

**Center for Southeast Asia Studies, UC Berkeley**  
**Past Events**

**2013-2014**

SEP 30

BOOK EVENT: *The Ghost Bride* (William Morrow, 2013) with Yangsze Choo

OCT 2

FILM SCREENING

*Lewat Djam Malam* (Indonesia, 1954)

OCT 7

LECTURE: "'Human Rights are like Coca Cola': Contested Human Rights Discourses in Suharto's Indonesia, 1968-1980"

Bradley Simpson, Associate Professor of History, University of Connecticut

OCT 14

LECTURE: "Freedom and Fear in Myanmar"

Ian Holliday, Professor of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong

OCT 15

LECTURE: "From Vaudeville Humor to Movie Heroism: Multiple Modernities in the Commercial Streets of 1930s and 1960s Manila"

Elmo Gonzaga, Ph.D. candidate, Rhetoric, UC Berkeley

OCT 23

LECTURE: "Dreaming of Gold in Ho Chi Minh City"

Allison Truitt, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Tulane University

OCT 24

BOOK EVENT: *Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o Community in Stockton, California* (Duke, 2013) with Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, Associate Professor of History, San Francisco State University

NOV 5

PERFORMANCE

Merlinda Bobis, writer and playwright

"River, River: Embodying What is Lost/What is Found"

*Organized by the Dept. of South & Southeast Asian Studies*

NOV 6

FILM SCREENING: 'A River Changes Course' [U.S./Cambodia 2013], directed by Kalyanee Mam

*Co-sponsored with Peace and Conflict Studies*

NOV 12

BOOK EVENT: *The Longest Journey: Southeast Asians and the Pilgrimage to Mecca* (Oxford, 2013) with Eric Tagliacozzo, Professor of History, Cornell University

*Co-sponsored with the Dept. of South & Southeast Asian Studies*

NOV 13

LECTURE: "The War of Translation: American English, Colonial Education and Tagalog Slang, 1920s-1970s"

Vicente Rafael, Professor of History, University of Washington

NOV 14

LECTURE: "The Philippine Paradox: Growth and the Problem of Inclusivity"

Lila Ramos Shahani, Assistant Secretary and Head of Communications, Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cabinet Cluster, Government of the Philippines

*Co-Sponsored with the Blum Center for Developing Economies and the Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies*

NOV 20

LECTURE: "Filipino Migration and the Remaking of Gender Narratives, 1906-2010"

Mina Roces, Associate Professor of History and Philosophy, University of New South Wales

NOV 21

LECTURE: "Imperial Intoxication: Albert Calmette, Technological Dialectics and the Making of Colonial Indochina"

Gerard Sasges, Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

NOV 25

PANEL DISCUSSION: "Interfaith Dialogue in a Plural Society: The View from Indonesia"

Panelists: Prof. Dr. H. Musa Asy'ari, Rector, Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University (Yogyakarta); Reverend Joas Adiprasetya, President, Jakarta Theological Seminary; Father Edy Kristianto, Professor and Chair, Department of Theology, Driyarkara School of Philosophy (Jakarta); Dr. Jamhari Ma'ruf, Deputy Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (Jakarta)

FEB 5

LECTURE: "Community Cellular Networks in Rural Papua, Indonesia"

Dr. Kurtis Heimerl, Postdoctoral Researcher, Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, UC Berkeley

FEB 6

FILM SCREENING: "Yangon – Reports from Myanmar and America"

*Organized by the Center for Digital TV and The World, Graduate School of Journalism*

MAR 5

BOOK EVENT: *A Civilized Woman: M. L. Boonlua Debyasuvann and the Thai Twentieth Century* (Silkworm Books, 2013) with Dr. Susan Fulop Kepner, Dept. of South & Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

MARCH 14 - 19

CSEAS RESIDENCY of Indonesian writer AHMAD FUADI

MAR 17 lecture

MAR 19 film screening of "Negara 5 Menara" – the film produced from Ahmad Fuadi's book

APR 2

BOOK EVENT: *Vietnamese Colonial Republican: The Political Vision of Vu Trong Phung* (UC Press, 2013) with Peter Zinoman, Professor of History, UC Berkeley

APR 29

LECTURE: "The Cambodian Archaeological Lidar Initiative: Exploring Resilience and Sustainability in the Engineered Landscapes of Early Southeast Asia"

Dr. Damian Evans, Director, Robert Christie Research Centre, Siem Reap, Cambodia

APR 30

LECTURE: "Naked Effects: Watching The Image-Event in Indonesia's Post-Authoritarian Public Sphere"

