Southeast Asia Studies once again to co-teach *Indonesia: Business and Politics* with Prof. Karl Jackson in fall 2011.

Mr. Castle is founder and chairman of CastleAsia, which was established in Jakarta in 1980 in association with PT Jasa Cita. CastleAsia manages the largest CEO forum in the country. With over 130 of Indonesia's largest corporations and institutions as its member base, the program provides a series of written reports and meeting opportunities designed to keep corporate leaders fully informed on the most important economic, political and regulatory issues facing business in Indonesia.

In more than 30 years of work in Southeast Asia, Mr. Castle has advised numerous foreign direct investment projects. He has served as a consultant to many of the world's largest corporations as well as many of the largest business groups in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. He has also been a consultant to numerous projects for governments and international agencies including the World Bank, IFC, ADB, USAID and the Indonesian government.

Mr. Castle currently serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Motorcycle Manufacturer, TVS Motor Indonesia, and the Board of Advisors of the East-West Center. While in Washington, DC, he will be speaking at several forums, including our Wednesday Lunch Seminar on economic and political prospects for Indonesia.

Benjamin Reilly, senior visiting professor, had an active summer travelling to Egypt on behalf of the International Institute for Election Systems (IFES) to advise on new voting rules for a democratically-elected Egyptian parliament, and to Taiwan to present a paper on "Political Parties, Electoral Systems and Democratic Governance" at an international conference on "Democracy in East Asia and Taiwan in Global Perspective". Two of Prof. Reilly's papers on Southeast Asian politics appeared in print over the summer: "Political Reform and the Demise of Consociationalism in Southeast Asia" in *The Crisis of Democratic Governance in Southeast Asia,* Aurel Croissant & Marco Bünte (eds), (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011); and "Semi-Presidentialism and Democratic Development in East Asia" in *Semi-Presidentialism and Democracy,* Robert Elgie, Sophia Moestrup, and Yu-shan Wu (eds), (Palgrave, 2011).

Prof. Reilly with Prof. Stephan Haggard of UC San Diego at the conference in Taiwan on democratic development in East Asia.

Dr. Cheng-Chwee Kuik

We were pleased to have **Dr. Cheng-Chwee Kuik** (SAIS Ph.D. '11) as visiting scholar during summer 2011. Dr. Kuik is senior lecturer at the Strategic Studies and International Relations Program at the National University of Malaysia. His recent publications include "China's Evolving Strategic Profile in East Asia: A Southeast Asian Perspective" in *China and East Asian Strategic Dynamics: The Shaping of a New Regional Order*, Mingjiang Li and Dongmin Lee (eds.), (Lexington Books, 2011).

Dr. Yoshihiro Nakanishi

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Yoshihiro Nakanishi,** a research fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO) in Japan, as visiting scholar through September 2012. His research at SAIS, which will focus on the transformation of Burmese state-military relations after the 1962 *coup d'état*, will expand upon his analysis in *Gunsei Biruma no Kenryoku Kozo* (*The Power Structure of the Military Regime in Burma*) (Kyoto University Press, 2009).

THE SAIS PHILIPPINES ROUNDTABLE

SAIS Philippines Roundtable 9.28.2011: H.E. Fidel V. Ramos with SAIS affiliates (L—R): Prof. Karl Jackson, director, Southeast Asia Studies; Bao-chiun Jing, SAIS M.A. student; Noppon Sagnanert and Shelley Su, SAIS M.A. students; and Azalia Muchransyah, Fulbright FLTA Grantee.

Co-chaired by **G. Eugene Martin**, visiting scholar, and **William M. Wise**, associate director, Southeast Asia Studies, the SAIS Philippines Roundtable is the principal forum in Washington, D.C. for discussion of Philippine issues and U.S.-Philippines relations. The Roundtable is made possible through the major support of an anonymous donor and additional support of numerous individuals, among whom we would like to acknowledge **El Cid Butuyan, Dr. Bernardita Churchill** and **Mr. Malcolm Churchill, G. Eugene Martin, Eileen (Mitzi) Pickard**, and **Greg Rushford**.

The Roundtable opened this fall 2011 with discussions led by three highly distinguished speakers: **Amanda M. Tetangco, Jr**, governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, on the Philippine political economy (9.22.2011), **H.E. Fidel V. Ramos**, former president of the Republic of the Philippines and chairman of the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation, on "Asia's Rise and America's Role in the Emerging Power Balance" (9.28.2011); and **Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III** on his highly contested 2007 election and U.S.-Philippines bilateral relations (11.9.2011).

H.E. Nguyen Quoc Cuong, ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam spoke on September 21.

