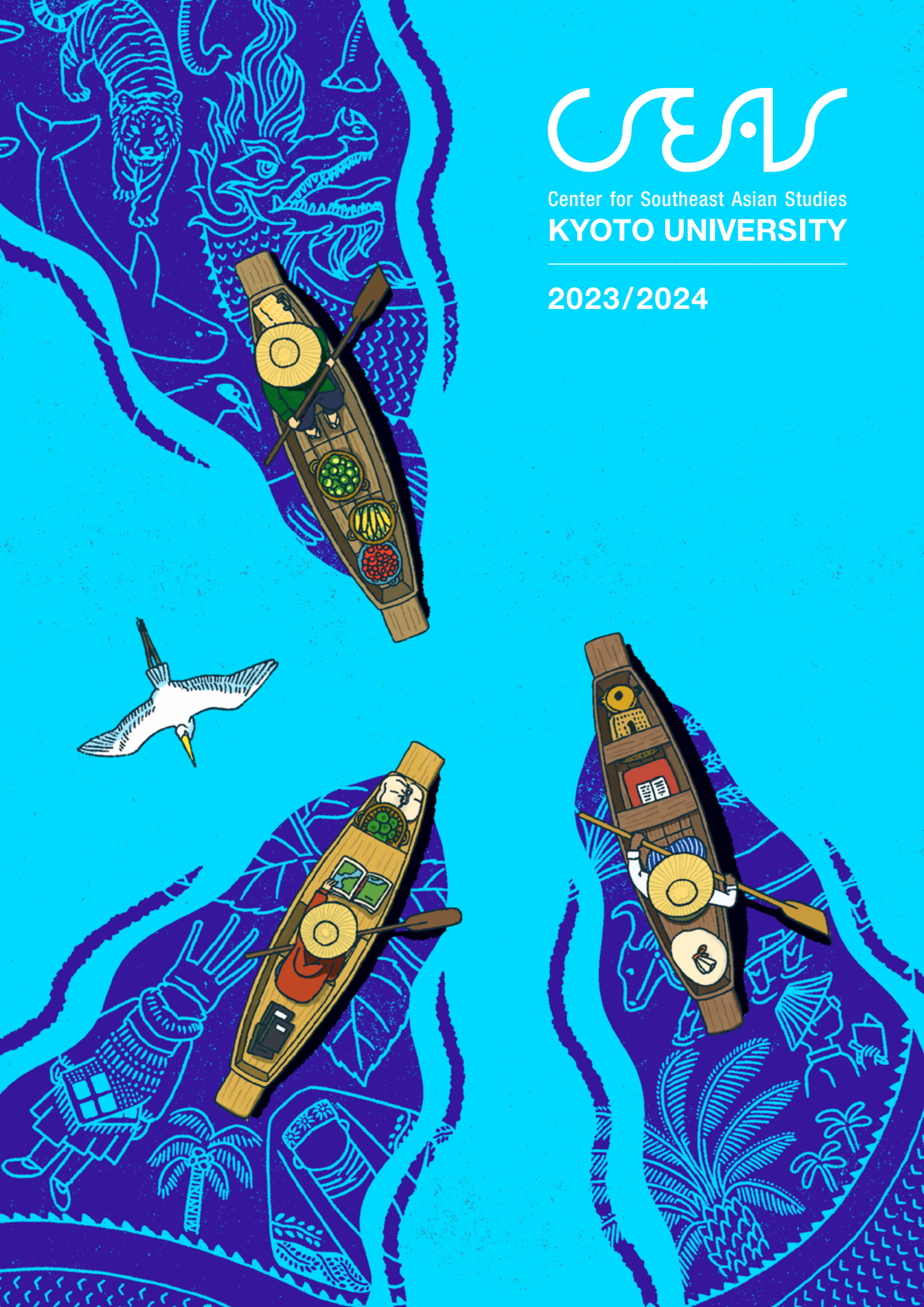




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### Cover Illustration

The five boats symbolize the five research divisions of CSEAS. They represent the various cultures, relationships between people, and the ecology of living creatures that have been revealed as a result of fieldwork conducted by researchers and students in undiscovered fields.

(Chihiro Kinoshita)





## Preface

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) brings together researchers specializing in various fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences—including life sciences—to engage in transdisciplinary research on Southeast Asia and beyond. To gain a deeper understanding of the region, it is essential to have both a framework for an integrated understanding of a range of academic disciplines and empirical knowledge of “what is happening on the ground.” CSEAS is characterized by transdisciplinary area studies in which researchers bring their own analytical perspectives to conduct field surveys to improve our understanding of what has happened and what is happening in the region.

Asia and the world have been experiencing major changes since 2020. The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has drastically changed people’s living environments. International cooperation and free trade, taken for granted until the 2010s, are being rapidly replaced by conflicts and control by regimes. At the same time, the digitalization of society is accelerating without exception, transforming not only people’s lives, but also political and economic systems in Asia and across the world. Each of these factors influence and amplify the others. We are witnessing a complex interplay among the consequences of technological progress, market economization, and social transformation that occurred up to the 2010s, as well as the reactions to them.

These changes have introduced new challenges to area studies and forced a transformation in research approaches. On the one hand, field research and collaboration with local communities are becoming more important and yet more difficult to conduct; on the other hand, the use of big data and understanding in cyberspace are becoming increasingly important to conducting area studies. We are determined to meet the new challenges presented by the new environment.

We have continued our research activities amidst an unprecedented environment in which overseas travel has been severely restricted due to the pandemic. Professor Shoichiro Hara, who has led informatics application for Area Studies, retired at the end of FY2022. Meanwhile many young scholars, including Associate Professor Majid Daneshgar (Bibliography and Islamic Studies) and Associate Professor Yalei Zhai (Economics), were newly appointed in 2023. With the resumption of full-scale international travel as a tailwind, CSEAS will continue to develop our activities together with the new staff, adapting to various changes and anticipating those to come.

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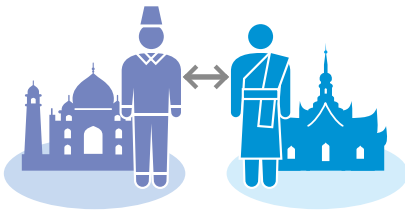
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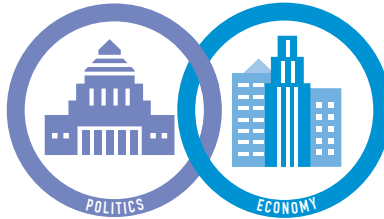
## Research Divisions

### Cross-regional Studies



This division fosters area studies approaches through the dynamic development of both information resources and pioneering studies at the cross-regional level. It aims to develop area studies that benefit the public sphere through basic research as well as social cooperation and practice-oriented research.

### Political and Economic Coexistence Studies



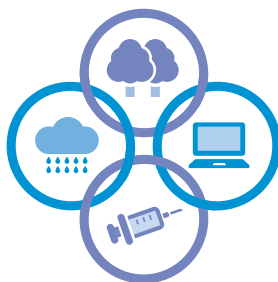
This division analyzes and develops relevant frameworks for studying and comparing dynamic political and economic transformations in Southeast Asia and beyond. Attempting to understand the transformations and to concretely and constructively contribute to those regions, the division constantly collaborates with regional stakeholders.

### Social Coexistence Studies



This division explores changing interactions among culture, society, and ecology in both contemporary and historical periods, aiming to advocate for social coexistence among members of different societies in Southeast Asia and beyond. The division's research covers a broad array of issues, including social, religious, and linguistic transformations; the politics of culture and knowledge production; family and gender; and sexuality.

### Environmental Coexistence Studies



This division employs interdisciplinary approaches across the natural sciences, medical sciences, and informatics to study a wide variety of issues affecting the geosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and human sphere. The division aims to develop knowledge and theories on the long-term sustainability of human societies and human-nature coexistence.

### Global Humanosphere Studies



This division engages in critical analyses of global transformations occurring in the twenty-first century. In its research on urgent economic, political, and socio-cultural issues, the division attempts to transcend contemporary disciplinary boundaries across the social and natural sciences, and aims to find pathways toward the coexistence of both human and non-human communities.







# 1. Research Activities

## Flagship Projects



### Joint Usage/Research Center by MEXT Global Collaborative Research (GCR)

<https://gcr.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/> (Japanese Only)

GCR aims to create new area studies and support the area studies community by:

1. Promoting transdisciplinary studies toward the integration of humanities and sciences
2. Fostering innovation of area studies focusing on global issues
3. Creating research platforms beyond academia
4. Designing collaborative research bridging Japan and Southeast Asia
5. Cultivating researchers in an international environment

GCR conducts the following six joint research/usage programs:

#### Incubation Program (2 years)

The program supports research projects in the incubation stage that are expected to become full-scale projects in the near future. CSEAS faculty members are assigned as counterparts to support capacity-building.

#### Pilot Study Program (1 year)

This program targets independent research projects by next-generation scholars who plan to conduct overseas research. The adopted projects are appointed a CSEAS faculty member advisor and conduct short-term preparatory activities such as feasibility assessments, research site and historical material selection, visits to academic and administrative institutions and NGOs, capacity building through meetings with local scholars, information gathering on research permits, and so on.

#### Publication Program

- 1) Books: Grants are provided to publish books in Japanese and English.
- 2) Research papers: To publish the research outcomes of recipients of the Incubation Program and the Pilot Study Program, grants are provided for article submission and publication fees (including open access fees) and support is provided for the publication of CSEAS Working Papers (Japanese and English).

#### Field Residency Program (2 years)

This program provides opportunities for field research stays at CSEAS overseas liaison offices in Bangkok and Jakarta. While stationed at the office, the recipients conduct joint research with local scholars.

#### Visiting Fellowship Program (2 years)

This program invites foreign researchers to Japan to conduct joint research using the CSEAS Fellowship Program for Visiting Research Scholars.

#### Resource Sharing Program (2 years)

This program invites researchers to use the CSEAS Library collections, which consist of books, maps, images, and databases related to Southeast Asian studies, and to propose the purchase or acquisition of large collections of historical materials.

Shifting Paradigms for Global Coexistence Research	Building a Model of a Co-creative Society that Bridges Japan and Southeast Asia	Transdisciplinary Studies Integrating Humanities and Sciences
Collaborating with Society, Government, and Industry	Linking Domestic and International Networks	Building an Area Studies Network beyond the Academic Community

A paradigm shift related to "academic disciplines," "target regions," and "research frameworks" is urgently needed to solve global issues arising from complex factors, such as economics, politics, society, culture, ecology, and environment, that transcend regional boundaries.

#### Beyond Disciplines / Beyond Regions / Beyond Academia

Joint Research

**Incubation Program:** Supporting researchers to develop new projects  
**Pilot Study Program:** Providing short-term preliminary research opportunities for next-generation scholars planning to conduct full-scale overseas research  
**Resource Sharing Program:** Sharing our extensive collection of books, maps, imaging materials, and databases  
**Visiting Fellowship Program:** Inviting foreign researchers to Kyoto as Visiting Research Scholars  
**Field Residency Program:** Research using the Bangkok and Jakarta Overseas Liaison Offices

#### Publishing Research Outcomes and Sharing Research Materials

Joint Use

**Series Publication:** Jointly publishing with Kyoto University Press, University of Hawai'i Press, NUS Press, Ateneo de Manila University Press, and Trans Pacific Press  
**Journal Editing and Publishing:** *Japanese Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* and *Southeast Asian Studies*  
**Multilingual Web Journal:** *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*

**Library Materials:** Approx. 267,000 items  
**Maps and Images:** Approx. 72,000 items  
**Area Studies Database:** 52 items

**Research Space:** Library, GIS Lab, Maps & Documents Room, conference rooms

Collaboration with National and International Research Institutions and Communities

Creation of International Outcomes and Enhancement of Academic Presence

Fostering Young Scholars in an International Environment







## Promotion of Sustainable Development Research/ Strategic International Collaborative Research Program Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform (JASTIP)

by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

<http://jastip.org/en/>

This project aims to establish a platform for promoting joint research between Japan and ASEAN toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), strengthening partnerships with the private sector and policymakers, and fostering next-generation researchers and science and technology innovation personnel. Initiated in 2015, the project will continue until March 2025. The project is led by CSEAS, together with Kyoto University ASEAN Center, Institute of Advanced Energy, Graduate School of Energy Science, Graduate School of Agriculture, Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, and Disaster Prevention Research Institute, in cooperation with universities and research institutions in Japan and ASEAN.

In the field of environment and energy, we continue research on the introduction of renewable energy sources, with particular emphasis on photocatalytic and solar cell materials, with the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand. We conduct social impact studies and apply the solvent reforming method (a more efficient method of extracting energy from biomass), which has been introduced on a trial basis in Thailand and Laos, to neighboring countries.

In the field of bioresources and biodiversity, we are conducting research with the National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN) on natural products for drug discovery, effective use of wooden materials, wooden material conversion using microflora and biological environmental restoration. While

### JASTIP-Net

An incubator for new research collaborations that strengthens STI research networks and partnerships to achieve the UN SDGs

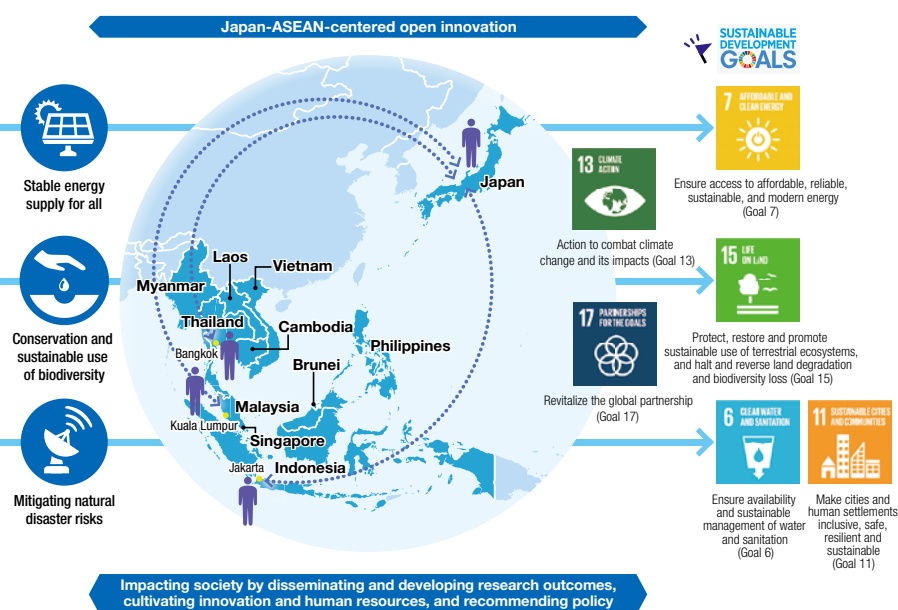
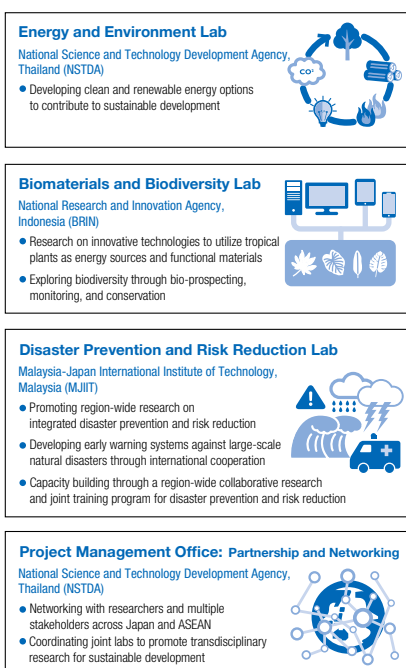


JASTIP-Net plays an important role in expanding JASTIP activities throughout ASEAN by identifying new partnerships and developing research ideas into pilot activities, thus addressing imminent challenges in a timely manner. Through an annual call for new collaborative research, JASTIP-Net cultivates next-gen researchers and coordinators, promotes multi-lateral partnerships, and enhances ability to scale-up to large projects.

promoting industry-academia collaboration to implement research outcomes in society, we also continue to work on the conservation of genetic resources in the ASEAN region and the fair distribution of benefits.

