

Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia

June 24 – July 7, 2018

This study abroad program is coordinated by the Northern Illinois University Study Abroad Office (SAO), in cooperation with the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies and, and the Gadjah Mada University (UGM).

PROGRAM DATES: The program will officially begin on Sunday, June 24, 2018 in Yogyakarta, and will end on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Students will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements in order to arrive in Yogyakarta by no later than 5pm on Sunday, June 24. A shuttle pickup at the Yogyakarta Adisucipto International Airport will be arranged for the students to take them to the hotel.

Students enrolled in the program are required to participate in pre- and post-program classes. Dates for the classes are to be determined.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Kikue Hamayotsu, Associate Professor of Political Science in the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and faculty associate at the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, is a political scientist whose expertise include politics and religion, Southeast Asian politics, identity politics and state-society relations in the Muslim world. Her current research interest is focused on religious intolerance and freedom in the context of democratic transition in the Muslim-majority Southeast Asian states. She has extensive living and working experiences in Indonesia and Malaysia. She is currently Vice President (President-elect) of the American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) and also serves on the Executive Board of the Indonesia and Timor Leste Studies Committee (ITLSC). She has held a research/teaching position at the MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, the Weatherhead East Asian Studies, Columbia University, the Asian Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of this program is to provide participants with the opportunity to gain firsthand living and field experiences in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority democracy in the world, which is known for its moderate and multi-cultural traditions and thriving economy. Students will be provided with a range of opportunities not only to visit historical heritage sites, monuments, and museums, but also to directly interact with local communities and university students through daily activities and excursions coordinated by local universities in Yogyakarta with the program director. Through those daily activities, excursions, group discussions, lectures and interviews around the city,

students will learn about broader political development, the socio-economic conditions of majority and minority communities, and the historical background of religious and ethnic conflict and reconciliation in the country so as to gain a better understanding of urgent contemporary issues related to democracy, multi-culturalism, minority rights, political Islam, ethnic conflict, gender issues, and civil society.



PROGRAM SITE(S): The program will take place in Yogyakarta (popularly known as Jogja), the capital city of the Special Region of Yogyakarta, Central Java, Indonesia. Known for its historical religious heritages, arts and traditional textile industries (*batik*), educational center, and multi-cultural and moderate Islamic traditions, the city is one of the most popular sites for visitors, local and foreigner alike. It will offer easy access to historical heritage sites such as the Buddhist monument "Borobdur", Hindu temple complex "Prambanan," royal palaces (*kraton* or sultan's residence complex), as well as traditional Islamic schools (*madrasah* and *pesantren*) run by prominent Muslim movements. Jogja also houses a number of prominent educational institutions and programs and NGOs working on religious pluralism and conflict resolution. It will offer an ideal place for students to observe and learn firsthand local religious and cultural practices, rituals, and values and how these interact with political and socio-economic development. Program participants will stay in an accommodation located on Gadjah Mada University (UGM) campus, and participate in various daily activities and excursions around the city coordinated by local universities, the American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) Yogyakarta office and the program director.

HIGHLIGHTS: Main activities of the program include not only lectures and presentations by guest speakers from local universities, government agencies, religious organizations and NGOs, but also visits to local universities (e.g., UGM, Indonesian Islamic University) to hold group discussions and interviews with local students on selected topics concerning current international affairs. Daily excursions will also be arranged to visit mosques, traditional religious schools, art

exhibitions, cultural and music performances, historical sites and museums, royal palaces and nearby villages to observe local industries and other socio-economic activities such as the making of the traditional textile called *batik*. In addition to those daily activities around the city, a weekend tour to historical heritage sites outside the city, Borobdur and Prambanan temple complexes, will be arranged.

PROGRAM AUDIENCE: Space is limited and qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. The program is open to all students both at undergraduate and graduate levels from NIU and other fully accredited colleges and universities, including non-traditional students and professionals interested in international and comparative politics and Southeast Asian studies in general, and Indonesia, religion and politics, ethnic conflict, and Islam in particular. Students who are learning or planning to learn the Indonesian language are also encouraged to participate in conjunction with their language training.