Karen Strassler, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Queens College CUNY

## **2012-2013**

Feb 5

BOOK TALK with Kieu-Linh Valverde, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, UC Davis

Feb 27

LECTURE: "Real and Imagined Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Catholicism: The Portuguese Mission of Philippe Binh"

George Dutton, Associate Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA

March 4

LECTURE: "In Religion's Name: Abuses against Religious Minorities in Indonesia"

Andreas Harsono, Human Rights Watch (Indonesia)

March 6

LECTURE: "Emerging Land Struggles in Burma during the Neoliberal Reform Period"

Kevin Woods, Ph.D. candidate, Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC Berkeley

March 6

FILM SCREENING

'Where Heaven Meets Hell' (2011), followed by Q&A with director Sasha Friedlander

March 7

LECTURE: "Collapsing Vietnam, Collapsing America"

Linh Dinh, 2013 Avenali Resident Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities

March 8

LECTURE: "Nativating Languages: Challenges and Opportunities of the Non-Native Writer"

Linh Dinh, 2013 Avenali Resident Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities

March 14

LECTURE: "The Deluge: New Vietnamese Poetry"

Linh Dinh, 2013 Avenali Resident Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities

March 19

LECTURE: "Cambodia-Thailand Relations: The Question of the Preah Vihear Temple and a Clash of Two Nationalisms"

Charnvit Kasetsiri, Emeritus Professor of History, Thammasat University

March 20

LECTURE: "Living in a War-Torn Environment: Perspectives on Risk from Cambodia and Laos"

Dr. Krisna Uk, Director, Center for Khmer Studies

April 8

LECTURE: "The Slow Road from Authoritarianism to Democracy: Where are Malaysia and Singapore?"

Sudhir Vadaketh, Senior Editor, The Economist Intelligence Unit (Singapore)

April 14-15

CONFERENCE @ UCLA

Critical Histories of Activism: Indonesia's New Order and its Legacies

Convenors: Prof. Jeffrey Hadler (DSSEAS) and Prof. Nancy Lee Peluso (ESPM)

Organized by UCLA's Center for Southeast Asian Studies

## **2011-2012**

SEP 2

PERFORMANCE: Balinese Shadow Play featuring I Wayan Wija

Organized by the Department of Music

OCT 7

LECTURE: "Re-evaluating Vietnam's Nghe-Tinh Soviets (1930-31) with Historical GIS: Some Preliminary Observations"

David Del Testa, Associate Professor of History, Bucknell University

OCT 19

BOOK TALK with David Biggs, Associate Professor of History, UC Riverside

"Nation-Building and Nature in the Mekong Delta: Vietnamese History through an Environmental Lens"

Organized by the Institute of East Asian Studies

OCT 31

LECTURE: "Figures of Violence: The Limit of State Legality in the Narratives of the May 1998 Riots in Indonesia"

Dr. Fadjar I. Thufail, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

NOV 9

LECTURE: "Khmer Rouge Self-Fashioning"

Michael Mascuch, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley

NOV 10

LECTURE: "'It's better to have lighter babies than darker babies': Family Expectations, Romantic Relationships, and Skin Color in Filipino/American Communities"

Joanne Rondilla, Ph.D. candidate, Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley

DEC 1

FILM SCREENING: "The Mother's Heart", in Vietnamese with English subtitles (95 minutes)

DEC 7

LECTURE: "De-Stalinization in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam"

Alec Holcombe, Ph.D. candidate, History, UC Berkeley

FEB 15

LECTURE: "'Virgin Mary is Going South': Refugee Resettlement in South Vietnam, 1954-1956"

Jessica Elkind, Assistant Professor of History, San Francisco State University

FEB 15

FILM SCREENING: "Tales of the Waria" (2011, 57 mins), with the filmmaker Kathy Huang

FEB 22

LECTURE: "Red, Yellow, Green, and Pink: The Thai Military since the 2006 Coup"

James Ockey, 2012 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University; Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Canterbury (New Zealand)

MAR 1

LECTURE: "The Influenza Pandemic of 1918: New Findings from India and Indonesia"  
Siddharth Chandra, Director, Asian Studies Center; Professor, James Madison College,  
Michigan State University

MAR 7

BOOK TALK with Meg Wesling, Associate Professor of English, UC San Diego  
"Empire's Proxy: American Literature and U.S. Imperialism in the Philippines"  
Organized by the Institute of East Asian Studies