In the field of disaster prevention, we are developing forecasting methods for heavy rainfall, floods, sediment, and storm surge disasters using rainfall observation information in cooperation with researchers and governments of ASEAN countries. We also conduct analysis and forecasting of water circulation, fire, and air pollution in peatlands; flood, sediment, and storm disasters in the Mekong River; and volcanic eruptions and mud flows in ASEAN countries.

### Three Joint Laboratories with ASEAN







## Maritime Asia Heritage Survey (MAHS)

<https://maritimeasiaheritage.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp>

The Maritime Asia Heritage Survey (MAHS) aims to systematically identify, catalog, and digitize historical and cultural heritage in danger of being lost or scattered in the coastal areas of the Maldives, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam, to permanently preserve heritage information, and to build an open-access digital archive. In addition to field survey records and digital photographs, the digital archive includes 3D models of archaeological sites and buildings, orthomaps, CAD drawings, deep-zoomed manuscripts, video recordings of oral history interviews, and other digital assets. The complete 3D point cloud of LiDAR data is available for free download at Open Heritage 3D.

In addition, “MAHS Channels” have been established on YouTube and Sketchfab in an attempt to visualize the data from multiple angles. The project’s website offers an illustrated glossary, a virtual library of open-access publications, an interactive 3D timeline, and a blog as ancillary resources for understanding the context of the study area. Finally, the MAHS actively disseminates the latest project news and research updates through social media outlets such as Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

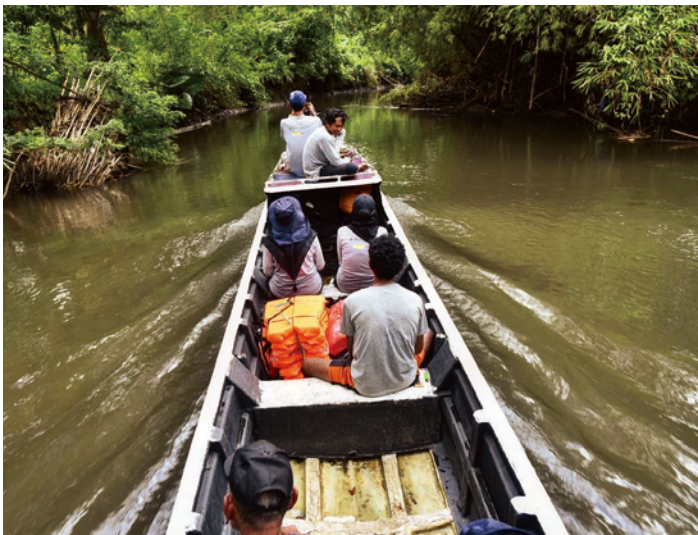
The MAHS is based at the Digital Heritage Documentation Lab at CSEAS in Kyoto, Japan, and has field teams at each survey site. All field teams receive training in the technical operation of digital equipment and basic field survey methodology. Field survey data is uploaded to the cloud and sent to the Kyoto University lab. In Kyoto, these data are used to create 3D models and maps, integrate multimedia resources, and incorporate all records into an open-access database. Over the past year, MAHS has generated 32,100 new data and associated digital legacies, creating a large digital archive of approximately 2 TB.

The overarching goal of the MAHS is not only to document the heritage at risk in the region, but also to collect, preserve, and share digital resources that are freely available to anyone looking for new ways to explore endless questions, with a wide range of users in



Heritage documentation at the Wat Yan Ang Thong Buddhist Monastery by Thailand team

mind. This MAHS initiative, which extends to the next generation, is not only an innovative approach to digital humanities and heritage management, but also has the potential for Kyoto University to become a future leader in area informatics, contributing to the development of other fields and broader research areas.



Documenting heritage sites and museum objects on the island of Maamin'gili by the Maldives team

Mapping the archeological sites in Kasiruta Dalam, South Halmahera by Indonesia team







## Industry-Academia Collaboration Program Conceptualizing the Future of Air Conditioning with Area Studies Departments in Asia and Africa

CSEAS has been collaborating with Daikin Industries in an industry-academia joint research program since April 2021. Based on a comprehensive partnership agreement signed by Kyoto University and Daikin Industries in 2013, the program aims to conceptualize the future of air conditioning by working together with researchers in Asia and Africa. In the past, engineering-oriented collaborative projects were conducted at other institutions for scenario building and the realization of innovation in the fields of air, environment, and energy. In response to the worldwide interest in air and health in the wake of COVID-19, a new collaboration was launched to engage a broader range of disciplines, including area studies, to contribute to well-being, education, and awareness.

In the future, the Asia-Africa region is expected to see a significant increase in the demand for air conditioners due to rising incomes and expanding markets. However, several challenges related to air conditioning in the region remain, such as reconciling rising demand for electricity with environmental conservation and building social systems that are inclusive of the poor. Based

on Daikin Industries' technological development capabilities and business experience in Asia and Africa, the program seeks to create new concepts through industry-academia collaboration with the participation of local researchers.

In 2022, the second year of the program, CSEAS established a cooperative framework with the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies and other departments within the university to discuss specific project proposals and conduct preliminary surveys. Daikin Industries is a major player in the global market for air conditioners and has experience developing various technologies beyond air conditioners. The program is expected to create an unprecedented industry-academia collaboration by leveraging the strengths of CSEAS faculty members' deep understanding of Southeast Asia's climate, cultures, histories, and political systems, as well as their practice of transdisciplinary research, including direct collaboration with local government agencies, civil society, and residents.



The first seminar of the Seminar Series on Energy and Environment in Southeast Asia







## Field Archive Project Expanding Access to Field Notes

<https://fieldnote.archiving.jp/>

Fieldwork is one of the most important research methods in area studies. Since its establishment, CSEAS members have conducted fieldwork in Southeast Asia and other regions. Field notes used to record events observed in the field contain a plethora of information, such as topography, soil, vegetation, land use, livelihood, and village conditions. In the past, these notes provided crucial data on local history and disputed areas when records were scarce. However, field notes often become inaccessible or lost after researchers retire. The Field Archive Project has created a database to digitize and visualize field notes by overlaying textual information, photographs, and illustrations on maps. To date, eight volumes of the Yoshikazu Takaya Field Notes Collection and four volumes of the Hisao Furukawa Field Notes Collection have been published, with additional notes on Indian farming techniques and global forests being constructed through photographs. These collections are invaluable resources that were made possible by the researchers' significant contributions. Examining the maps on the



Some of the field notes digitized by the Field Archive Project



Example of a search result on the Field Archive Project website

project website reveals that our predecessors conducted detailed field surveys over a wide area with excellent observational skills. We are exploring ways to use these as new materials to learn about the past in areas where no data has been left behind.

## University Research Units

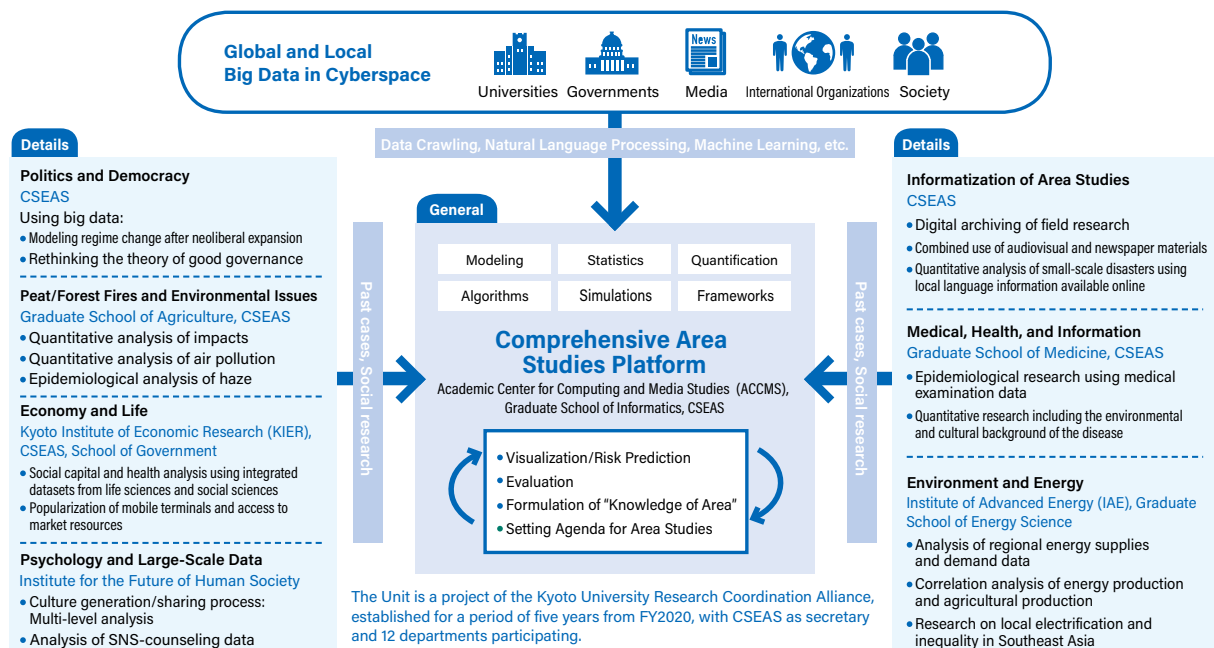
### Data-oriented Area Studies Unit (DASU)

Unit Director: Fumiharu Mieno

<https://ku-dasu.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

Our unit aims to develop a “data science-based comprehensive area studies,” which attempts to reconstruct our understanding of contemporary social issues by integrating area studies and informatics. While area studies aim to understand a region as a whole from a pan-disciplinary standpoint, informatics has come to demonstrate its pan-disciplinary usefulness in the midst of

recent developments in data science. Through the joint research and dialogue, we synthesize approaches from the natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences to enhance policy effectiveness, risk evaluation, and simulation studies for the development of political, economic, and social systems in Japan, Asia, and the Pacific Region.







## Tropical Research & Education Unit (KU-TREE)

Unit Director: Noboru Ishikawa

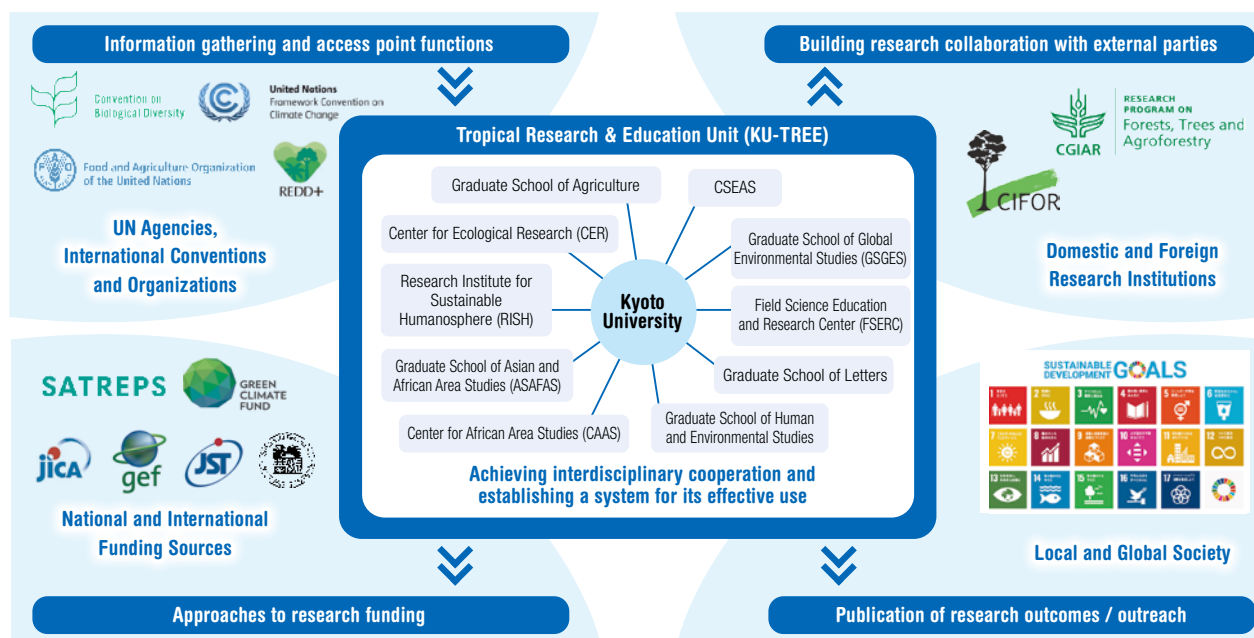
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The Unit was established in December 2016 with researchers from 12 (currently 10) Kyoto University departments to promote collaborative environmental research and build cooperative frameworks related to climate change countermeasures and the UN SDGs.

The goal of the Unit is to establish integrated, transboundary, and practical research that will help to promote the effective use and conservation of tropical forests for the sustainable development of society and to clarify the role that they play in mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change. The Unit collaborates with international research institutions and universities, such as the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), to raise the international profile of Kyoto University's

broad range of research related to tropical forests, as well as to promote research and education that contributes to the Paris Agreement of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), agreed to in 2015 and adopted as an international goal by 2030.