INSTRUCTION METHOD: Weekday seminar sessions (5-day/per week) are normally held in a meeting room in the hostel located on UGM campus and include daily seminars and lectures by the program director (Professor Hamayotsu) and guest speakers/lecturers invited from local universities and organizations. Half-day activities outside the campus are arranged daily with local universities and organizations. Those activities include group discussions and interviews on selected topics and issues with local students, as well as visits to local religious communities and organizations, historical sites and museums, cultural performances and exhibitions, civil society organizations, government agencies, and nearby villages and communities. Students will have opportunities to collaborate with local students and conduct "fieldwork" through those daily activities and mini excursions and be asked to present their activities and field findings in the seminar sessions while preparing brief reports and their individual research projects, which they will submit to complete the program.

Course Requirements for Undergraduate Students:

- Activity participation in pre- and post-program sessions, daily seminar/lecture sessions and extracurricular activities (50%)
- Electronic submission of weekly journals (1 entry per week = 20%)
- Presentation of extra-class activities and excursions (10%)
- Completion of a project paper (approx. 6-7 pages) based on a selected topic relevant to the program themes (20%)

Course Requirements for Graduate Students:

- Activity participation in pre- and post-program sessions, daily seminar/lecture sessions and extracurricular activities (50%)**
- Electronic submission of weekly journals (1 entry per week = 20%)
- Presentation of fieldwork and interview findings (10%)
- Completion of a research project paper (approx. 10-12 pages) based on a selected topic relevant to the program themes (20%)
- Individual consultation with the program director to prepare and design a research project and fieldwork/interviews/library research is expected and counted towards the participation grade (see ** above)

PROGRAM ACADEMIC CREDIT: For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive 3 semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in one of the following NIU courses. There is no academic prerequisite to participate in the program, but interested applicants are required to gain permission of the program director before enrollment. A knowledge of Indonesian is not required.

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT:

POLS 371 Politics of Southeast Asia

3 semester hours

Description: Comparative study of governmental and political institutions and processes in countries such as Vietnam, Malaysia, Kampuchea, Laos, Thailand, and Indonesia. Focus on issues such as ideological and minority conflicts, insurgencies, refugees, military rule, prospects for democracy, and United States interests in Southeast Asia. Recommended: At least sophomore standing.

OR

POLS 376 Political Violence

3 semester hours

Description: Introduction to theories of political conflict, political opposition, and methods of concluding violent conflicts, including war. Recommended: At least sophomore standing.

OR

POLS 378 Political Islam

3 semester hours

Description: Analysis of various political and social phenomena in predominantly-Muslim nations including Islamic movements, religious parties, Islam and democracy, Islamic courts and laws, women's rights, religious radicalism and violence.

GRADUATE CREDIT:

POLS 664 Politics of Identity: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict

3 semester hours

Description: Analysis of the various sources and forms of identity politics across the world with special reference to Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe as well as the U.S. Focuses on issues such as nationalism, ethnic and sectarian violence, culture and democracy, political Islam, ethnic/religious minorities, and religious movements and parties.

OR

POLS 667 Seminar in Political Development

3 semester hours

Description: Reading seminar devoted to a comprehensive survey of the literature on the problems of political development and social modernization in the developing nations.

OR

POLS 670 Reading Seminar in Southeast Asian Politics

3 semester hours

Description: Examination of the literature concerning the diverse political cultures of Southeast Asia, the salient political forces, and the major political problems of development, integration, and stability in the area.

INDEPENDENT STUDY/RESEARCH PROJECT: Individuals desiring to earn *three additional hours* of undergraduate or graduate credit may do so by engaging in an independent study-research project under the direction of Professor Kikue Hamayotsu, program director. The research report should be at least 8 pages for undergraduate credit and 15 pages for graduate credit.

