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Call for Papers – 12th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference – Submission Deadline: January 10, 2010. <http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/academics/2010spring.asp>

The Cornell Southeast Asia Program invites submissions for its 12th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference. This year this annual event will be held at the Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on March 12-14, 2010.

Southeast Asia Program Brown Bag Lecture Series

Monday, October 26 - "My Life as a Doctor in Today's Burma", Dr. Myint Oo (Rangoon University Medical College), 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM, Kahin Center, 640 Stewart Ave, Ithaca.

As a Burmese citizen and a civil activist, Dr. Myint will discuss how the lifting of sanctions by the US and other Western countries might affect Burma's humanitarian situation. He will also address challenges faced by grassroots civil society and medical practitioners in his home country.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11761>)

Thursday, October 29 - "The Question of Scale, State, Community and Representation in Eastern Indonesia", Timo Kaartinen (Lecturer, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Helsinki University), 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Kahin Center, 640 Stewart Ave, Ithaca.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11526>)

The tendency of recent Indonesian studies has been to drop the past concern with local social and cultural universes. The alternative has been to think about nations and ethnic communities as things grounded in larger political and economic orders. Yet, many ethnographies point to wide differences in the effects of decolonization, capitalism and the nation-state. The diversity of narratives and forms of community face us with questions about the scale of social and historical processes where they become significant for study.

Friday, October 30 – "Egalitarian and Authoritarian modes in Thai Social Interaction", Michael Herzfeld (Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University), 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Kahin Center, 640 Stewart Ave, Ithaca. (<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11571>)

Ever since anthropologists began investigating Thai society, their attempts to assess the applicability of formal models has been bedeviled by Thai assertions (or affectations) of egalitarianism and pragmatic compromise. Whether we are looking at the puzzle of the alleged "loose structure" of early kinship studies, the internal contradictions made explicit in Riggs's model of "prismatic society," the formality of grammatical rules

that seen to be denied in everyday usage, or the modern oddity of a democracy movement that seeks to restrict suffrage, such apparent contradictions abound. They are even reproduced in the rules for the preparation and consumption of food – perhaps the least surprising arena, in that this is a largely Buddhist society that nonetheless embraces spicy flavors. In this talk, largely basing my remarks on field research in Bangkok, I shall argue that such contradictions say more about the Cartesian assumptions that underlie much anthropological theory than they do about Thai society and culture. I shall argue further that the sense of paradox is also locally enhanced by the fact that Thai scholars today have embraced a similarly positivistic view of governance and endowed it with a mesmerizing language of transparency, precision, and order. In this talk, I ask what a principled refusal to adopt such Eurocentric and positivistic perspectives might do for our analyses of both ordinary social life and present-day politics.

Film Series

Wednesday, October 28 – Film Screening “Platoon”, 7:30 PM, 132 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University
(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11564>)

Chris Taylor is a young, naive American who gives up college and volunteers for combat in Vietnam. Upon arrival, he quickly discovers that his presence is quite nonessential, and is considered insignificant to the other soldiers, as he has not fought for as long as the rest of them and felt the effects of combat. Chris has two commanding officers, the ill-tempered and indestructible Staff Sergeant Robert Barnes and the more pleasant and cooperative Sergeant Elias Grodin. A line is drawn between the two officers and a number of men in the platoon when an illegal killing occurs during a village raid. As the war continues, Chris himself draws towards psychological meltdown. And as he struggles for survival, he soon realizes he is fighting two battles, the conflict with the enemy and the conflict between the men within his platoon. Directed by Oliver Stone, U.S.A., 1984, 95 minutes.

Conferences

Saturday, October 24 - Cornell-Yale Third Northeastern Conference on Indonesia, George McT. Kahin Center, Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia, 640, Stewart Avenue, NY 14850. The conference will take place in Bahasa Indonesia.
(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11784>)

Beyond SEAP – on campus/in Ithaca

Events

Sunday, October 25, 2009 – ISPB (International Students Programming Board) invites you to **International Festival '09**, a memorable evening of spectacular performances by our very own Cornell students. Get ready to be mesmerized by the talents of these performing groups and at the same time experience the richness of the international and cultural diversity in Cornell. The International Festival is where boys meet girls, East meets West and cultures interact.

The festival features: 1) Bhangra 2) Illumination 3) Impact Dance Troupe 4) Pandora Dance Troupe 5) Sabor Latino Dance Ensemble 6) Shadow Dance Troupe 7) Tap Dance 8) Teszia 9) Yamatai - Taiko
Venue: Duffield Atrium, 7:00 PM, Open to all, Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, October 26, 2009 - Taste of Culture will feature dishes from a variety of international cuisines, ranging from Italian, to Chinese, to Peruvian! Guests will sample desserts from all over the world while learning a few phrases of foreign languages. The event is absolutely free. Venue: Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Open to all.

Sunday, November 1, 2009 - Come taste and enjoy a variety of authentic Thai food at **Thai Food Festival** from 6:00- 8:30PM in the Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11778>)

Beyond Cornell

Call for Papers/Conferences

“Thailand’s Responses to Globalization: Globalization vs. Traditionalism” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, (Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL) – **October 23-24, 2009.**

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=10982>)

“Filipino Knowledge Indigenous Systems and Practices: Their Relevance in an Age of Globalization” (Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA) – Call for Papers deadline: November 15, 2009

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11499>)

Job postings

Tenure-track Position, Department of Politics (Bates College, Lewiston, ME) – Application Deadline: November 2, 2009.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/links/employment.asp?id=647>)

Tenure-track Position, Department of Anthropology (Haverford College, Haverford, PA) – Application Deadline: November 3, 2009.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/links/employment.asp?id=653>)

Assistant, Associate or Full Professor, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies (Amherst College, Amherst, MA) – Application Deadline: November 15, 2009.

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/links/employment.asp?id=653>)

Beyond United States

Call for Papers/Conferences

“Engaging the Classics in Malay and Southeast Asian Studies: Where To From Here?” Buddhism and Diaspora (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Pasir Panjing, Singapore) – Call for Abstracts deadline: November 15, 2009

(<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/calendar/index.asp?id=11489>)

Job postings

Assistant, Associate or Full Professor – Anthropology, History or Cultural Studies (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zayed University, Dubai Campus, United Arab Emirates) – Application deadline: November 1, 2009 (<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/links/employment.asp?id=655>)

Lecturer, School of Languages and Cultures (University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia) – Application deadline: November 5, 2009 (<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/links/employment.asp?id=654>)