



CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

Understanding the people, history, practices, and languages of Southeast Asia

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at the University of Michigan is a U.S. Department of Education National Resource Center and one of the largest programs devoted to this region in the nation. CSEAS promotes a broader and deeper understanding of Southeast Asia and its people, cultures, and histories. More than 40 Southeast Asia specialists teach and pursue research in our affiliated departments. Our resources include library collections containing 158,400 volumes in Western and Asian languages, the Gedney Collection of Thai materials, the Worcester Collection of early publications on Philippine life, and an archive of over 100,000 photos and slides donated by the Southeast Asia Art Foundation.

Faculty associates sustain our program and are drawn from the humanities, social and natural sciences, and professional schools, ensuring the presence of outstanding Southeast Asia specialists, who attract excellent students. Center faculty members teach the Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese languages, with occasional readings in Burmese, Khmer, Javanese and Old Javanese. We host annual Javanese gamelan concerts and lectures on current issues by center associates and guest speakers. Students have the opportunity to participate in faculty research projects in the field and to pursue independent research in the regions they are studying.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The very best way a student can gain a thorough knowledge of a language and a culture is to spend time studying abroad to experience full linguistic and cultural immersion. CSEAS seeks \$10,000 to \$50,000 in annual funding to provide students with fellowships to support language study, research, workshops, and internships in the region, and to attend conferences to present their research.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SUPPORT

Gifts of \$10,000 to \$50,000 annually that support faculty research on Southeast Asia as well as conferences and curricular development help us to strengthen our program and retain the best scholars in the region. We are committed to maintaining a diversity of classes and a public lecture series at the university, including in-depth courses on Southeast Asia.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

We seek support for our mission of connecting the wider community with the resources on Southeast Asia that are available at the university. We engage with K-12 educators to bring Southeast Asia to their classrooms, provide workshops for professional development for educators, bring master dancers and musicians to Ann Arbor for residencies, and hold public performances and workshops of Southeast Asian music and dance. An annual contribution of \$10,000 would provide the necessary funding for this important outreach program.

ENDOWED LANGUAGE LECTURESHIPS

Due to Congress' deep cuts to international education funding, including support for the less commonly taught languages such as Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese, outside support is crucial to secure Michigan's role as a preeminent institution for the study of languages of Southeast Asia. Endowed lectureships of \$1M in each of these languages will ensure continuity for instruction in perpetuity.

WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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“Southeast Asian Studies is an intellectual powerhouse in several fields of critical scholarship, even as it is dedicated to a world region that might seem geographically small. [Among them] as a global epicenter for industrial agricultures in palm oil, rubber, bananas, coffee, and rice, it’s a prime location to ask environmental anthropological questions.”

–Alyssa Paredes, Assistant Professor of Anthropology; 2020–22 LSA Collegiate Fellow