APR 4

LECTURE: "Diplomacy and Cultural Understanding: Learning from U.S. Policy toward  
Indonesia under Sukarno"  
Dr. Baskara Wardaya, Director, Center for History and Political Ethics, Sanata Dharma  
University (Indonesia); Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, UC Riverside

APR 11

LECTURE: "Tolerance without Liberalism: Islamic Institutions and Political Violence in 20th  
Century Indonesia"  
Dr. Jeremy Menchik, Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia, Stanford  
University

APR 16

LECTURE: "Innovation and Transmission within the Eco-System of Balinese Wayang  
Performance"  
Dr. Lisa Gold, Department of Music, UC Berkeley

APR 25

LECTURE: "'A Fog of Information': Modeling Causality and Constructing Uncertainty in  
Hanoi's Cholera Epidemics, 2007-2010"  
Martha Lincoln, CSEAS Visiting Student Researcher; Ph.D. candidate in Cultural  
Anthropology, City University of New York

May 3

SPECIAL LECTURE: "The Future of Secular Humanism in Indonesia: Historical, Sociological  
and Political Perspectives"  
Azyumardi Azra, Professor of History and Director of the Graduate School, Syarif  
Hidayatullah State Islamic University (Indonesia)

## **2010-2011**

SEP 8

LECTURE: "After the Maguindanao Massacre: Where to for the Moros & Malacañang?"  
Dr. Peter Bartu, CSEAS Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley

OCT 6

LECTURE: "From Ta Prohm to Bayon"  
Dr. Olivier Cunin, independent scholar

OCT 8

DISCUSSION with Premesh Chandran, co-founder and CEO of Malaysiakini.com

OCT 12

FILM SCREENING: "Enemies of the People: A Personal Journey into the Heart of the Killing  
Fields", Followed by Q&A with filmmaker Rob Lemkin

OCT 21

LECTURE: "A Real Place with Real People": A Feminist/Queer Cartography of Burmese Supernaturalism, Gender & Human Rights"

Tamara Ho, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, UC Riverside

NOV 10

BOOK EVENT with Susan Morgan, Distinguished Professor of English, Miami University  
"Bombay Anna: The Real Story and Remarkable Adventures of the King and I Governess"

NOV 17

LECTURE: "The Effect of External Influences on Republican Nationalism in Vietnam"

Nu-Anh Tran, Ph.D. candidate, History, UC Berkeley

JAN 31

BOOK EVENT with John Burgess, journalist

"Stories in Stone: The Sdok Kok Thom Inscription and the Enigma of Khmer History"

FEB 2

LECTURE: "The Beginnings of American-Sponsored Public Education in the Philippines, 1901-1913"

Dr. Lino Dizon, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley

FEB 11

LECTURE: "Ambivalent Allies: China, Cambodia, and the Politics of Mutual Resistance"

Andrew Mertha, Associate Professor of Government, Cornell University

Organized by the Center for Chinese Studies

MAR 2

BOOK EVENT with Tuong Vu, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon

"Paths to Development in Asia: South Korea, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia"

MAR 17

LECTURE: "Pinoise Rock: Re-imagining Filipino America"

Christine Balance, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, UC Irvine

APR 5

BOOK EVENT with Chris Baker and Pasuk Phongpaichit

"The Tale of Khun Chang Khun Phaen"

APR 6

LECTURE: "Cities of the Young: Jazz, Love, and the Student Imagination in Penang and Rangoon in the 1920s and 1930s"

Dr. Su Lin Lewis, Institute of Historical Research, University of London

APR 6

FILM SCREENING

"Who Killed Chea Vichea?", including Q&A with producer Rich Garella

APR 13

LECTURE: "Meanwhile, Back At Home: Preliminary Findings on the Impact of the 'Export Labor' Policy on Vietnamese Migrant Workers and their Families"

Angie Ngoc Tran, Professor of Social, Behavioral and Global Studies, CSU Monterey Bay

APR 20

LECTURE: "Cultural Politics and Cross-Gender Dance: Redefining Senses of Masculinity and Femininity in East Java, Indonesia"

Christina Sunardi, Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology, University of Washington

APR 28

FILM SCREENING

"A Village Called Versailles", including Q&A with director S. Leo Chiang

MAY 4

LECTURE: "1932 as Prologue, Revolution or Coup: Narratives of the 'Event' that Changed Thailand's History"

Arjun Subrahmanyam, Ph.D. candidate, History, UC Berkeley

## **2009-2010**

SEP 9

LECTURE: "Burmese and Mon Foundation Myths and the Forging of a National Identity"

Dr. Donald Stadtner, independent scholar

SEP 17

LECTURE: "Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia since Early Modern Times"