Requirements for Independent Study/Research Project: In order to obtain approval from course or major department chair and Kikue Hamayotsu, program director, applicants must:

- 1. Relate the project to a topic or subject introduced during the program.
- 2. Complete and submit the project for final evaluation to Kikue Hamayotsu, program director no later than <u>August 30, 2018</u>.

Participants who enroll for the independent research project will receive 3 semester hours of credit in one of the following NIU courses:

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT:

POLS 496 Independent Study in Political Science

3 semester hours

Description: Special readings and topics in political science. Open only to junior and senior majors in political science with a GPA of 3.00 or above and 12 semester hours in political science. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours.

Prerequisite: Consent of Department.

OR

INTL 401 Study Abroad Programs

3 semester hours

Description: Course work undertaken as part of an approved university study abroad program. Discipline-based course used to reflect credit given, with departmental approval, for course work for which there is no NIU equivalent course available. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 semester hours.

GRADUATE CREDIT:

POLS 690 Independent Study

3 semester hours

Description: Supervised research training in planning, design, execution, and analysis of political science research. Required of all graduate students in political science. Master's students may use a maximum of 9 semester hours toward degree completion. Doctoral students may use a maximum of 39 semester hours toward degree completion. S/U grading.

Prerequisite: Consent of Department.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES: The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate level students who meet the NIU general admission requirements, and who are interested in international and comparative politics and Southeast Asian Studies in general, and Indonesia, religion and politics, ethnic conflict, and Islam in particular. Currently enrolled students must meet College of Liberal Arts and Sciences course GPA requirements.

Graduate level students must also meet NIU Graduate School admission, course and GPA requirements.

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation are not eligible to participate in study abroad programs. Applicants must participate in the *entire* program and satisfy NIU undergraduate or graduate admission and course requirements.

Students cannot have any encumbrances against their NIU records. Any encumbrances placed on a student's records by NIU (i.e., the Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar's Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Office of Student Conduct, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant.

Students who desire to obtain graduate credit must either be admitted to a graduate program within the NIU Graduate School, or be admitted to the status of a "student-at-large" (SAL) within NIU's Graduate School. For students to be admitted to the program for graduate credit, a copy of the applicant's transcript must be submitted to the NIU Graduate School. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript.

Non-NIU Students: <u>Undergraduate students</u> who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have **not** previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not **currently** enrolled at NIU, should ask the Registrar at their institution to forward an official transcript as soon as possible to the Study Abroad Office. (Student-issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.) Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the Study Abroad Office.

<u>Graduate students</u> who have **not** previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not **currently** enrolled at NIU, who will participate in the program in order to earn academic graduate credit as a "student-at-large" (SAL) must be admitted as an SAL to the graduate school and the program.

APPLICATION: Click <u>here</u> or visit the NIU Study Abroad Office website at https://niu.studioabroad.com and search for the program name or country to begin the online application process for this program. The online process provides guidance on requesting information, advising, or applying for the program. Non-NIU applicants will be expected to submit a signature verification form and copy of their ID to the Study Abroad Office. More detailed instructions can be found on the https://niu.studioabroad.com website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (815) 753-0700 or niuabroad@niu.edu.

\$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT: A \$200 application fee/deposit is required of all applicants. The \$200 is broken down into \$100 for the non-refundable application fee and \$100 for a program deposit. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost. The \$100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons verified by a physician if the withdrawal takes place after the withdrawal deadline.

The \$200 application fee/deposit will be charged to NIU students' NIU Bursar's account. (Checks and money orders cannot be accepted from NIU students.) Non-NIU students must submit a check or money order in the amount of \$200. More detailed instructions can be found on the website.