The SEA Wednesday Lunch Seminar, As the centerpiece of Southeast Asia Studies' enrichment and community-building effort—the Wednesday Lunch Seminar opened its fall 2011 series with a discussion on Vietnam and the United States led by **H.E. Nguyen Quoc Cuong**, ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Guest speakers during recent weeks included **Donald L. Horowitz**, James B. Duke Professor of Law and Political Science, Duke University, on "An Inside Job: Indonesia's Path to Constitutional Democracy"; and **Endy M. Bayuni**, visiting fellow, East-West Center in Washington, and senior editor, *The Jakarta Post*, on "Religious Freedom in Peril in Indonesia."

Southeast Asia Forum at SAIS is a small group of Washington-area Southeast Asia specialists who come together monthly to discuss policy and research concerns and provide information and analysis helpful in policymaking. The Forum, co-organized by **Karl D. Jackson** and **William M. Wise,** is made possible through a grant from **The Asia Foundation**.

The SAIS Indochina Roundtable, co-chaired by **Frederick Z. Brown** and **Catharin E. Dalpino**, visiting scholars in Southeast Asia Studies, is a monthly series to stimulate discussion in the Washington policy community on Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and U.S. relations with these countries. A discussion on "The U.S. Lower Mekong Initiative: Political and Social Dynamics in the Mekong Region" led by **Richard Cronin** and **Tim Hamlin** of the Stimson Center's Mekong Policy Project, served to inaugurate the new academic season. The Lower Mekong Initiative is the Obama administration's flagship effort on mainland Southeast Asia. The Stimson Center Mekong Policy Project focuses on the trans-boundary, human security, and regional political impacts of proposed hydropower dams on the Mekong river mainstream.

The SAIS Burma Study Group is made possible through a generous grant from **Chevron Corporation**. Co-organized by **William M. Wise**, associate director, Southeast Asia Studies, and **David I. Steinberg**, distinguished professor of Asian studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, the purpose of the Study Group is to discuss at the expert level current developments in Burma/Myanmar and the state of U.S.-Burma/Myanmar relations; and to develop policy recommendations for the U.S. and other states and international organizations in managing relations with Burma/Myanmar.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2011

Through the support of the **SAIS Southeast Asia Studies Program** and the **SAIS Career Services**, M.A. students experienced rewarding internships in Southeast Asia. The students held wide-ranging positions in various sectors, particularly the private and government sectors: **Kathleen Bissonnette** at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta; **Craig Blackburn** at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane; **Samuel Christophersen** at Phatra Securities, Bangkok; **Sean Creehan** at Veracity Worldwide, Singapore; **Jia Han** at The Asia Foundation, Phnom Penh; **Ran Hu** at HSBC, Bangkok; **Scott Inouye** at Alam Bahasa Language School, Yogyakarta; **Bao-chiun Jing** at HSBC, Bangkok; **Nancy Ngo** at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Ho Chi Minh City; **Charlotte Putney** at Alam Bahasa, Yogyakarta; **Noppon Sagnanert** at the Bank of Thailand, Bangkok; **Alexandra Stuart** at PT Freeport-McMoRan, West Papua; and **Amy Weiner** at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta.

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Thank You!

NEW LANGUAGE COURSE!

BURMESE

We are pleased to announce that SAIS Language Studies is now offering Burmese under the instruction of **Dr. Myint Soe**. Dr. Myint Soe has taught a Southeast Asia Studies-sponsored non-credit Burmese course for four years. He has a doctorate in linguistics and is one of four U.S. scholars who study the Burmese language from a linguistics perspective. He also serves as the language training supervisor at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute.

The addition of Burmese as a Southeast Asia language course is made possible through a generous grant from **Caterpillar Incorporation**. Burmese will now be part of the regular SAIS curriculum, along with Bahasa Indonesia, Thai, and Vietnamese, with classes offered twice each week, fall and spring, for credit.

BOOK LAUNCH!

On September 29, Southeast Asia Studies hosted a book launch of **Dr. Thant Myint-U's** (SAIS '91) highly acclaimed book, *Where China Meets India: Burma and the New Crossroads of Asia* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011). The discussion, which was moderated by **Prof. William Wise**, was held in conjunction with a briefing at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

SAISers in SIAM

On July 21 SAISers in Siam hosted a dinner and panel discussion on Post-Election Thailand to welcome our summer interns. More than 30 people attended the affair at the RBSC Polo Club in Bangkok, including several spouses and interns.

Bangkok SAIS dinner 7.21.2011: First row (L-R): Rachaneekorn Poomipug, Seth Kane '11, Brian Jungwiwattanaporn '09, Aldo Morri B'87, '88, Panravee Mori, Danny Marks '10; Second row (L-R): Bao-Chiun Jing '12, Pajaree Varathorn '13, Alison Symons '01, Craig Symons, Kullawee Pongpattanajit '08, Gayshiel Grandison '12, Luc Chauvin '90, Nopporn Wong-anan '98, Derek Keswakaroon '08, Nattakorn Devakula '03, Thitinan Pongsudhirak '92; Third row (L-R): Sam Christopherson, Ran Hu '12, Roger Arnold, Noppon Sagnanert B'11,'12, Ashley Burgin '12, Eric Fisher, Phil Robertson'97, Sirapol Ridhiprasart B'09, '10, Jirawat Poomsrikaew '03, Jirayu Tulyanond '02, Pongsiri Vorapongse '09.