Under the Paris Agreement, various tropical forest conservation, restoration, and climate change mitigation and adaptation measures are expected to be implemented after 2020. Responding to changing times, this unit focuses on developing professionals who can immediately contribute to the conservation and restoration of local tropical forests through practical field experience in these activities.



## Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Projects

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/#toc-id5>

Principal Investigator	Title	Period (FY)	Category
Satoko Kimura	A Study on the Migratory Behavior of Finless Porpoises in the Coastal Waters of Japan and the Impact of Ships	2022-23	Transformative Research Areas A
Satoru Kobayashi	The Comparative Anatomy for Political Transition in Southeast Asia: Exploring Interactions between Local Traditions and Globalism	2019-23	Scientific Research A
Shoichiro Hara	Development of Evidence-based Quantitative Area Studies	2021-25	
Yusuke Murakami	Comparative Analysis of Changing Dynamics of Party Systems in Low-growing Latin America	2021-24	
Kosuke Mizuno	Land Ownership and Peatland Restoration in Indonesia	2019-23	Scientific Research B
Yoko Hayami	Religious Practices and Well-being of the Elderly in Theravada Buddhist Regions	2020-23	
Hiroiyuki Yamamoto	Analyzing the Representation of Southeast Asian Films through Collaboration of Area Studies and Film Studies	2020-23	
Decha Tangseefa	Sovereignty, Capitalization, and Uncertainty: Global Political Economy from the Vantage Points of Four SEA and GMS Borderlands	2020-23	





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Masayuki Yanagisawa	Re-organizing Community in the Red River Delta, Vietnam: Diversification of Household Economy and Stabilization of Livelihoods	2021-25	Scientific Research B
Ryota Sakamoto	Creative Community Research to Protect the Health of the Senior Citizens Living in Bhutan	2021-25	
Toshihiko Kishi	Examining Diverse Perceptions and Memories of the Cold War from the Perspective of Local Communities: Focusing on the Western Pacific Region	2021-24	
Fumiharu Mieno	Comparative Institutional Analysis on Southeast Asian Economy: Factor Allocation and Long-term Growth	2021-24	
Wataru Yamazaki	Development of a Highly Sensitive Simple Detection Method for SARS-CoV-2 to Achieve Highly Accurate Diagnosis and Elucidation of Environmental Dynamics	2021-23	
Kazuo Ando	International Collaborative Global Area Studies for Rural Revitalization in Myanmar in Partnership with Universities and Local Communities	2021-23	
Motoko Kawano	Comparative Study of the Concept of 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific': The Case of International Marine Order at Malacca Straits and Andaman Sea	2021-23	
Chika Yamada	Interdisciplinary Analysis of Drug Use and Its State Control in Indonesia	2022-26	
Hideki Hiramatsu	The Mekong River Basin in Environmental Literature: Rivers and Beliefs in Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos	2022-26	
Mikiko Ono	Basic Research on the Overseas Vietnamese Viet Kieu Community in the Mainland of Southeast Asia: From Material Analysis of Vietnamese Buddhist Temples	2022-25	
Yasuyuki Kono	Economic-social-environmental Connections in Rural Southeast Asia: Investigating the Process of Economic Growth over a 40-year Period	2022-24	
Osamu Kozan	Collection of Scientific Data on Tropical Peatland Fires and Its Application to Fire Risk Assessment	2023-25	
Noboru Ishikawa	Social Formation in Borneo: A New Model of Estuarine, Riverine and Inter-riverine Society	2017-23	Scientific Research C
Junko Koizumi	The Chakri Reform and China/Chinese Issues	2018-23	
Michiko Fujisawa	Preventive Study for Clinical Course of Dementia	2018-23	
Tomohiro Machikita	Temporary and Foreign Workers in Local Labor Markets	2019-23	
Taizo Wada	Empirical Research on Advance Care Planning in the Community	2019-23	
Chika Obiya	Following the Tracks of a White Russian Family in Eurasian Modern History: A Case Study of Effective Utilization of a Private Family Archive	2020-23	
Atsuko Ohashi	The Cultivation System in 19th Century Java as a System to Hook Local Societies to the Global Economy	2020-23	
Mitsuhiro Nose	Multifaceted Study between Health Condition and Agricultural Life in Elderly Dwellers	2020-23	
Noboru Ishikawa	The Islamization of Upriver Communities: Toward a Better Understanding of the Highland-Lowland Relationship in Maritime Southeast Asia	2021-24	
Junko Koizumi	The Asia Foundation and Overseas Chinese Studies in Asia during the Cold War Period	2021-23	
Kimiya Kitani	Study on the Initiatives of Ethnic Minorities in Mainland Southeast Asia for Preserving and Transmitting Their Linguistic and Cultural Identities by Scrutinizing both Published and Digital Materials	2021-23	
Noriko Iizuka	Collaborative Re-creation of the Field: Public Anthropology of Educational Practices	2021-23	
Hideki Sawada	The Study of the Micro-geomorphology on the Planktonic Invertebrate Larvae and Settled Juveniles	2021-23	
Pavin Chachavalponpun	The Making of Modern Siamese-Burmese Boundaries: The Ethnographic Factor	2022-24	
Yasuko Yamazaki	Development of a Simple, Inexpensive, and Highly Sensitive On-site Diagnosis System for African Swine Fever	2022-24	
Noa Nishimoto	Cognitive-linguistic Study on Local Naming of Poisonous Plants: Poisonous Plants and Its Local Naming System from Cross-cultural and Linguistic Perspective	2023-25	
Mario Lopez	Japanese Intellectual Knowledge Formation in Multidisciplinary Research within Southeast Asian Area Studies	2023-25	
Noa Nishimoto	Documentation of the Endangered "Number Culture" from an Ethnomathematic Perspective	2018-23	Challenging Research (Exploratory)
Yoshimi Nishi	Highly Resilient Families: Information Sharing in Times of Disaster and Its Impact on Intra-family Relationships	2022-24	
Hideki Hiramatsu	Solving Environmental Issues in Southeast Asia through Literature	2022-24	
Minako Yoshikawa	Analysis of Factors Promoting Acceptance of Novel Mosquito Control Technologies by Residents in Areas with Mosquito-borne Infectious Diseases	2019-23	Early-Career Scientists
Natsuho Fujisawa	The Role of Coffee Agroforestry in the De-agrarianization of Rural Society in Latin America	2019-23	
Julie Ann Delos Reyes	Financing 'Carbon Lock-in': The Role of Japanese Investment in Philippine Energy Transition	2020-23	
Yalei Zhai	Does Ethnic Linkage Act on the Integration of Migrants into the Host Society? The Case of Cross-border Myanmar Migrants in Rural Yunnan	2021-24	
Sabina Choshen	From 'Creative Destruction' to 'Creative Development' in the Popular Living Heritage Sites in Asia	2021-23	
Tomomi Nakamura	Research on the Formation of Russo-Chinese Trade and Information on the Qing via Europe in the First Half of the 18th Century	2022-26	
Kisho Tsuchiya	Reconsidering the Twentieth Century through Mindanwan People's Life-Histories: An Investigation on the Formation of Grassroots Conservatives	2023-25	
Atsushi Kobayashi	Empirical Study of Establishment of Multilateral Settlement System and Agents in Nineteenth-Century Asia	2022-23	Fostering Joint International Research A





Principal Investigator	Title	Period (FY)	Category
Masaaki Okamoto	Indonesian Area Studies and Reconsideration of Good Governance Framework: Analyzing Big Data	2019-23	Fostering Joint International Research B
Osamu Kozan	Development of Disaster and Hydro-meteorological Information Management System in Tropical Peatland, Indonesia	2019-23	
Isamu Yamada	Agarwood in Wallacea and Papua: Collaborative Research on Species Distribution, Composition, and Conservation of Genetic Resources	2020-25	
Yusuke Murakami	An Empirical Study on the Constructing Process of Environmental Governance: The Case of Drug Alternative Cultivation in South America	2021-24	
Wataru Yamazaki	Development of a Practical Highly Sensitive Diagnostic Method for African Swine Disease in Vietnam and Elucidation of Its Environmental Dynamics	2022-26	
Sachiko Imamura	The Idea of Governing and Violence: State and Society in Independent Indonesia	2023	Publication of Research Results
Natsuho Fujisawa	Conditions of Coffee Agroforestry Establishment and Rural Livelihoods in Latin America	2020-24	JSPS Fellows
Miriam Jaehn	Rohingya Refugees 'Doing' and 'Re-making' Family in South and Southeast Asia's Borderlands	2022-24	
Nurul Huda Binti Mohd. Razif	The Familial and the Supernatural: Crafting Kinship through Sorcery in Contemporary Malaysia	2022-23	
Kazuyo Futaesaku	Identity Reconstruction in Local Society in Indonesia: Cultural Practices in the Online Age	2021-23	
Natsumi Shida	"Tradition" and Living Culture of Uzbek Herders Observed through Carpet/Rug Weaving	2022-24	
Gen Shibayama	The Dynamic Self-representation of Chinese Indonesian: A Study Focusing on the Transition of Social Integration Policy in Taiwan	2022-24	
Eishi Senaha	The Paradox of Democratization and Violent Policing in the Contemporary Philippines	2022-24	
Mariko Ohashi	Multi-sited Nomadic Lifestyle of the Indigenous People in Latin America	2022-24	
Miki Kashiwa	Anthropological Study of the Peranakan Indians Who Live among the "Three Major Ethnic Groups" in Malaysia	2022-23	
Kanako Minaki	Exploring Sustainable Local Livelihood in the Digital Era: A Case Study of Small-Scale Shrimp Farmers in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam	2023-24	

## Colloquiums

[https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/event\\_category/colloquium/](https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/event_category/colloquium/)

CSEAS conducts colloquiums and seminars to exchange ideas and develop research among a wide range of researchers from around the world. The following were held from May 2022 to June 2023.

### CSEAS Colloquium

Date	Speaker	Title
May 26	Nurul Huda Mohd. Razif	Gender & Logistics in Malay Polygamy: A Revolution of Rights, Roles and Responsibilities
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Sep 22	Patrick McCormick	The Role of the British in Shaping Burmese History
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Nov 24	Patricia May Bantug Jurilla	Incunabula Investigation: Studying the Survival of Early Philippine Imprints
Dec 15	Meita Estiningsih	Commemorating, Conserving, and Forgetting Wartime Past: Public Memory (Re)construction through the Japanese-postwar Film, <i>The Burmese Harp</i> and Indonesian Nationalism-themed Film, <i>Merdeka</i> Narratives
Feb 22	Cao Yin	Chinese Sojourners in Wartime Raj, 1942-45
Mar 23	Sharon A. Bong	Gender, Ecology and Religions: A Queer Proposal for Climate Justice and Gender Justice
Apr 27	Walden Flores Bello	From Partnership to Hegemonic Stalemate? The US-China Relationship in the Early 21st Century
May 25	Tong Chee Kiong	Making Gods: A Case Study of the City God Worship in Anxi, China and Singapore
Jun 22	Yos Santasombat	Shifting Plantations in the Borderlands: A Challenge of Chinese Agribusiness in Southeast Asia



CSEAS Colloquium event flyer





## Southeast Asia Seminar

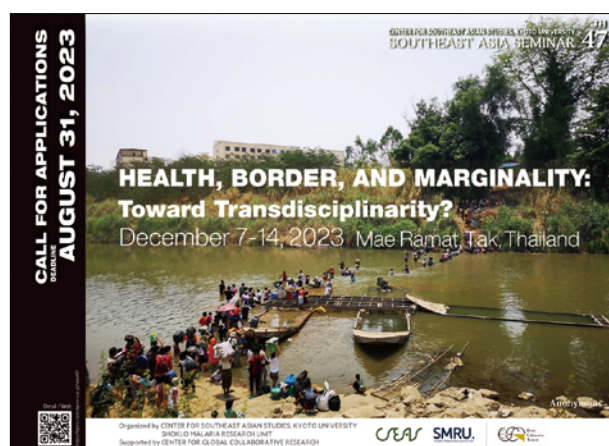
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Since 1977, CSEAS has been nurturing the next generation of researchers studying Southeast Asia and related regions through its annual Southeast Asia Seminar. Young and senior researchers learn together and exchange ideas on Southeast Asia and beyond, expanding academic and non-academic networks in those regions.

Since the 33rd seminar in 2009, the seminar has been predominantly held in Southeast Asia and completely in English, with invited speakers from overseas. Furthermore, it has been gradually transitioning from a lecture-based to a site-visit and group learning-based format, providing participants with an opportunity to engage with local societies, amidst the socio-economic, cultural-political, and ecological changes of the region. This not only contributes to building closer relationships with local partner institutions, but also enables the seminar to be more responsive to both academic and non-academic changes in the studied region. Moreover, in setting the theme each year, a multidisciplinary approach is employed, attempting to incorporate methodologies from natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, thus, allowing the participants to gain a more well-rounded understanding of the changing dynamics of localities, countries, and regions. In 2020, the seminar was reconceptualized, aiming to promote and support CSEAS staff's theme-based research plans and interests more proactively. Thus, in recent years, a new chapter in the history of the Southeast Asian Seminar has been unfolding.

Until 2020, the seminar had been held in Bhutan and all

Southeast Asian countries except Brunei and Timor-Leste. While for the fiscal years of 2020 and 2021 the seminar was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the fiscal year of 2022 the on-site seminar was held in Kyoto. 2023 is the first year since the 2020-initiative of reconceptualization that the new plan will be materialized fully on-site. The 47th seminar entitled "Health, Border, and Marginality: Toward Transdisciplinarity?" will be held along the Thai-Myanmar border, during December 7–14, 2023.



Poster inviting participants to the 47th Southeast Asia Seminar

## CSEAS Workshops

CSEAS workshops, held since FY2019, are a chance for faculty to learn from each other about the approaches and expected results of their respective research, to share the excitement of humanities-science collaborative research, and to discuss future directions of CSEAS.

Although area studies is a comprehensive academic field that transcends the boundaries of the humanities and sciences, its ingenuity lies in how it responds to challenges. The main purpose of the workshops is to link the steady ingenuity and efforts of each faculty member to stimulate synergy in the formation of new academic fields.