Prof. Michael Peletz, Emory University

SEP 18

COMPOSER COLLOQUIUM with Prof. Evan Ziporyn, MIT; composer of 'A House in Bali'  
*Organized by Cal Performances and the UC Berkeley Dept. of Music*

SEP 29

SPECIAL LECTURE by Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Malaysia)

"Islam and Democracy in East Asia"

*Co-sponsored by the Goldman School of Public Policy, International House and the Institute of East Asian Studies*

OCT 5

BOOK EVENT: *Frontier Constitutions: Christianity and Colonial Empire in the 19th Century Philippines* (2009). with John Blanco, UC San Diego

OCT 14

LECTURE: "Re-engineering a Troubled Land: Propaganda and the National Imagining in Malaysia, 1957-1969"

Cheong Soon Gan, Ph.D. Candidate, History, UC Berkeley

OCT 15

ISLAM TODAY FORUM: "New Media and Politics in the Muslim World"

Speakers: Mohamed Abdel Dayem (Committee to Protect Journalists); Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (Selangor State Assembly, Malaysia); Prof. Muhamad Ali (UC Riverside); Huma Yusuf (journalist, Pakistan), Haroon Mughal (NYU Islamic Center)

Moderated by Wajahat Ali ([altmuslim.com](http://altmuslim.com))

*Co-sponsored by the Center for South Asia Studies, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Asia Society Northern California, Islamic Networks Group, Arab Cultural and Community Center, [meedan.net](http://meedan.net)*

OCT 28

BOOK EVENT with Prof. Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania

"Beyond Exams and Universities: Alternative Histories of Buddhist Monastic Education in Thailand"

OCT 30

SYMPOSIUM: "Object Knowledge: Art, Artifact and Authority in Southeast Asia"

Held in conjunction with the Asian Art Museum's exhibition, "Emerald Cities: Arts of Siam and Burma"

NOV 4

LECTURE: "Chinese Investment and Aid in Cambodia"

Dr. Michael Sullivan, Acting Director, Center for Khmer Studies

NOV 16

MORRISON LECTURE

Prof. Penny Edwards, UC Berkeley

"Exile on Main Street: A Fugitive History of British Burma, L'Inde Francaise and Indochina"  
*Organized by the UC Berkeley Library*

DEC 2

LECTURE: "Colonial Hotels in the Asian City: Travel, Empire & Nostalgia"

Prof. Maurizio Peleggi, National University of Singapore

DEC 9

LECTURE: "Health and Mortality in Early 20th Century Vietnam: A Demographer's Perspective"

Dr. Magali Barbieri, UC Berkeley

FEB 24

LECTURE: "'Hell in a Very Small Place': Cold War and Decolonization in the Assault on the Vietnamese Body at Dien Bien Phu (1950-54)"

Prof. Christopher Goscha, University of Quebec-Montreal

MAR 10

LECTURE: "Performing Diaspora Nationalism: Redefining Space and Citizenship through Philippine Poetry and Theater"

Dr. Joi Barrios, UC Berkeley

MAR 11

LECTURE: "Christian-Muslim Dialogue"

Dr. Alwi Shihab, former Minister of Foreign Affairs & former Coordinating Minister of Public Welfare, Republic of Indonesia

MAR 17

LECTURE: "The Borders of Blame: Victims, Perpetrators & Collaborators in an Upland Cambodian Community in the Aftermath of the Khmer Rouge"

Dr. Eve Zucker, UC San Diego

MAR 31

LECTURE: "Southeast Asian Studies in Malaysia: Current Themes and Issues"

Dr. Mala Rajo Sathian, University of Malaya

APR 2-3

UC Berkeley-UCLA CONFERENCE

"Space, Movement and Place in Southeast Asia" - Keynote by Prof. Rodolphe de Koninck, University of Montreal: "On the Use and Misuse of Agriculture in Southeast Asia: Old and New Territorial Issues"



APR 7

LECTURE: "Who are the Tai and Why"  
Dr. Ron Renard, UC Berkeley

APR 13

BOOK EVENT with Dana Sachs, author of *The Life We Were Given: Operation Babylift, International Adoption, and the Children of War in Vietnam* (Beacon Press, 2010)

APR 12 -22

ISLAM TODAY ARTS FESTIVAL

Co-sponsored by the Center for South Asia Studies and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

APR 21

2010 UCB-UCLA DISTINGUISHED VISITOR FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA

Youk Chhang, Executive Director, Documentation Center of Cambodia

"Connecting the Broken Pieces after the Cambodian Genocide: Legacy as Memory of a Nation"