On August 9 SAISers in Siam welcomed **Prof. Karl Jackson** and **Dr. Jae Ku**, director of the U.S.–Korea Institute at SAIS (Ph.D. '03), with drinks and good cheer at Molly Malone's in Bangkok.

Bangkok 8.9.2011: Standing L – R: Linda True '04, Professor Jae Ku Ph.D. '03, Professor Karl Jackson, Thitinan Pongsudhirak '92, Bao-Chiun Jing '12, Yuting Hsu; Pichayanin Wangchalabovorn '13, Noppon Sagnanert '12, Derek Keswakaroon '08 and Seth Kane '10; Sitting L – R: Phil Robertson '97, Pajaree Varathorn '13 and Worawut Chawengkiat'12

The **SAIS Thai Club** held a donation drive to aid Thai flood victims. Thailand has experienced its most devastating floods in more than half a century. Proceeds raised by the Thai Club went to the Thai Red Cross. For more information, please contact sais.thaiclub@gmail.com.

Southeast Asia Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
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WHY SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES AT SAIS?

Southeast Asia has come into its own as a region of dynamic, rapidly developing societies: 11 countries; 600 million people; and a combined GDP of over $1 trillion. Elections and markets now matter more than strife and revolution. SAIS Southeast Asia Studies offers critical tools for understanding and working in this fascinating region through a rigorous and policy-oriented curriculum and unparalleled Washington D.C.-based forums that examine domestic politics and international relations of Southeast Asian countries.

Established in 1991, SAIS Southeast Asia Studies brings together 35-40 highly qualified U.S. and international graduate students. The students are exposed to multi-disciplinary course offerings in Southeast Asia studies along with studies in economics, and participate in special lectures, roundtable discussions, conferences, and crisis simulations. Activities include Wednesday Lunch Seminars, our weekly gathering of students and faculty on the Washington campus for informal discussions with speakers from academia, research centers, the U.S. government, foreign diplomatic missions, NGOs, media, or the business sector.

Language expertise in Bahasa Indonesian, Thai, Burmese, and Vietnamese gives SAIS graduates a strong competitive edge. Students become highly proficient in a modern language other than their native tongue as they learn to converse and read primary material. Limited funding is provided for language study in Southeast Asia during the January intersession.

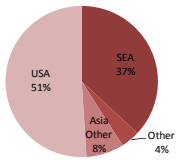
Summer internships offer real world experience that prepare students to succeed in their field. Between the first and second year of studies, students participate in an internship of eight weeks (minimum) duration in a Southeast Asian country other than one they hold nationality. Students have served in the Office of the President in Jakarta, the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia, the UNDP in Bangkok, as well as in private corporations and NGOs.

Fellowships offset the high cost of education. AY 2011-12 fellowships, selected on the basis of merit, include:

-*C.V. Starr Foundation Fellowship* supports students pursuing Southeast Asia studies.
- *Prem Fellowship for Thai Studies*—based on a private endowment, provides tuition support to students from Thailand.
- *Freeport McMoRan Fellowship* is available to students from Indonesia concentrating in Southeast Asia studies.
- *Tran Thi Quynh Hoa Fellowship* is available to students from Vietnam studying toward an MA or MIPP degree at SAIS.

Graduate Profiles

From many countries…



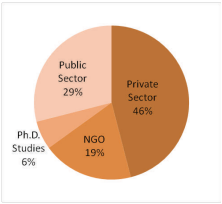
Nationality of Students
(Class of 2003—present)

Fred Neumann, Class of 2005

"SAIS education truly provides a unique perspective on the world, and helped me to blend political and economic understanding in a way that benefits my work today enormously."

Frederic Neumann is the senior economist at HSBC in Hong Kong, responsible for the Asia region. Originally from Luxembourg, Fred has taught courses on macroeconomics and Asia and was a consultant for the World Bank and various governments.

To many jobs…



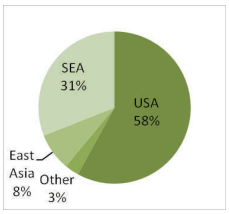
Alumni Employment
by Sector
(Class of 2003—present)

Shari Knoerzer, Class of 2002

"The 'real world' experience the faculty brought to the classroom prepared me with analytical skills that allowed me to make sense of, and work effectively within a rapidly developing SE Asia society."