CSEAS Workshop 2022

FY	Title	Speaker
2019	Toward the Regeneration of Tropical Peatland Societies: Building International Research Network on Paludiculture and Sustainable Peatland Management	Osamu Kozan
	Incentives on the Road: Multitask Principal-Agent Problem and Accidents in the Trucking Industry	Tomohiro Machikita
	Rethinking "Temple-mapping Project": A Case Study of "Area Informatics"	Satoru Kobayashi
	Methodological Eclecticism: Or the Art of Not Being Governed (by Canons)	Mario Ivan Lopez, Mamoru Shibayama, Nathan Bedenoch
2020	Media and Social Order in the Malay World	Hiroyuki Yamamoto
	A Journey Beyond Central Asia to Trace the Theory of Muslim Women's Liberation from the Russian Empire: Space, Connection, and Synchronicity	Chika Obiya
	Research that Begins with a Person in Front of You	Ryota Sakamoto
2021	Crossing Boundaries: Confronting Transboundary Infectious Diseases across Borders and Academic Disciplines	Wataru Yamazaki
	Crisis, Challenge, Community: Epistemological Engagement & Transdisciplinarity	Decha Tangseefa
	Understanding Indonesia/World/Japan from Aceh	Yoshimi Nishi
2022	Animal Behavior and Ecology in Marine Ecosystems Visualized by Remote Monitoring Technique	Satoko Kimura
	Two Years of Myanmar Crisis	Yoshihiro Nakanishi
	Transdisciplinary Work at CSEAS: Some Personal Reflections	Michael Feener





## Featured Scholars

**Satoko S. Kimura** Associate Professor, Environmental Coexistence Studies

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### Large Aquatic Organisms in Asian Coastal Ecosystems: Ecological Elucidation and Impact Assessment of Environmental Factors through Remote Sensing

This project develops methods for quantitative observation of large aquatic organisms, mainly small cetaceans (dolphins), in aquatic ecosystems of China, Malaysia, and the Japanese coasts of Ise Bay, Mikawa Bay, and the Seto Inland Sea.



Using passive acoustic monitoring methods that harness the sounds produced by organisms and biologging methods that directly attach equipment to animals to obtain behavioral data, the project investigates the characteristics of the sounds pro-



duced by target organisms and their vocal behavior, and clarifies basic ecological information such as “when, where, and how long” target organisms are present. In recent years, I have also been assessing the impact of noise from coastal vessel navigation and offshore wind power generation on organisms and the environment, investigating organism behavior using drones, and evaluating stress levels in aquariums and other breeding facilities using molecular biological techniques.

Utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) to conduct research on small cetaceans, enabling the observation of their social and feeding behaviors, and responses to vessels

**Mariko Ogawa** Assistant Professor, Environmental Coexistence Studies

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### Using Rainfall Information to Better Understand the Topographical Characteristics of Groundwater Levels in Tropical Peatlands

A more accurate understanding of peatland distribution is essential to provide a basis for peat swamp restoration and conservation management, and to tackle the challenge of carbon dioxide emissions from forest fires. However, many uncertainties about the distribution of tropical peatlands remain. Currently, the Indonesian Center for Agricultural Land Resources Research and Development has prepared and published a peatland map based on satellite elevation data, borehole surveys, and vegetation surveys, but our survey has revealed discrepancies between the existing peatland map and our borehole results.

To further enhance our understanding of peatland distribution, we examine the topographic characteristics of groundwater levels in peatlands based on hydro-meteorological information and existing high-resolution topographic data for the Bengkalis area in eastern Sumatra. Based on the obtained knowledge, we will conduct borehole investigations to verify the existing peatland maps. Our meteorological radar rainfall observation results show that the area has a regional rainfall pattern, with frequent and heavy rainfall along the coast and slightly inland. We would like to understand the topographical characteristics of the groundwater table based on these features.



Conducting borehole investigations and soil moisture content surveys with our counterparts in Riau Province, Indonesia, May 20, 2022





## Chika Yamada Assistant Professor, Environmental Coexistence Studies

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### Harm Reduction Movement by Indonesian Civil Society

Harm reduction (HR) aims to reduce the negative effects of drug use and its related policies and institutions, even when the drug use itself is not reduced. HR spread to Indonesia in the 1990s, triggered by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. In the early 2000s, HR was incorporated into Ministry of Health (MOH) projects with a nationwide roll-out of programs such as opioid substitution therapy and needle exchange. Civil society has been the driving force behind this policy shift and continues to support grassroots activities.

In addition to cooperating with and monitoring MOH projects, civil society actors provide outreach for infectious disease testing and counseling, condom distribution, dissemination of information on safer drug use, the introduction of health care services in prisons, and support for legal intervention in human rights violations. In Indonesia, where drug use is illegal and the death penalty is

applied for drug trafficking, how has civil society developed HR so far and how is it developing today? How do civil society and government influence each other? How do conservatism and HR intersect? How will HR survive after the withdrawal of foreign donors?

Through learning the history of HR, this study aims to see how the Indonesian civil society struggles and thrives on establishing social coexistence amidst the ever-changing power balance, political, cultural, and socioeconomic nuances in the country.



With outreach and paralegal staff from several organizations. Essential information for support activities is sometimes exchanged while chatting.

## Kisho Tsuchiya Assistant Professor, Social Coexistence Studies

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### Experiences of Ordinary People in 20th Century Mindanao, Philippines: An Oral History

Recent history in the Philippines was marked by the entry of multinational corporations and waves of immigration, conflicts over land, religion, and ideology, and the emergence of Rodrigo Duterte's government with a political foothold in Davao. Although Mindanao is considered a remote region of the Philippines, it has been the center of important events and processes in modern and contemporary history. Traditional studies, however, have tended to imagine Mindanao as a passive region influenced by the decisions of major powers and the Philippine government, and to treat people living there as passive entities "led" by those in power.

This study collects personal histories from Mindanao civilians and interrogates conventional modern and contemporary history through their experiences. Why was the Cold War logic based on dichotomies useful for the people of Mindanao? How did smuggling, which flourished against the backdrop of the expansion of multinational corporations, form a supranational network? What was the popular experience in Mindanao that gave birth to the Duterte administration? To answer these questions, we are engaged in a historical dialogue with the public.



Conducting an interview with a former smuggler





## Atsushi Kobayashi Assistant Professor, Global Humanosphere Studies

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### An Empirical Study of the Establishment of the Multilateral Settlement System and Local Actors in Nineteenth-Century Asia

My previous research project quantitatively examined how the long-term development of Asian regional economies contributed to the development of the modern world economy from macroeconomic perspective. My studies have highlighted that in addition to the worldwide expansion of Western political and economic influence, the interaction among regional economies led to the first economic globalization during the nineteenth century. Maintaining an Asia-focused perspective, this new research project aims to shed fresh light on the role of local merchants and financiers in the development of intra-Asian trade and remittances during that period. I investigate the Western Agency Houses and overseas

Chinese remittances that drove intra-Asia trade and financial development during the nineteenth century. For the former, I analyze the managerial documents of the Jardine Matheson Archives, housed in the University of Cambridge. For the latter, I examine how overseas Chinese remittances evolved amid the development of modern international trade and finance, with reference to letters and remittance receipts (*Qiaopi*) sent home by Chinese migrant workers in colonial Southeast Asia. This new study attempts to broaden our understanding of intra-Asian trade and financial development by adding historical facts regarding local financial players to the literature.



The Central Library of the University of Cambridge, home of the Jardine Matheson Archives

## Julie Ann de los Reyes Program-Specific Assistant Professor, Global Humanosphere Studies

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### Toward Achieving a Sustainable Energy System in East and Southeast Asia

My research aims to better understand processes of energy transition in East and Southeast Asia. I focus on the dynamics of coal phase-out and renewable energy development in the Philippines, Indonesia, and Vietnam and the emergence of hydrogen as a low-carbon alternative in Japan. Using a political ecology framework, I examine the power relations that shape transition pathways in these regions. I am

interested, for instance, in how evolving state-business relations enable—or constrain—a shift away from coal or make possible the creation of entire markets and global commodity chains, as in the case of hydrogen. The strategies that states and firms adopt, as powerful actors that drive the transition process, require critical examination to elucidate how these help advance more environmentally and socially

just systems, or alternatively, reinforce existing high-carbon trajectories and social inequalities.

The research intends to address key gaps in the literature on energy transition. Within energy transition studies, there is a paucity of research on non-Western and/or less affluent regions such that existing framings of the energy challenge—which draw heavily on the experiences of North American and European countries—are often ill-equipped to explain transition dynamics elsewhere.



The shipyard of Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) in Kobe Port, Japan. KHI built the world's first liquefied hydrogen carrier, SUISEI FRONTIER, which was considered a key milestone in the race to develop a technically and commercially viable international hydrogen supply chain.







## 2. Publications <https://edit.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>

Since its beginning, CSEAS has prioritized publishing research results. The academic journal *Tonan Ajia Kenkyu* began with the founding of the Center. Since the 1960s monographs have been published in both Japanese and in English, and over the years we have engaged in various publication initiatives. A complete list of CSEAS publications is available on the website of the editorial office.

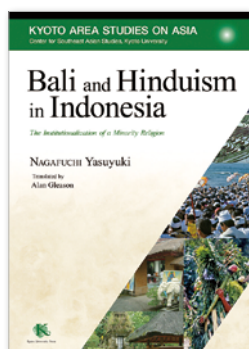
### Monographs

The monographs published by CSEAS are as follows. Initially, these were intended to publicize the research results of the faculty members, but since 2000, they have been widely open to submissions from the general public.

Series	Language	Year of First Issue	Published Titles	Publisher
Kyoto Area Studies on Asia (Chiiki Kenkyu Soshu)	Japanese	1996	46	Kyoto University Press
Monographs of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies	English	1966	21	University of Hawai'i Press
Kyoto Area Studies on Asia	English	1999	29	Kyoto University Press and Trans Pacific Press
Kyoto CSEAS Series on Asian Studies	English	2009	24	Kyoto University Press and NUS Press
Kyoto CSEAS Series on Philippine Studies	English	2019	2	Kyoto University Press and Ateneo de Manila University Press

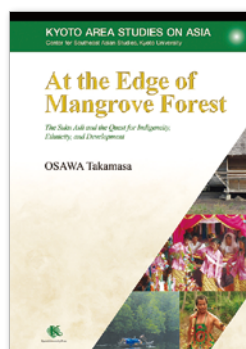
### New Publications (2022 –)

#### ■ Kyoto Area Studies on Asia



***Bali and Hinduism in Indonesia***  
*The Institutionalization of a Minority Religion*  
 Yasuyuki Nagayuki, 2022.

Hinduism is a minority religion in Indonesia, where the majority of the population practices Islam. Nevertheless, it is one of the religions approved by the government. What does it mean for a religion to be approved? Who approves it, how, and what happens when it is approved? How did Balinese religion come to be recognized as a form of Hinduism? The book answers these questions from the perspective of institutionalization, tracing the history of the recognition of Balinese religion as a form of Hinduism during the colonial period, the establishment of a Hindu division within the Religion Ministry after the independence of the Republic of Indonesia, the creation of a representative body of Hinduism, and the rupture of that representative body in the 21st century.



***At the Edge of Mangrove Forest***  
*The Suku Asli and the Quest for Indigeneity, Ethnicity, and Development*  
 Takamasa Osawa, 2022.

The Suku Asli people on the east coast of Sumatra, Indonesia—they were once known as Orang Utan (forest people), lacking clear and fixed ethnic boundaries or identity. Since 2005, however, they have taken on a new ethnic name, “Suku Asli” (“indigenous people”), and have begun to assert themselves as a group with its own adat (traditions) and unique identity. What does the emergence of this identity mean? Describing the images and practices of being indigenous held by the government and Suku Asli, this work examines the emergence of indigeneity in which tribal people come to embody, resist, and transform the public image of indigenous people.

#### ■ Kyoto CSEAS Series on Philippine Studies



***Packaged Food, Packaged Life***  
*Corporate Food in Metro Manila Slums*  
 Heriberto Ruiz Tafuya, 2023.

This book argues that the abundant consumption of corporate branded packaged food in slums does not merely stem from individual lifestyles. It is also the result of historical circumstances that preclude healthy living conditions and limit choices for people who resort to such food. Drawing on his own fieldwork and an exhaustive review of related literature, Heriberto Ruiz Tafuya identifies the constraints that characterize a packaged life not as a definitive status but as an ongoing process. The book is a pioneering work on packaged food diets in the global south, serving as a reliable reference for readers interested in the retail and consumption of processed food, especially by marginalized communities.





## ■ Kyoto Area Studies on Asia (Chiiki Kenkyu Sosho) (In Japanese)

2022 Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Award  
for Excellency in Academic Publishing

12th Mishima Kaiun Memorial  
Foundation Award



### *Traders Reinvent Markets*

*The Evolution of Traditional Agricultural Marketing amid the Supermarket Revolution in Indonesia*

Shinya Ikeda, 2022.

Modernization of retailing is underway in Indonesia. However, traditional distribution still plays the leading role in Indonesia, and it is still a game between farmers and merchants. This is a completely different path from that of developed countries, where traditional distribution is replacing modern distribution. The merchants of the traditional market are swallowing up the distribution revolution. The development of traditional distribution, which has been quietly progressing in the shadow of modernization, overturns the conventional understanding.



### *The Making of 'Traditional Medicine'*

*A History of Vietnam's Medical Policies*

Nara Oda, 2022.

Embodying the founding ideals of the nation, traditional Vietnamese medicine lives on in the region as "our medicine" (Ho Chi Minh). However, when we leave behind the "North Vietnamese"-centered nationalist narrative and trace the history of traditional medicine, we find a complex picture of "traditional medicine" that is the result of various power relations, the politics of the narrative, and the actual practice of medicine. How did modern states incorporate medical knowledge into their systems amid independence, divisions, and unification? What was the experience of the bearers? This book depicts the dynamism of official "traditional medicine."



### *Popular Music and Politics in Indonesia*

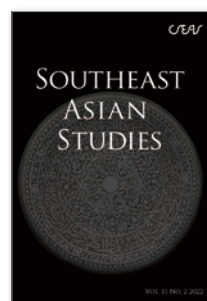
*The Paradox of Independent Cultural Practices*

Yujin Kim, 2023.

The relationship between music and politics is both old and new. In no other country, however, has music and politics been so vividly intertwined in the making of history as in Indonesia. This includes Sukarno's criticism of Western music, the authoritarian regime of Suharto's control of music and mobilization of musicians, as well as musicians' resistance to the regime and the practice of their musical creations. The book examines Indonesian and contemporary Southeast Asian politics, focusing on the 'Music Practice Bill' of 2019.