## **2008-2009**

NOV 5

LECTURE: "The Specter of the Tai in Early 'Vietnamese' History"  
Prof. Liam Kelley, University of Hawaii-Manoa

NOV 12

LECTURE: "Nation and Labor in Faustino Aguilar's Pinaglahuan"  
Prof. Francisco Benitez, University of Washington

NOV 13

LECTURE: "Stories of the Spirit World in Javanese Media"  
Prof. Ben Arps, Leiden University

NOV 20

PHILIPPINES STUDIES FORUM

Prof. Virgilio Almarino, University of the Philippines, "Language and Nationalism"

Elmer Labog, Kilusang Mayo Uno (May 1st Labor Movement), "Labor and Nationalism"

DEC 3

BOOK LAUNCH with Prof. Jeffrey Hadler, UC Berkeley  
"Negotiating Islam and 'Matriarchy' in Indonesia"

FEB 11

PANEL DISCUSSION

"Contested Territories: Land Transformations in Southeast Asia: New Research from Indonesia, Laos and Vietnam"

Presenters: Noer Fauzi Rachman, Ph.D. candidate, UC Berkeley; Michael Dwyer, Ph.D. candidate, UC Berkeley; Cari An Coe, Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow, UC Berkeley.  
Discussant: Prof. AbdouMaliq Simone, University of London

FEB 25

BOOK DISCUSSION with Dr. Raquel Reyes, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

"Love, Passion, and Patriotism: Sexuality and the Philippines Propaganda Movement, 1882-1892"

MAR 4

LECTURE: "The Indigenization of Christianity in Southeast Asia"

Prof. Barbara Andaya, University of Hawaii-Manoa

MAR 31

LECTURE: "The Thai Mess: Origins, Nature, Possible Outcomes"

Dr. Michael Montesano, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore)

## **2007-2008**

SEP 26

LECTURE: "Vietnamese Brides - Are They 'Good Girls' or 'Bad Girls'?": The Cultural Boundary of 'Good Women' in Vietnam"

Prof. Mei-Hsien Lee, National Chi Nan University (Taiwan)

OCT 2

2007 UCB-UCLA DISTINGUISHED VISITOR FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA

Zainah Anwar, Executive Director, Sisters in Islam (Malaysia)

"What Islam, Whose Islam? The Struggle for Women's Rights within a Religious Framework and the Experience of Sisters in Islam"

OCT 15

LECTURE: "The Ghosts of War in Vietnam"

Prof. Heonik Kwon, University of Edinburgh

NOV 1

LECTURE: "Political Instability and the Challenges of Nation-Building in East Timor"

Dr. Michael Leach, Deakin University

NOV 29

LECTURE: "Stranger Bedfellows: Sodomy, Sex and Politics in Siam"

Prof. Tamara Loos, Cornell University

DEC 5

LECTURE: "Governing through Care in Cambodia: Street Children Services and Child Rights"

Karen Greene, Ph.D. candidate, UC Berkeley

DEC 13

FILM: "The White Silk Dress"

FEB 4

PRESENTATION & BOOK EVENT

"LOST BOYZ: Deporting the Cambodian Diaspora", a slide show by Stuart Isett

"Reflections of a Khmer Soul", a reading by Navy Phim

FEB 20

BOOK EVENT with Prof. Penny Edwards, UC Berkeley

"Cambodge: The Cultivation of a Nation, 1860-1945"

FEB 28

PANEL DISCUSSION with Charlito Manlupig, Balay Mindanaw and Franklin Quijano, Government of the Philippines

"The Other Peace Process in Mindanao: Reflections on Peace Talks between the Government of the Philippines & the Revolutionary Workers Party of Mindanao"

MAR 6

LECTURE: "Overturning the Rice Bowl: The Long Road to Burma's Economic Privation"  
Prof. Sean Turnell, Macquarie University

APR 2

LECTURE: "Unpacking the Southern Thai Conflict"  
Prof. Duncan McCargo, University of Leeds

APR 24

LECTURE: "Politics, Anti-Politics & the 2007 Monks' Protest in Burma"  
Prof. Ingrid Jordt, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

APR 24-25

CONFERENCE

"Ten Years After: Reformasi and New Social Movements in Indonesia, 1998-2008"  
Including Special Forum on Post-1998 Indonesia with Hilmar Farid and Nursyahbani  
Katjasungkana

MAY 1

FILM: "Bolinao 52"

MAY 8

FILM: "The Little Heart"