Shari Knoerzer works for Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold as director of social responsibility and community development-Asia/Africa. Her first five years at Freeport were spent in Indonesia.

To many places…



Alumni Employment
by Location
(Class of 2003—present)

Edison Sian, Class of 2004

"My two years at SAIS were an intense intellectual and social experience and the SEA program was my home. The friends I met there are irreplaceable and I keep in touch with over 100 SEA alumni. The network is amazing."

Edi Sian is in the Philippines setting up a social enterprise to target the healthcare needs of the poorest communities. His goal is establishing micro-clinics throughout the archipelago to combat the five main causes of death in over 70% of the population.

Karl D. Jackson, *C.V. Starr Distinguished Professor; director, Asian Studies Program; director, Southeast Asia Studies Program*. Originally an Indonesia specialist Dr. Jackson has also published books on Cambodia, Thailand, and the Asian financial crisis. He has served as senior advisor to the president of the World Bank, national security advisor to the U.S. vice president, senior director for Asia at the National Security Council, and deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia and the Pacific. Before coming to SAIS in 1996, he was professor of political science at the University of California, Berkeley. *2011-12 Core Courses: International Relations of Asia: The Policy Process; International Relations of Southeast Asia.*

William M. Wise*, associate director, Southeast Asia Studies Program; associate practitioner-in-residence*. Prof. Wise is a specialist in national security affairs. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, he served as deputy national security advisor to the U.S. vice president, chief of policy at the U.S. Pacific Command, deputy director of policy planning (East Asia and the Pacific Region) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and in the U.S. intelligence community. He has advised three special government study commissions, including the National Commission on Terrorism. *2011-12 Courses: Security and Development in Southeast Asia; Covert Action and Foreign Policy in Asia; Current Asian Security Issues*

Visiting Professors 2011-2012

Benjamin Reilly*, professor of policy and governance, Australian National University*. Dr. Reilly has served as senior visiting professor at SAIS Southeast Asia Studies since AY 2009-10. He is involved in numerous research projects, and recently completed a Reagan Fascell Democracy Fellowship at the National Endowment for Democracy. He has worked for the United Nations, International IDEA and the Australian government. He has authored six books and more than 60 articles and book chapters on democratization, constitutional reform, party politics, electoral system design and conflict management. *2011-12 Courses: Democracy and Democratization in Southeast Asia; Internal Conflict and Conflict Management in Southeast Asia.*

James Castle*, Chairman, CastleAsia, Jakarta*. Mr. Castle is the founder of CastleAsia (est. 1980), which manages the largest CEO forum in Indonesia. In over 30 years of work in Southeast Asia, he has advised numerous foreign direct investment projects. He has served as a consultant to many of the world's largest corporations as well as many of Indonesia's and Southeast Asia's largest business groups. He has also been consultant to numerous projects for governments and international agencies, including the World Bank, IFC, ADB, USAID and the Indonesian government. *2011-12 Course: Indonesia: Business and Politics*

Steven Rood*, country representative for the Philippines and Pacific Island Nations, The Asia Foundation*. In his concurrent role as regional advisor for local governance, Dr. Rood assists in building local government, decentralization, and municipal government programs throughout the region. He has served as a consultant to government and NGOs, and as professor of political science at the University of the Philippines College Baguio from 1981 until joining the Asia Foundation in 1999. He was the only foreign faculty member with tenure in the University of the Philippines system. *2011-12 Course: Domestic Politics of Thailand and the Philippines*

Sample of Southeast Asia Studies Course Offerings:

Burma: The Dilemma of Myanmar; Contentious Politics in Southeast Asia: From Riots to Terrorism; Covert Action and Foreign Policy in Asia; Current Asian Security Issues; Democracy and Democratization in Southeast Asia; Domestic Politics of Thailand and the Philippines; History of Southeast Asia: From Empires to Independent States; Indonesia: Business and Politics; Internal Conflict and Conflict Management in Southeast Asia; International Relations of Asia: The Policy Process; International Relations of Southeast Asia; Managing "Success": The Politics of Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei; Minority Politics in Southeast Asia; Political Economy of Modern Indonesia; Political Leadership in Southeast Asia; Politics of Indochina; Security and Politics of Modern Indonesia; Southeast Asia: The Security Dimension; and *Thailand's Crisis and Transformation*.

Visiting Scholars 2011-2012

Frederick Z. Brown*, Indochina specialist and former associate director, SAIS Southeast Asia Studies*
Catharin E. Dalpino*, Joan M. and James P. Warburg Chair of International Relations, Simmons College; former U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state; former Brookings fellow*
G. Eugene Martin*, managing director, Asia Pacific Strategies; former director, Hopkins-Nanjing Center, Washington*
Yoshihiro Nakanishi*, research fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan*
Marvin C. Ott*, fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center, former professor of national security policy, National War College*

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