## Journals

Since its first publication in 1963, the bilingual quarterly *Tonan Ajia Kenkyu* has reflected CSEAS's strong commitment to publishing the best of empirically grounded, multidisciplinary, comparative, and contemporary research on Southeast Asia. In 2012, CSEAS launched *Southeast Asian Studies* as its sister all-English journal in order to reach broader international audiences, and *Tonan Ajia Kenkyu* was reorganized as a biannual Japanese journal. Reflecting the Center's fieldwork-based, multidisciplinary, and contemporary approaches, both journals publish work from various fields of study on Southeast Asia, including the natural sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. *Southeast Asian Studies* is indexed in Scopus, run by Elsevier, and Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), run by Clarivate Analytics.



*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*  
<https://englishkyoto-seas.org/>

First published in 2012.  
Published three times a year (April, August, and December)



*Japanese Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*  
(*Tonan Ajia Kenkyu*)  
<https://kyoto-seas.org/>

First published in 1963.  
Published twice a year (January and July)

## Kyoto Working Papers on Area Studies

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Kyoto Working Papers on Area Studies is a series published jointly by the three area studies institutions of Kyoto University: the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), the Center for African Area Studies (CAAS), and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS). You can find all titles published to date on the website.







## Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia

<https://kyotoreview.org/>

The *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* is a multilingual online journal that provides a forum for public discussion to promote exchange among the intellectual community in Southeast Asia. By offering timely and accessible articles, the journal aims to broaden the readership for important publications, discussions, and reflections throughout Southeast Asia. It also aims to connect intellectuals, NGO workers, journalists, and others involved in cultural projects and information production, and

to foster lasting relationships.

Each issue is edited around a single theme. In addition to the latest research findings, the journal features reviews of local-language books published in Southeast Asia. Articles are translated from English into Japanese, Thai, Indonesian, Filipino, and Vietnamese. In addition, the monthly column "Trendsetters" provides an opportunity for next generation researchers to disseminate their papers through CSEAS's worldwide network.



## Book Talk on Asia

<https://soundcloud.com/user-153026370-46049678> (Japanese Only)

In January 2021, CSEAS launched Book Talk on Asia, a Japanese-language audio program introducing new books on Asia. Book authors are invited to talk about the contents and background of their work. Associate Professor Yoshihiro Nakanishi hosts the show, with new episodes delivered on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

## CSEAS Classics

<https://cseas-classics.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/> (Japanese Only)

In 2020, CSEAS launched a website to share the research outcomes of former CSEAS members in the form of open-access monographs and papers. Currently, nine books from the Southeast Asian Studies Series and 19 Discussion Papers are available. We hope you will take the opportunity to read these studies published from the 1970–90s.



## CIRAS Discussion Paper Series

<https://ciras.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/research-outcome/publications/#dp> (Japanese Only)

The CIRAS Discussion Paper Series was created to publish the results of joint research conducted by the Center for Information Resources of Area Studies (CIRAS).

In addition to peer-reviewed research papers, field survey records and the introduction of newly discovered materials are also essential for the accumulation of knowledge in area studies. This series has therefore published a wide variety of research results, including articles, field survey reports, documents, bibliographic summaries, and records of workshops and symposiums. Collaborative work with local

communities to solve problems together is integral to the outcomes of area studies. Thus, this series uses a variety of languages, including English, Malay, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Japanese, to best reach intended audiences.

The challenge of CIRAS is to publish the diverse results of area studies research quickly and the series has provided one medium to achieve this goal. Although CIRAS activities came to an end in March 2022, the series has published 116 products, almost all of which can be viewed as PDF files on the website.







## Featured Books



### *The Strength to Dream*

*Indonesian Cinema and Imagination*

Yoshimi Nishi, Eimei Information Design, 2021 (In Japanese)

Following the collapse of the Suharto regime in 1998, the domestic film industry in Indonesia developed rapidly as democratization progressed. Indonesian cinema, as a medium that reflects both reality and ideals, has presented a desired worldview while depicting social difficulties. This book analyzes the stories and narratives of 200 Indonesian films produced since 1998 to reveal how Indonesians have, through cinema, challenged national agendas (such as familism, religion, and violence) and historical perceptions of national tragedies. In renewing the national narrative, Indonesian cinema pursues the universal—a society in which multicultural, multi-religious coexistence and human rights are widely protected.



### *Imperial Japan's Propaganda*

*Political Publicity and Visual Media Coverage Fueling "War Fever"*

Toshihiko Kishi, Chuokoron-Shinsha, 2022 (In Japanese)

This book reexamines Imperial Japan's war from a fresh perspective. Why was Imperial Japan obsessed with war propaganda and why did it continue to perpetuate "war fever"? How were impressions about war created domestically and internationally? The visual media coverage that began at the end of the 19th century helps us answer these questions. Covering the half-century from the Sino-Japanese War period (1894–95) to the occupation by the Allied Powers (1945–52), the book explores the transitions of propaganda through a study of a vast range of visual media, focusing on the inter-relations among the government, the military, the press, and the people. Political propaganda is treated not merely as a technique to spread ideology, but rather, in a broad sense, as a reflection of the times, including Japan's institutions and mechanisms.



### *Seeking Modernity Behind the Veil*

*Post-Soviet Experiences of Muslim Women in Uzbekistan*

Chika Obiya, University of Tokyo Press, 2022 (In Japanese)

We can observe the so-called Islamic veil/scarf debate very widely in the world today, not only in Muslim, but also Western countries. Although the ex-Soviet region is no exception, only a few academic studies on this topic are of the region, in comparison with the rich analyses found in Islamic gender studies. This book therefore attempts to bridge discussions among post-Soviet/Central Asian area studies and Islamic gender/area studies. Through the veil question the book argues that Uzbekistan is struggling to reconsider the "modern" values promoted under Soviet socialism in the 20th century which excluded Islamic practices as bad and/or backward, and is primed to establish a new value system for its future.

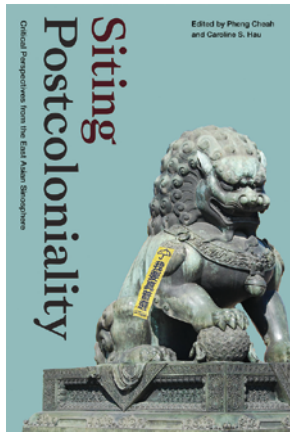


### *Contemporary Myanmar Politics*

Yoshihiro Nakanishi, Iwanami Shoten, 2022 (In Japanese)

The political turmoil in Myanmar since 2021 has puzzled us greatly. On February 1, 2021, the tatmadaw, Myanmar's military, suddenly detained the democratically elected state leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, other government ministers, and some political activists based on unsubstantiated claims of electoral fraud. It then proceeded to harshly crack down on any resistance, resulting in over four thousand civilian casualties not only of resistance group members, but also of ordinary citizens. Turning a deaf ear to repeated criticism by the international community, especially Western countries, Myanmar is becoming further isolated from international fora. The tatmadaw's actions toward the democratically elected government and the people's movement must have seemed extreme to many. What could have made the tatmadaw behave in this way? The purpose of this book is to explain the causes of the current chaos in Myanmar in the context of its political history since 1988.



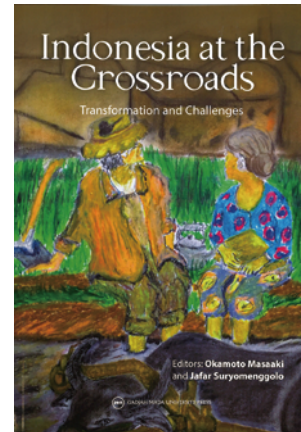


### ***Siting Postcoloniality***

*Critical Perspectives from the East Asian Sinosphere*

Pheng Cheah and Caroline S. Hau (eds), Duke University Press, 2022.

The book reevaluates the notion of the postcolonial by focusing on the Sinosphere—the region of East and Southeast Asia that has been significantly shaped by relations with China throughout history. Pointing out that the history of imperialism in China and Southeast Asia is longer and more complex than Euro-American imperialism, the contributors complicate the traditional postcolonial binaries of center-periphery, colonizer-colonized, and developed-developing. The contributors show how postcolonial theory's central concepts cannot adequately explain colonialism in the Sinosphere. Challenging fundamental axioms of postcolonial studies, this volume forcefully suggests that postcolonial theory needs to be rethought.



### ***Indonesia at the Crossroads***

*Transformation and Challenges*

Okamoto Masaaki and Jafar Suryomenggolo (eds), Trans Pacific Press, Gadjah Mada University Press, and Kyoto University Press, 2023.

This book presents twelve original chapters to discuss the achievements and challenges of Indonesia's transformation since the fall of Suharto's authoritarian regime in 1998. The fundamental transformation from an authoritarian to a democratic system is analyzed by researchers, experts, and NGO officials from various academic disciplines and from Asia at large (Japan, Korea, and Indonesia). The Indonesian experience of democratization is especially noteworthy in a context in which Islamic societies historically have struggled with democracy and as many neighboring Southeast Asian countries are becoming less and less democratic.



### ***Vulnerability and Transformation of Indonesian Peatlands***

Kosuke Mizuno, Osamu Kozan, Haris Gunawan (eds), Springer Singapore, 2023.

This book is the first volume of a four-volume series that presents the research outcomes from the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature's practical project "Toward the Regeneration of Tropical Peatland Societies: Building International Research Network on Paludiculture and Sustainable Peatland Management." The book deals with restoring degraded peatlands to help mitigate global warming, to which SDG 15 and SDG 13 are directly related. The book analyzes peatland degradation and restoration of the Indonesian peatland ecosystem through the integrated lenses of resilience, vulnerability, adaptation, and transformation. We shed light on what constitutes "resilience" of the peat swamp forest, digging deeper into local knowledge to interrogate the institutional, governance, and ecological conditions that may have the potential to transform degraded peatlands.



### ***Local Governance of Peatland Restoration in Riau, Indonesia***

*A Transdisciplinary Analysis*

Masaaki Okamoto, Takamasa Osawa, Wahyu Prasetyawan, Akhwan Binawan (eds), Springer Singapore, 2023.

The book provides an interdisciplinary analysis of the politics of peatlands at the local level in Riau Province, Indonesia, which is home to the most extensive tropical peatlands in Southeast Asia. A series of multifaceted studies examine the perceptions and livelihoods of peatland community residents, accompanied by the implementation of social programs by NGO activists. The book highlights the need to understand river ecosystems, which are often forgotten in peatland conservation policies. It also explores the possibility of implementing peatland conservation practices through the revitalization of freshwater fisheries.





# 3. Facility-based Networking

## Library

<https://library.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

Since its opening in 1965, the CSEAS library has collected books and materials on Southeast Asia and related regions. As of March 2023, it holds approximately 270,000 items. Among these, the library boasts the largest collection of materials in Southeast Asian languages in Japan, with more than 109,000 volumes. These are mainly in Indonesian and Thai, but the collection also includes materials in Vietnamese, Burmese, and several other languages.

Since 1983, the library has systematically collected materials published in Southeast Asia through the CSEAS liaison offices in Jakarta and Bangkok. The library has also enhanced its collection of microforms, such as serials of newspapers and journals as well as official documents, through the Kyoto University Large Collections (2014/2015) and the MEXT's Joint Usage/Research Center for Global Collaborative Research program.

We hold the following special collections.

### ■ Ishii Yoneo Collection

This collection was donated by Yoneo Ishii, a professor emeritus of Kyoto University who worked for CSEAS from 1965 to 1990. The collection consists of more than approximately 10,000 items, including historical legal records from Thailand, documents written in Southeast Asian languages, and several rare original items written by Bastian, Cabaton, and Hallet.

### ■ Charas Collection

This collection by Charas Pikul, a former officer of Thai government, consists of approximately 9,000 items. It includes approximately 4,000 *Nagsue Ngan Sop*, or cremation volumes, of important figures. The books contain unique information, such as personal records of the deceased, reprints of their previous publication, and local geographic information. Our collection of cremation volumes is the largest outside of Thailand.

### ■ Foronda Collection

This collection, donated by the late Marcelino Foronda, a Filipino historian, consists of approximately 7,000 items. These include important documents of Philippine history, literature, and ethnography (especially on the Ilokos region). The collection also contains Catholic prayer books, underground publications, and books that were banned during the Marcos regime.



The main library is a red brick building of the former Kyoto Textile Company that was built in the 1870s

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### ■ Ocampo Collection

This collection, donated by Ambeth Ocampo, a Filipino historian and writer, consists of approximately 1,000 items published in the Philippines from the second half of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century. The items range from Catholic prayer books to government reports, including Congressional records.

### ■ Indonesia Islam Collection

Consisting of approximately 2,000 items, this collection contains Islamic studies books, including new editions from main publishers. The items vary from translations of classics to Islamic political and ideologic works, and introductory books for the public.

### ■ Others

Microforms include the "Postwar Southeast Asian Newspapers and Weekly Magazines Basic Materials Collection" (14 titles) of items published in Southeast Asian countries, and "Documents on Domestic and Foreign Affairs of Southeast Asian Countries Mainly in the Postwar Period" (15 titles), a collection of Southeast Asian studies materials from the colonial to the post-World War II period held by the National Archives of the United States.



*The Siam Rashdra Daily News* (1934), a Thai daily newspaper published during World War II. Available at the Kyoto University Digital Archive of Rare Materials:  
<https://rmda.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp>



*Viage de novios: tanda de vases* (por T. Araullo), sheet music published in the Philippines in the 19th century





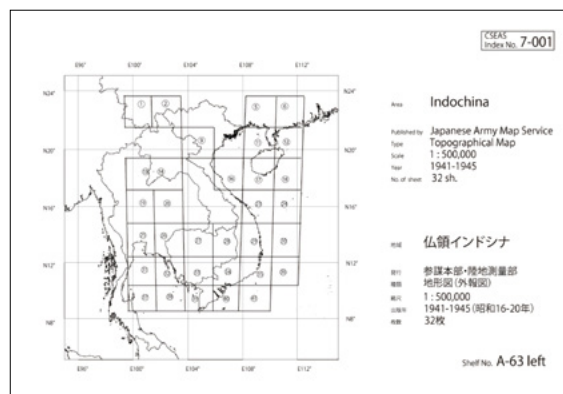
## Map Collections

<https://map.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

The CSEAS Maps and Documents Room holds a variety of materials collected by CSEAS faculty over the past 50 years, mainly from Southeast Asia. Many of these are available to researchers, students, and the public. The collection consists of maps, aerial photographs, and the Human Ecology File (a collection of materials transferred from the East West Center at the University of Hawaii in 2000). The 48,000 maps in the collection are valuable research materials used as a basis for planning and conducting field surveys. The maps include some historically valuable maps prepared by the former Imperial Japanese Army and the General Staff of the Soviet Union.