IMPORTANT – All applications will be categorized as "Pending – No Deposit" until the \$200 application fee/deposit has been received (or, in the case of non-NIU students, once a check has been received). The Study Abroad Office will not consider or process applications without the \$200 application fee/deposit. In order to reserve your place in the program you must submit the \$200 deposit within 14 days of application. After 14 days applications without a deposit will be changed to inactive.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2018

A minimum of <u>five students</u> is required in order to operate the program. Upon acceptance into the program, applicants must change their status to "Committed" and complete *all* post-decisions items on the Study Abroad Portal in order to be considered an active participant and reserve their place in the program.

Applicants who have not changed their status to "Committed" will be withdrawn from the program.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Participants will reside in university-owned hotel, Wisma MM UGM, in twin bed rooms with private bathroom and toilet, air-conditioning, and free Wi-Fi connection and will be provided with breakfast and lunch daily and some dinners throughout the period of residency.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Individuals will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements between the U.S. and Yogyakarta and for purchasing their tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive in Yogyakarta in time for the official beginning of the program, they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than June 22, 2018. There is a 12-hour time difference between DeKalb and Yogyakarta.



For information regarding airfares and airlines students may wish to check-out additional airfare sites on the Internet.

Important - The Study Abroad Office advises all participants that flight reservations for this program should not be booked until:

- a. After the February 1, 2018 application deadline **AND**
- b. The SAO has accepted the minimum number of participants needed to operate this program.

This advisory is given so that participants do not find themselves financially responsible for airline tickets should it be necessary to cancel the program. (See section entitled, **CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM**)

LAND TRANSPORTATION: For program-related travel the group will travel by private/chartered vehicle arranged by the program director. This transportation is provided as part of the NIU program cost.

PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT--All participants are required to possess a valid passport by March 1, 2018. *Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas.* Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.)
Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department's website: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html. Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.

VISA: Participants will be required to obtain a Visa-on-Arrival at the port of entry which is valid for up to 30 days at a cost of \$35. The major ports of entry include Soekarno Hatta Airport (Jakarta) or Ngurah Rai Airport (Bali). For more information about the visa, see https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/indonesia.html.

PASSPORT PHOTOS: You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are \$5.00 for two photos. Photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. We accept exact cash, personal check or we can charge it to your bursar account. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. It is strongly recommended that students get an extra pair of photos taken to keep on their person in case of a missing or stolen passport.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS: In order to enter Indonesia, students are advised to contact their primary care physician and/or the University Health Services as soon as possible, and at least eight weeks before the program begins to allow time for immunizations to take effect. Some vaccines need to be given over a period of months. The NIU University Health

Service can advise students on what immunizations are required and can administer most immunizations. Most immunizations require a fee.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC): The International Student I.D. card can provide discounts on international airfare, admission to various cultural sites, and more. The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.

The ISIC is **not** included as part of the program cost. If a student wishes to obtain an ISIC, s/he should contact the Study Abroad Office to start the process.

NIU INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE PLAN: Students will be enrolled in the NIU International Travel Insurance Plan through ACE. This plan is required for participation in an NIU study abroad program and will be billed your MyNIU account. It is <u>not</u> possible to waive this mandatory insurance. Coverage will begin two days prior to the program start date and end two days after the official program end date.

NIU PROGRAM COST: The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

- 1) Hotel rooms (twin-room shared) and breakfast and lunch daily and some dinners while in Yogyakarta.
- 2) Program-related land transportation in Yogyakarta.
- 3) Admission fees to cultural and historical sites visited as part of the daily schedule.
- 4) Three or six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.
- 5) NIU International Travel Insurance.

PROGRAM COST: \$2,800*

*This amount represents the total in charges and fees that will be paid to NIU for this program. Please note that the following charges will post individually on your MyNIU account:

- Study Abroad Program Charge
- Study Abroad Administrative Fee
- NIU Academic Program Enhancement Fee (if applicable)

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS:

- Airfare
- Cost of acquiring a passport (approximately \$135, including 2 passport pictures).
- Additional costs associated with obtaining a visa.
- Immunization fees (if immunizations are required)
- \$40 Undergraduate application fee for non-NIU undergraduate students or \$10 Student-at-Large application fee for graduate-level students.
- Independent travel and visa costs associated with independent travel.
- Expenses for free-time pursuits.
- Expenses and purchases of a personal nature.