Since the 1990s, the Maps and Documents Room has been working on a long-term plan

to share its holdings, and in 2019, the Room launched a website that allows users to access a catalog of map holdings. Thanks to the website, it is now possible to confirm a map's basic details and whether or not a map is in the collection before visiting the library.



From the online map catalog search screen: a map catalog entry with basic details and shelf location (left) and a thumbnail image of a map (right)



## MyDatabase

To publish research outcomes as a database requires specialized skills and knowledge of database management, computer systems, and networks, making it difficult for individual researchers to construct their own databases. MyDatabase (MyDB) is a database construction service that reviews the management and operation methods in database construction, making it easier for researchers to define and modify metadata, set search functions, and create search screens. With a CSV or XML file that meets certain conditions, and content data, such as images, it is possible to create and publish a database by simply following the instructions of MyDB on the Web. Many of the databases published at CSEAS use MyDB.

Meeting the demand for openness and advanced data utilization, MyDB has been restructured as a database management system based on RDF and SPARQL. The new MyDB exposes the SPARQL endpoint, which enables the construction of advanced data linkage and applications, such as Web mashups.

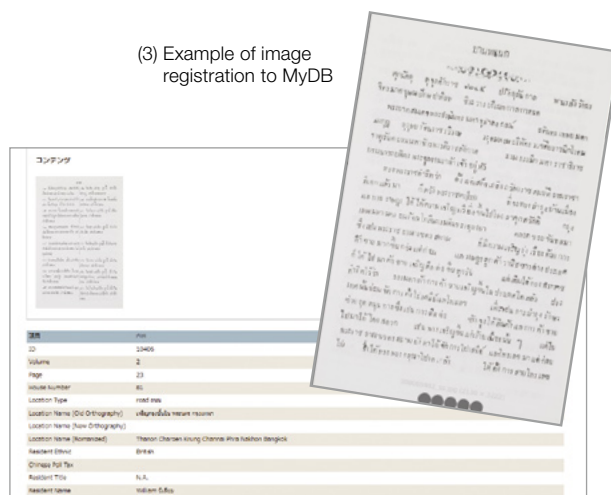
We define metadata for research data management, incorporate it into MyDB, and modify the user interface. This will make it possible to use MyDB as a repository for publishing basic data related to research papers and to create research data management plans when applying for external funding.

### Database Using MyDB

(1) Data creation (CSV file)

(2) Example of data registration to MyDB

(3) Example of image registration to MyDB



(4) Example search of a database constructed with MyDB





## Information Processing Office

<https://info.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>

CSEAS is characterized by numerous joint projects as it constantly collaborates and cooperates with related area studies institutes and researchers, especially in Southeast Asia. For this, the Information Processing Office does not merely maintain, manage, and operate CSEAS's existing information infrastructure; it also actively promotes the use of ICT by participating in research activities and visiting domestic and overseas fields to construct new infrastructure.



Setting up a hybrid teleconference  
(using MeetingOwl Pro, a 360-degree camera)

### Deployment of ICT-enabled Services

Based on Google Workspace for Education and WordPress, the Office is responsible for building and providing information infrastructure systems for organizational communication, information collection and dissemination, and storage. In addition, since the spread of the COVID-19, the Office has been providing support for online meeting systems, including hybrid systems. We are focusing on the development and enhancement of information infrastructure that facilitates activities in environments that include telework.

### Social Contribution

The Office supports community activities related to information services and systems. We contributed to the open-source community as a member of the executive committee of WordCamp Japan 2021, a WordPress event. As an expert of Google products, such as Gmail and Chrome, the Office Head is one of leaders in these communities and contributes to the development of these services through his activities. As an official WordPress plugin developer, he has created several plugins, such as "WP Add Mime Types," which is used by more than 50,000 sites. In December 2022, he was honored at the Product Experts Summit 2022 for his past contributions to the community by Google.



Award winners for their passion and dedication to the Help Communities at PES2022  
Photo by Google: <https://twitter.com/GooglePEProgram/status/1602992722180440065>





## 4. Community Building

### Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA)

<https://seasia-consortium.org/>

CSEAS, which served as the first Secretariat of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), has been re-appointed to serve as the Secretariat. As a member of the Executive and Conference Committees, it also continues to play an active role in fulfilling crucial positions of responsibility in the management and advancement of Consortium affairs. Amidst the travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 to 2022, CSEAS spearheaded the Emerging Scholar Conversation Webinar Series, which enabled leading and up-and-coming scholars from SEASIA member institutions to engage in in-depth discussion and dialogue. CSEAS will be providing Secretariat support to two forthcoming main events: the second AYSEA conference on “The Future Directions of Southeast Asian Studies in the Post-COVID Era,” which will be held in Taipei, Taiwan in September 2023; and the Biennial Conference, which will be held in Manila, Philippines, in 2024. CSEAS continues to affirm its commitment to enhancing and promoting the

SEASIA common vision of making distinctive contributions to understanding the region through education and research while taking the lead in liaising with SEASIA member institutions to cultivate collaboration and academic exchange in the years to come.



An event poster for the Emerging Scholar Conversation Series



The SEASIA Biennial Conference was held in Jakarta in June 2022

### Japan Consortium for Area Studies (JCAS)

<http://www.jcas.jp/en/index.html>

The Japan Consortium for Area Studies (JCAS) is a network of research, educational, academic, and private organizations and associations involved in area studies across the world. As of 2022, JCAS had 104 member organizations. Ten of these, including CSEAS, serve on the JCAS executive committee, which forms a board of directors and a steering committee to carry out the activities of the Consortium.

The JCAS Award, given at the annual meeting in November, recognizes outstanding works, projects, and activities in area studies, regardless of affiliation. All member organizations come together for the JCAS Awards ceremony, which includes commemorative lectures and a symposium open to the public. The JCAS also publishes a Japanese language online journal, *JCAS Review*, which serves as a medium for presenting research outcomes that transcend disciplinary, regional, and organizational boundaries. In FY2022, JCAS launched the “Integrated Regional Knowledge” symposium series with video distribution of lectures and online discussions.



A YouTube capture screenshot of the “Integrated Regional Knowledge” online symposium series



## 5. Global Academic Networks

### MOUs: Memoranda of Understanding

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-2/mou/#toc-id1>

CSEAS has academic exchange agreements (MOUs, Memoranda of Understanding) with numerous universities and research institutes in Southeast Asian countries and elsewhere. In many cases, these agreements are among three parties, including those with the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies. Based on these agreements, the institutions encourage the exchange of researchers, mutually provide academic information such as library materials and research papers, and conduct joint research, including holding seminars, conferences, and symposiums.

Based on MOUs with Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chengchi University of Taiwan, we are actively engaged in research exchange and joint projects. In 2002, CSEAS established agreements with Yezin Agricultural University and the Center for Historical and Traditional Areas of the Institute of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education in Myanmar, and began a comprehensive area study in Myanmar, which had been difficult in the past.

New agreements were signed to conduct joint research with the Faculty of Agriculture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand in 2023.



The signing ceremony for the MOU with the Faculty of Agriculture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand (August 2023)

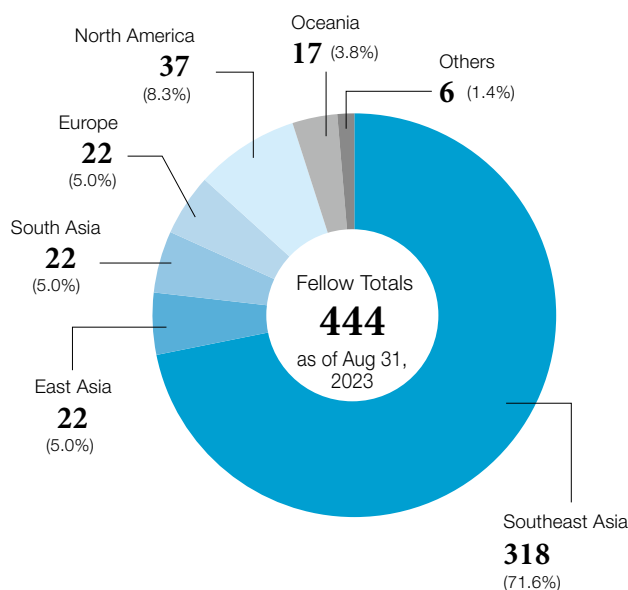
### Visiting Research Scholars

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-2/visiting-research-and-guest-scholars/>

Each year, CSEAS invites approximately 15 researchers who conduct area and comparative studies on Southeast Asia to be Visiting Research Scholars at the Center. This includes invited researchers accepted through the Joint Usage/Research Center for Global Collaborative Research (GCR). During their stay at CSEAS, the scholars conduct research, write articles and books, and promote collaboration and exchange with Center members and visitors as well as the broader university community.

Since the research interests of CSEAS's faculty members are wide-ranging, the Visiting Research Scholars are able to conduct multifaceted research on Southeast Asia and beyond through exchanges with faculty members and other visiting researchers. They can also expect to broaden their perspectives on comparative research through exposure to CSEAS's interdisciplinary research activities. To date, more than 400 researchers have taken advantage of this program, with more than 70 percent coming from Southeast Asia. CSEAS also accepts JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows and researchers who have received grants from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and other domestic and international organizations.

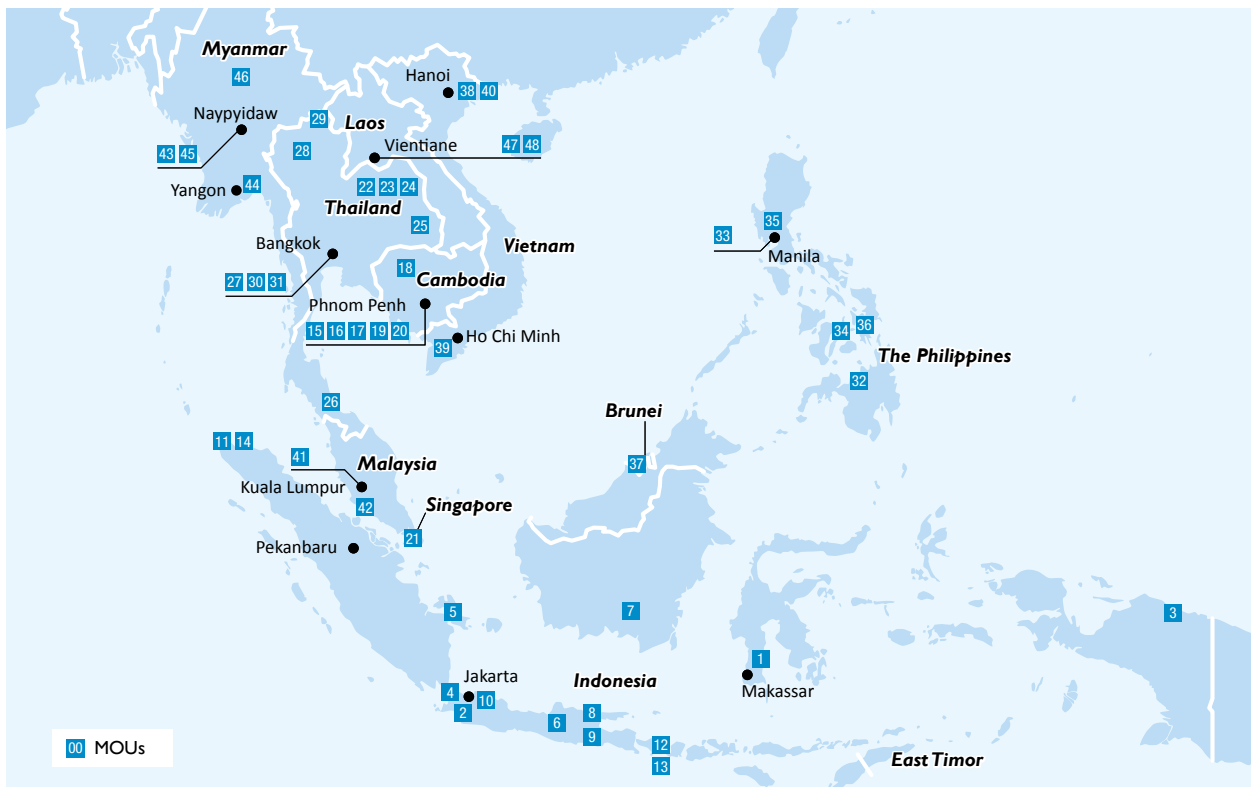
#### ■ Visiting Research Scholars by Region since 1976







## Network Map (Southeast Asia)



### Indonesia

- 1 Research Institute and Graduate Programs, Hasanuddin University
- 2 Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN), Jakarta
- 3 Cenderawasih University
- 4 Sultan Agung Tirtayasa University
- 5 The Faculty of Social and Political Science, Bangka Belitung University
- 6 The Faculty of Dakwah and Communication, State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta
- 7 The Center for International Cooperation in Sustainable Management of Tropical Peatland, University of Palangka Raya
- 8 Institute of Tropical Disease, Universitas Airlangga
- 9 The Faculty of Cultural Studies, Universitas Brawijaya
- 10 The School of Environmental Science, Universitas Indonesia
- 11 The Tsunami and Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Syiah Kuala University
- 12 Mataram University
- 13 Udayana University
- 14 International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies

### Cambodia

- 15 Royal University of Fine Arts
- 16 Royal University of Agriculture
- 17 The Royal University of Phnom Penh

- 18 The Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap
- 19 The Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- 20 The Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center

### Singapore

- 21 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

### Thailand

- 22 Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University
- 23 The Faculty of Nursing, Khon Kaen University
- 24 The Faculty of Agriculture, Khon Kaen University
- 25 Faculty of Political Science, Ubon Ratchathani University
- 26 Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University
- 27 Buddhist Research Institute, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
- 28 Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University
- 29 The School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University
- 30 The Faculty of Architecture, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang
- 31 Asia Centre

### The Philippines

- 32 Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology
- 33 The School of Social Sciences, Ateneo de Manila University

- 34 The Cebuano Studies Center, University of San Carlos

- 35 The College of Liberal Arts, De La Salle University
- 36 Visayas State University

### Brunei

- 37 Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

### Vietnam

- 38 The Institute of Social Sciences Information, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences
- 39 The College of Natural Sciences, Can Tho University
- 40 The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Vin University

### Malaysia

- 41 The Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 42 The Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, Sunway University

### Myanmar

- 43 Yezin Agricultural University
- 44 The SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition
- 45 University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin
- 46 The University of Mandalay

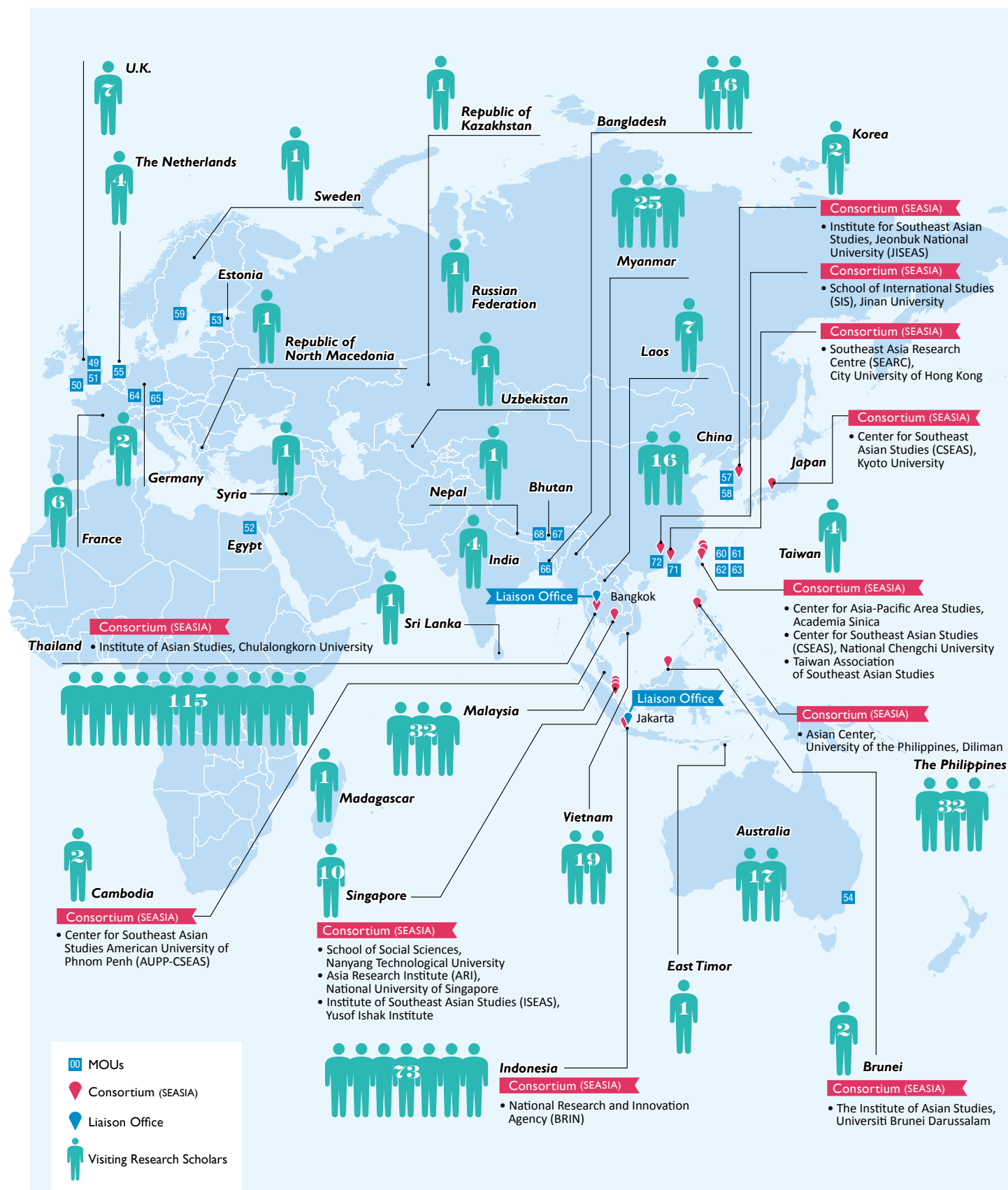
### Laos

- 47 Faculty of Forestry, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Social Science, National University of Laos
- 48 The National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

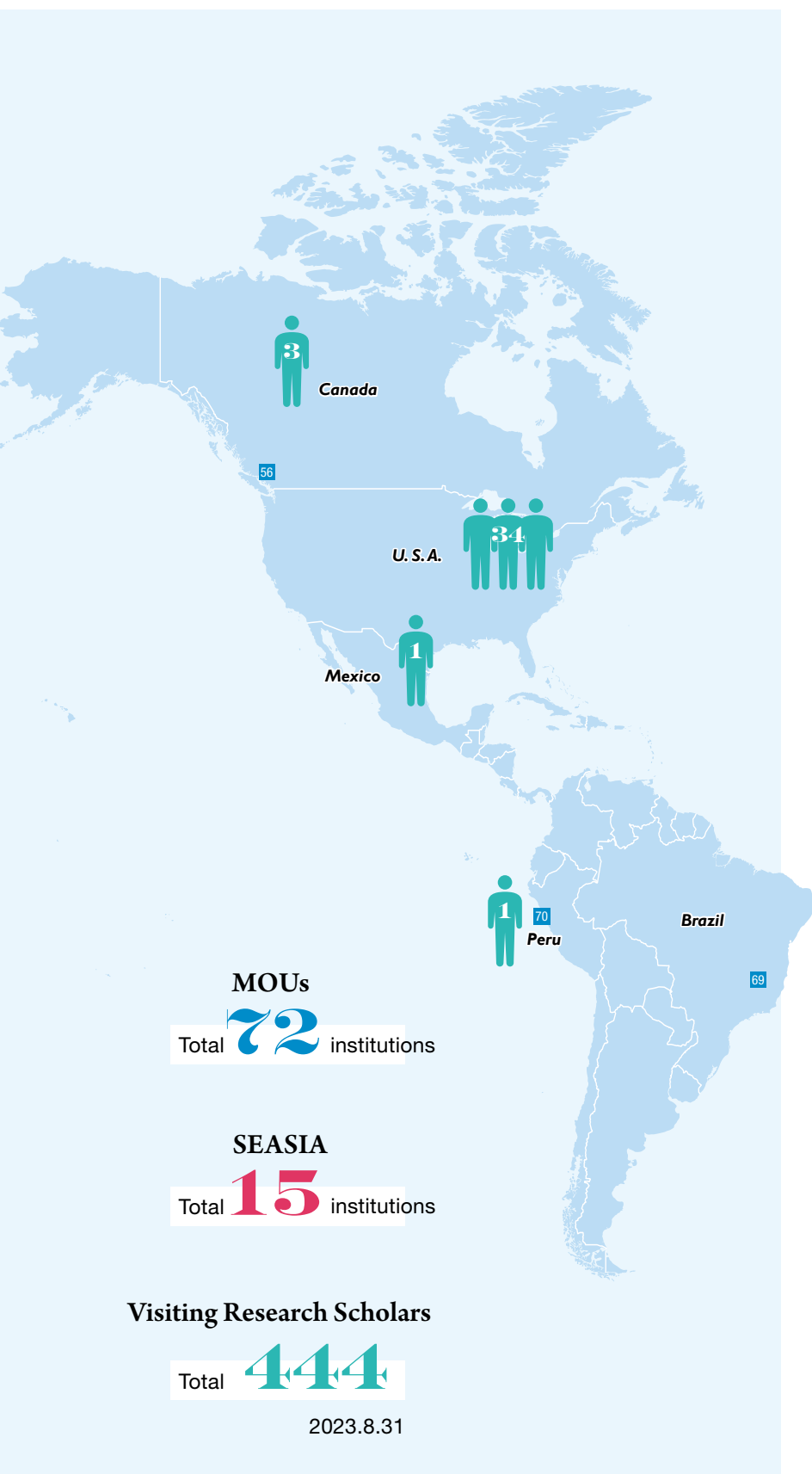




## Network Map (Global)







#### U.K.

<sup>49</sup> The Department of Geography, University of Leicester

<sup>50</sup> The Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

<sup>51</sup> The Centre for Tropical Medicine & Global Health, Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Oxford University

#### Egypt

<sup>52</sup> Center for Asian Studies, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

#### Estonia

<sup>53</sup> The School of Humanities, Tallinn University

#### Australia

<sup>54</sup> The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, The University of Sydney

#### The Netherlands

<sup>55</sup> The International Institute for Asian Studies

#### Canada

<sup>56</sup> The School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, The University of British Columbia

#### Korea

<sup>57</sup> The Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

<sup>58</sup> Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, The Jeonbuk National University (JISEAS)

#### Sweden

<sup>59</sup> The Stockholm Center for Global Asia, Stockholm University

#### Taiwan

<sup>60</sup> Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica

<sup>61</sup> The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chengchi University

<sup>62</sup> The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi Nan University

<sup>63</sup> The Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi Nan University

#### Germany

<sup>64</sup> Southeast Asian Studies Program, University of Freiburg

<sup>65</sup> The Southeast Asian and Development Studies Programme, University of Passau

#### Bangladesh

<sup>66</sup> International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

#### Bhutan

<sup>67</sup> Sherubtse College, Royal University of Bhutan

<sup>68</sup> Ministry of Health, the Kingdom of Bhutan

#### Brazil

<sup>69</sup> The Federal University of Minas Gerais

#### Peru

<sup>70</sup> The Institute of Peruvian Studies

#### China

<sup>71</sup> Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong

<sup>72</sup> The School of International Studies / Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Jinan University





## Overseas Liaison Offices

CSEAS has two overseas liaison offices. The Bangkok Liaison Office was established in 1963 and is currently in the Sukhumvit area. The Jakarta Liaison Office was established in 1970 and is in Kebayoran Baru, South Jakarta.

The offices are a base for research activities not only in Thailand and Indonesia, but across mainland and maritime Southeast Asia. In addition to CSEAS's faculty members, researchers from other departments within Kyoto University and from other universities are stationed here as resident staff. They collect local language books, statistics, official documents, maps,

and other materials on an ongoing basis. Through the offices, CSEAS also promotes joint research with local researchers and research institutions. Since CSEAS began its activities as a Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center in 2010, some of the resident researchers have been selected through an open recruitment process.

Since Kyoto University established the Kyoto University ASEAN Center in Bangkok in June 2014, it has become a hub for academic research networks in Southeast Asia, collaborating closely with CSEAS's Bangkok Liaison Office.

### Bangkok Liaison Office

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about-cseas/#toc-id11>

Location: 12CD, GP Grande Tower, 55, Soi 23, Sukhumvit Rd, Klongtoey Nua, Wattana, Bangkok, 10110 THAILAND

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E-mail: bangkok@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp



A visit of the then President and Vice President of Kyoto University to the Bangkok Liaison Office in 2016

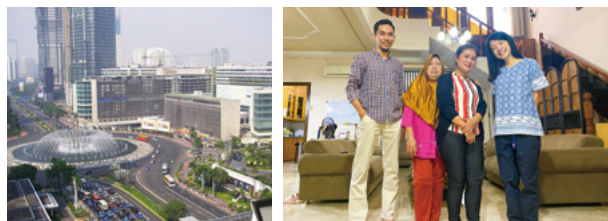
### Jakarta Liaison Office

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about-cseas/#toc-id13>

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Local and visiting resident staff at the Jakarta Liaison Office

# 6. Academic Programs

## Postdoctoral Researchers

CSEAS accepts post-doctoral researchers in a variety of fields. These include institutional researchers, Hakubi assistant professors, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows (Japanese and non-Japanese, long-term and short-term), intra- and inter-university project researchers, and Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Projects researchers. Furthermore, while not officially employed, we also host young researchers as in the form of Affiliated Researchers.

As members of CSEAS, these young researchers are provided desks in shared research rooms and engage with researchers in different fields as they go about their daily research. They also interact with a wide variety of researchers, from Japan and elsewhere, who attend international and domestic seminars held at CSEAS, and they organize and conduct seminars and workshops. By striving and discussing together, our young researchers cultivate new projects.



Post-doctoral researchers from around the world gather at CSEAS





## Graduate Program

CSEAS has been cooperating with the Department of Tropical Agriculture at the Graduate School of Agriculture to provide graduate level education since 1981, when the two entities first offered a joint course on Southeast Asian Studies. In 1993, CSEAS began Southeast Asian Area Studies education at the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies. Following the establishment of the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS) in 1998, students majoring in Southeast Asian Area Studies were transferred to ASAFAS and since then, CSEAS has contributed to education at ASAFAS.

The Global COE Program “In Search of Sustainable Humanosphere in Asia and Africa” (FY2007–11), which was jointly implemented with ASAFAS and led by CSEAS, was an opportunity for CSEAS to contribute to the development of a global COE program in ASAFAS. The establishment of the Division of Global Area Studies in ASAFAS (2009) and the joint development of the “Construction of a Global Platform for the Study of Sustainable Humanosphere” project (FY2012–14) are examples of such collaboration with ASAFAS.

Currently, CSEAS and ASAFAS offer a joint course in the Division of Southeast Asian Area Studies. In addition to the eight CSEAS staff members conducting the Environment, Society, and Culture course, two staff provide the Ecology and Environment course, and two provide the Society and Development course. In the Division of Global Area Studies, one staff member in Peaceful Coexistence and Humanosphere,



The 15 books featured in *CSEAS Beginner's Guide to Southeast Asian Studies* in Japanese edited by Yoshihiro Nakanishi and Tatsuki Kataoka (the e-book volume has 116 pages)

and one in Islamic World Studies cooperate in providing classes, seminars, thesis guidance, degree examinations, open campuses, and entrance examinations. In the Graduate School of Medicine, two staff members provide classes and guidance to graduate students as a cooperating chair in the Department of Social and Health Medicine and as a subject supervisor in the Department of Medicine.

In March 2022, CSEAS published an open-access book entitled *CSEAS Beginner's Guide to Southeast Asian Studies* in Japanese, edited by Yoshihiro Nakanishi and Tatsuki Kataoka. This book selects 15 classic books on Southeast Asian Studies and offers study guide questions written mainly by faculty members of CSEAS and ASAFAS. It is currently being used in graduate education, from classes to seminars.

## ILAS Seminars

In accordance with the recent university education reform plan proposed by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) was established to promote further internationalization within and outside the university. Since 2013, Kyoto University has been staffing ILAS with approximately 100 faculty members. At ILAS hired faculty members teach courses in English across a broad range of subjects covering the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities in their respective undergraduate and graduate schools.

In line with this trend, CSEAS has also been offering seminars for undergraduate students in liberal arts subjects in English since 2015. Three CSEAS faculty members also teach courses including Intercultural Communication through Southeast Asia, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Introduction to Asian Societies, Introduction to Comparative Political Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Comparative Religious Studies.