NIU UNDERGRADUATE AND STUDENT-AT-LARGE APPLICATION FEES (applies to non-NIU students only): There is a \$40 non-refundable Undergraduate application fee for undergraduate students and a \$10 Student-at-Large application fee for graduate-level students applying to NIU for the first time. If you are currently enrolled at NIU as a degree-seeking student, you are <u>not</u> required to submit this payment.

If you are applying to NIU for the first time you will be provided with a link on the Study Abroad Portal that will guide you to the online NIU Undergraduate Application or the Student-at-Large Application. During the online application process you will be asked to pay the application fee by credit card or check.

FINANCIAL AID/LOANS: As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, applicants may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or you're privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization.

If you are an NIU student and plan to apply for aid or loans to supplement this study abroad program you must contact the NIU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office in Swen Parson 245, (815) 753-1395 to discuss your current aid package and what you might be eligible for during the Summer term. Questions regarding the program budget can be directed to Tim Condon, International Affairs Business Manager, Williston Hall 407, (815) 753-9530, tcondon1@niu.edu for more information. Please visit http://www.niu.edu/studyabroad/resources/index.shtml for information on financial resources for study abroad.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SEMINAR: Applicants withdrawing from the program after February 1, 2018 will not be refunded the \$100 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the seminar after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant's behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the \$100 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after February 1, 2018 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

- 1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician's letterhead; **and**
- 2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.
- 3) The program has the minimum number of participants required to operate.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM: The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Indonesia, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Indonesia, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

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Course Syllabus Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia

June 24 - July 7, 2018

Program Director: Professor Kikue Hamayotsu Department of Political Science

Required Book(s):

Künkler, Mirjam, and Alfred C Stepan, eds. *Democracy and Islam in Indonesia*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2013.

**Additional readings are assigned for graduate students.

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- Presentation of extra-class activities and excursions (10%)
- Completion of a project paper (approx. 6-7 pages) based on a selected topic relevant to the program themes (20%)

Course Requirements for Graduate Students:

- Activity participation in pre- and post-program sessions, daily seminar/lecture sessions and extracurricular activities (50%)**
- Electronic submission of weekly journals (2 entries = 20%)
- Presentation of fieldwork and interview findings (10%)
- Completion of a research project paper (approx. 10-12 pages) based on a selected topic relevant to the program themes (20%)
- Individual consultation with the program director to prepare and design a research project and fieldwork/interviews/library research is expected and counted towards the participation grade (see ** above)

The deadline for submission of report/project is:

- Weekly journals: 4pm on Friday.
- Research project paper: TBA.

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

Pre-program sessions	
TBD	Pre-program seminar 1
Week 1	
Sunday, June 24, 2018	• Arrival
Monday, June 25	Orientation City tour
Tuesday, June 26	Seminar 1UGM/Depok tour
Wednesday, June 27	Tour: Muhammadiyah madrasahFree
Thursday, June 28	 Seminar 2 Group discussion with UGM students: US-Indonesia relation under Tramp
Friday, June 29	 Seminar 3 or Excursion Tour: Kraton and cultural museum
Saturday, June 30	 Day tour to Borobdur Dinner at Bale Raos Restaurant
Sunday, July 1	Free
Week 2	
Monday, July 2	 Seminar 4 Group discussion with Muhammadiyah students: Islam and civil society
Tuesday, July 3	 Javanese Traditional Dance Tour: History museum and historical sites
Wednesday, July 4	 Workshop at Brahma Tirta Sari Batik Free
Thursday, July 5	 Seminar 5 Tour: NGOs and pet projects – building cultural pluralism
Friday, July 6	 Day tour to Prambanan Dinner/Dance-Music performance
Saturday, July 7	Departure for U.S. or personal travel
Post-program sessions	
TBD	Post-program session • Presentations