In addition, in 2017, the program began offering intensive short-term courses in liberal arts subjects to undergraduate students. Visiting professors invited from abroad have also taught courses on climate change and its impact on food production in Thailand, contemporary history of Southeast Asia, and world history from the perspective of Indonesia.



Students examining mushrooms grown for class on thinking about human/nature relations. Source: Mario Lopez



## 7. Awards

Recipient	Award	Month/ Year	Award Winning Research
Zenta Nishio	The 72nd Kansai Sociological Association Conference Encouragement Award	June-21	The Potential Publicness in a Divided City: The Case of Small Route Buses in Manila
Ayumi Mitsunari	The Malaysian Social Science Association Best Presenter	August-21	The Worldview and Challenges of Malay Muslims in the Age of Nation-building: Classification and Annotation of "1001 Questions"
Ryota Sakamoto and Chika Yamada	The 2019 College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) International Committee Award for Best International Research Poster	September-21	Evidence of Telemedicine from a Developing Country during COVID-19 Pandemic: A Virtual Relapse Prevention Program among a Clinical Sample of Substance-use Disorder Patients
Caroline Sy Hau	The Gintong Aklat Award for Fiction in English	November-21	<i>Tiempo Muerto</i> (Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2019)
Hiroki Baba	CSIS DAYS 2021 Research Encouragement Award	November-21	Accessibility to Urban Facilities and the Spatial Inequalities in Bangkok
Shuhei Kimura	Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine Research Award for Basic Science	November-21	The Lid/KDM5 Histone Demethylase Complex Activates a Critical Effector of the Oocyte-to-zygote Transition ( <i>PLOS Genetics</i> 16(3): e1008543)
Kaoru Sugihara	The 33rd Asia-Pacific Award, Grand Prize	November-21	<i>The East Asian Miracle in Global History</i> (The University of Nagoya Press, 2020, in Japanese)
Yoshihiro Nakanishi	The 33rd Asia-Pacific Award, Special Prize	November-21	" <i>Rohingya</i> " Crisis: The Violent Politics of Ethnicity and Religion in Myanmar (Chuokoron-Shinsha, Inc., 2021, in Japanese)
	The 16th Junzo Kashiwama Prize	November-21	" <i>Rohingya</i> " Crisis: The Violent Politics of Ethnicity and Religion in Myanmar (Chuokoron-Shinsha, Inc., 2021, in Japanese)
	The 43rd Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities	November-21	" <i>Rohingya</i> " Crisis: The Violent Politics of Ethnicity and Religion in Myanmar (Chuokoron-Shinsha, Inc., 2021, in Japanese)
Ayako Toyama	The 19th Japan Society for Southeast Asian Studies Award	December-21	<i>Democratization and Constitutional Reform in Thailand: Has Constitutionalism Saved Democracy?</i> (Kyoto University Press, 2020, in Japanese)
Caroline Sy Hau	2022 Unyon ng mga Manunulat sa Pilipinas (Writers' Union of the Philippines), Gawad Pambansang Alagad ni Balagtas (Balagtas Award) for Literary Criticism and Fiction in English	April-22	Lifetime Achievement Award
Maho Kasori	32nd Japan Society of Tropical Ecology Best Presentation Award	June-22	Does Peatland Conservation Governance Contribute to Peatland Restoration and Livelihoods Improvement? A Case Study in R Village, Riau, Indonesia
Mitsuhiro Nose	The 64th Annual Meeting of Japan Geriatrics Society President's Encouragement Award	June-22	Relationship between Attitude for Agricultural Operation and Mental Health among the Elderlies: From Health Checkup in Tosa Town, Kochi, Japan
Caroline Sy Hau	39th National Book Award of the Philippines, Best Novel in English	July-22	<i>Tiempo Muerto: A Novel</i> (Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2019)
Sayaka Senda	International Association of Early Childhood Education Academic Research Award 2022	September-22	Multicultural Childcare Practices of Islamic Preschool in Japan: Analysis of Interviews with Preschool Teachers and Parents
Hiroki Baba	2022 GISA Award, Research Encouragement Award	October-22	(for outstanding contribution to GIS Research)
Walden Bello	Amnesty International Philippines Ignite Award for Human Rights, Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender	May-23	(for the impact of their human rights work)



Program-Specific Assistant Professor Hiroki Baba (left) at the award ceremony in October 2022 (Photo Courtesy of GISA)



Associate Professor Yoshihiro Nakanishi at the award ceremony





## 8. Outreach

### Corona Chronicles: Voices from the Field

<https://covid-19chronicles.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

On March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic and, to date, millions of infections and fatalities have been confirmed. During the pandemic, CSEAS closely monitored how this played out in Southeast Asia and other regions.

In April 2020, CSEAS launched the online platform “Corona Chronicles: Voices from the Field” to collect and disseminate a variety of local, on-the-ground perspectives and voices. Initiated to help capture the situation in Southeast Asia and other regions, the platform has since expanded to South America and Central Asia. The chronicles offered the latest findings from specific countries and regions on how COVID-19, and the reactions to it, affected individuals, communities, and nations.

The writers include local researchers, writers, filmmakers, journalists, and medical and health professionals, although some articles are published anonymously due to domestic political circumstances. The commentary, analyses, and observations

from a variety of contributors provide readers with unique comparative perspectives and insights. Through this platform, we hope to provide a forefront of regional research and nurture the seeds of new area studies.



The Corona Chronicles is now accepting article submissions



### Visual Documentary Project (VDP)

<https://vdp.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

In 2012, CSEAS launched the Visual Documentary Project (VDP). The main objective of this project is to provide a platform for young filmmakers in Southeast Asia to express their observations and experiences in the form of documentary films.

Since its inception, the project has received more than 1,200 submissions. From FY2014 to FY2019, the Japan Foundation Asia Center joined the project as a co-organizer, and in recent years, the project has been held in conjunction with the Kyoto International Film Festival (KIFF), the Cambodia International Film Festival (CIFF), the Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center (Bophana Center), and the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival (PAAFF), thus increasing its presence in Japan and abroad. In FY2021, the program received 136 submissions under the theme of “Death/Life.” Five films were selected (including the two shown at right) and online screenings were held in December, 2021.

After a hiatus of one year, the VDP website was reorganized in preparation for the 11th call for documentaries in 2023–24.

#### ■ *Strike with the Beat* (2021)

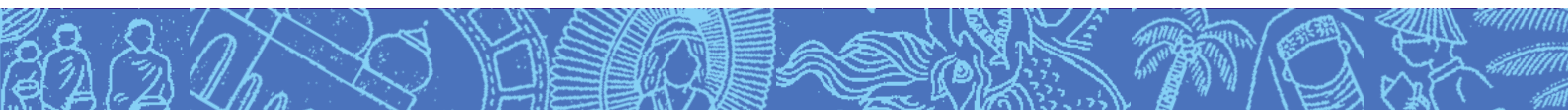
Director: Sai Kyaw Khaing  
Location: Myanmar

*Strike with the Beat* bears witness to the cold-blooded killings that happened in the wake of the coup d'état by the Burmese military. The documentary provides a raw account of how civil society rose to protest the military, focusing on the “Drum Revolution” group who came together to oppose the coup. It provides a critical on-the-ground overview of the turmoil that struck Yangon and the whole country in early March 2021.

#### ■ *The Twilight Years* (2020)

Director: Lily Fu  
Location: Malaysia

*The Twilight Years* (Meniti Senja) is a documentary that reflects on the breakdown of traditional family values in modern Malaysian society and the resulting marginalization of the elderly. By 2030, Malaysia's over-65 population is expected to surpass 15 percent of the total. The work sensitively explores the alarming rise in the phenomenon of elderly being left to fend for themselves in aged care centers, removed from the comfort of the homes they knew and the children they raised. It recounts the stories of people who were once mothers, fathers, and grandparents, but who are now slowly aging amidst strangers within the walls of a care home in Puchong. It shares their heart-breaking stories of abuse, exploitation, and abandonment. The film asks: as age eventually catches up with everyone, are we witnessing our own fates in a not-too-distant future?







## TANKEN Video: Welcome to Area Studies

<https://onlinemovie.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

“TANKEN Video: Welcome to Area Studies,” distributed by CSEAS, is a series of documentaries showcasing researchers who are engaged in cutting-edge research in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world. “TANKEN” means expedition in Japanese. CSEAS began disseminating online videos in Japanese and English in FY 2017–18. Starting in FY2021, local languages are also incorporated. In FY2023, we also launched the “TANKEN Video” 5-minute series.

The video descriptions include bibliographic information related to each research project to encourage audiences to deepen their interest in the content introduced in the videos.

By sharing our fieldwork experiences in Southeast Asia and beyond, we have tried to create videos that will raise interest in area studies among middle and high school students as well as the public in general. The videos present information not only about specific areas and research topics, but also about research



Introductory poster of the TANKEN video distributed through the program

methods. We hope that the videos will be starting points for audience to discover area studies so that they can enjoy their own expedition, as they learn about the world from the broader perspective of an area.

# 9. Gender Equality Promotion



## Gender Equality Promotion

<https://kyoto.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/cseas-gepc/> (Japanese Only)

The CSEAS Gender Equality Promotion Committee, which was established in 2016, initiates the following activities, based on Kyoto University's and CSEAS's Action Plan for Gender Equality Promotion. First, the Committee organizes the “Seminar on Gender Issues in Academia” and the “Special Seminar: Frontiers of Gender Studies in Asia.” These seminars provide opportunities for domestic and overseas researchers and institutions to share information and exchange opinions on

their challenges and success in promoting gender equality, and to learn about the latest academic trends in gender studies. Second, the Committee works to improve the support system for CSEAS staff with small children, for example, by maintaining a childcare space at CSEAS, and providing support for childcare during CSEAS-organized and -sponsored events. Finally, we make information and reports on the Committee's activities available on our homepage to stimulate further discussion and feedback.



Child-friendly multipurpose resting room in the East Building of CSEAS, which was renovated in 2020







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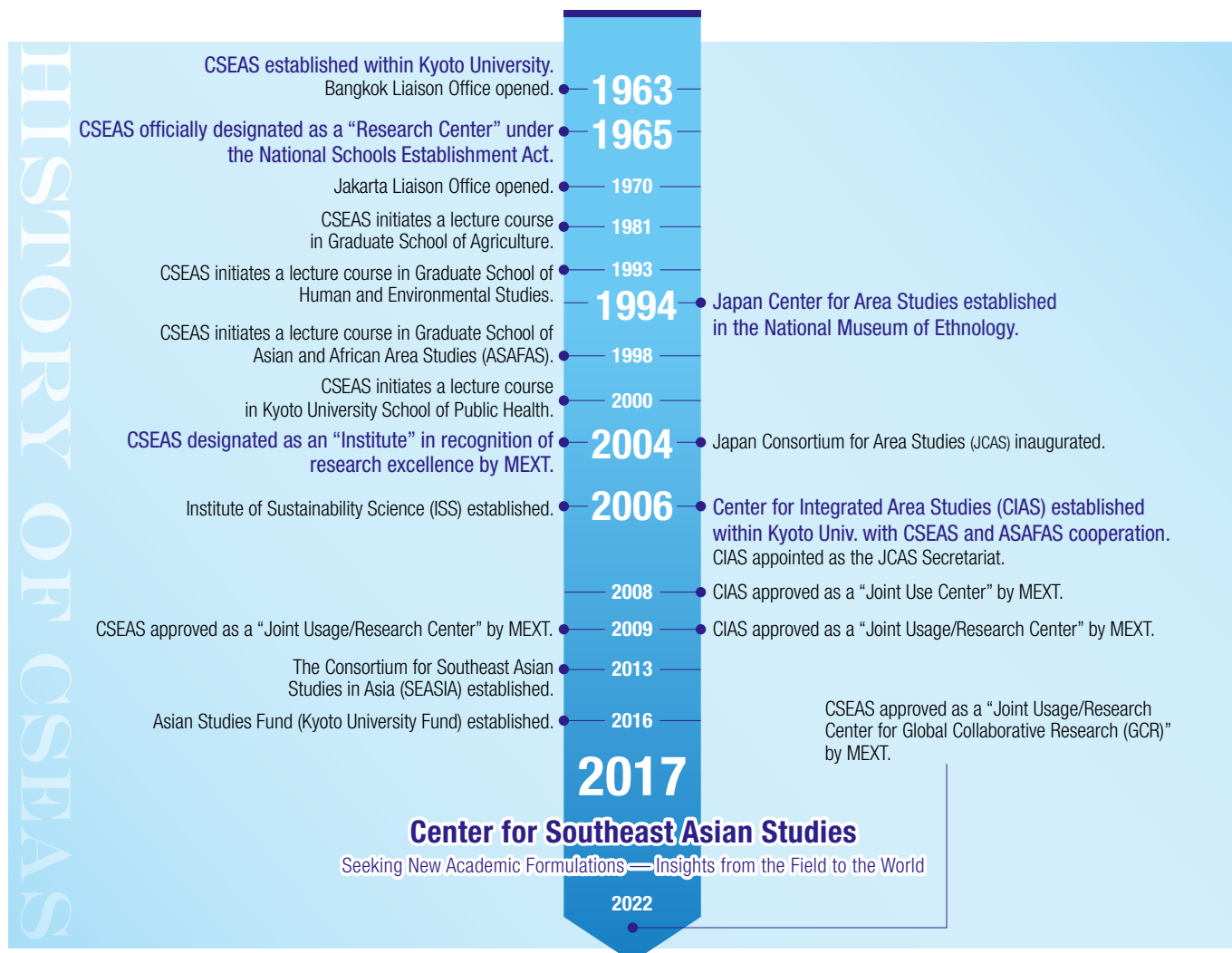
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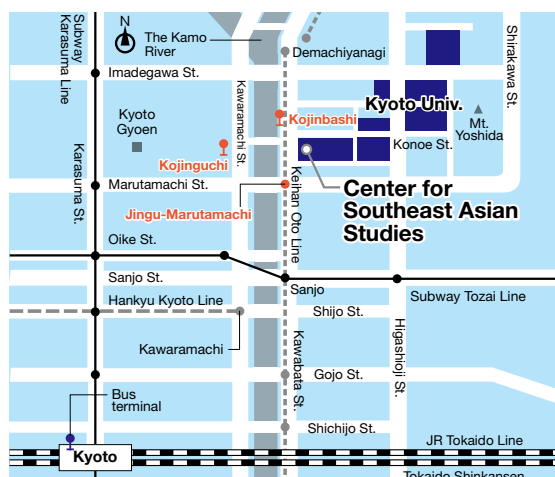




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