

SOUTHEAST ASIA FIELD SCHOOL	<i>Pre-registration form</i>
4 May 2010	<i>Field School convenor: Jeff Neilson</i>

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WANT TO FIND OUT MORE, SEND DETAILS TO JEFF NEILSON BY 4 June 2010 (SEE BELOW).

General information: In January 2011, a pre-sessional field school is to be held for Senior Geography students enrolled in the Asia-Pacific Field School (GEOS3053 and GEOS3054, which are co-requisite units of 6cps each). This is open to students interested in human and environmental geography. The field school will be held over four weeks and will be worth a total of 12 cps. Pre-requisites for enrolment are 6 credit points of Intermediate Units of Study in Geography.

For logistical reasons, **there is a ceiling of 24 students**. The cost of the field school will be approximately \$4000, including all travel, accommodation, visa and a proportion of meal costs. The dates of the field school are (approximately) 1 January 2011 – 31 January 2011 (yes, that's right, in past years we've had to fly out on New Years Day!).

Unit of Study description: This course is run as a pre-sessional option in an intensive field school format over a period of four weeks. It aims to equip students with a thorough field-based experiential understanding of natural resource management and rural development issues across Indonesia. It is based on interspersed lectures, field exercises, a village homestay, readings and written work at different sites across Indonesia. The Field School involves a comparative assessment of development issues in the inner (Java and Bali) and outer (Sulawesi) islands of Indonesia. Specific sites to be visited during the 2011 Field School include Jakarta and West Java, Makassar, Toraja, North Luwu, Ubud and Kintamani. The course will be run in association with local universities on each island and will involve several joint field exercises with students from these universities. Emphasis is placed on experiential learning where students are immersed in local cultures and develop understandings of critical development dilemmas from those individuals and organizations directly affected. Students are required to participate in a series of orientation sessions in Sydney during the second half of Semester II 2010 as essential preparation for the Field School.

The Field School focuses on two main themes: i) regional economic development and the livelihood implications of integration within the global economy; ii) the challenges of participatory natural resource management across Indonesia. There will also be some scope for students to explore associated development issues such as cultural and political change in modern Indonesia. A number of modular themes are covered in lectures, readings and through village-based fieldwork.

Assessed coursework will consist of short written text-based assignments, a major field-based assignment, compilation of a field diary and an exam following return to Sydney. The field-based assignments will involve analysis of primary observations and data collected during fieldwork in Indonesia.

Application and selection process:

There is a ceiling of 24 students for the 2011 Southeast Asia Field School. The application process is in two steps.

1. Fill out the short form below and email it back to Jeff Neilson (jeffrey.neilson@sydney.edu.au) by 4 June 2010.
2. Selection will be on the basis of several criteria that will be set out clearly in written guidelines. You may be asked to write a 2 page statement, following these guidelines, which will be provided by mid June 2010. The statement will be due by the end of June, and the selection process is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Please send the following information to jeffrey.neilson@sydney.edu.au by 4 June 2010. Feel free to contact Jeff at this address for any further information.

Name:

SID:

Pre-req units of study (or request for pre-req waiver with reason):

Email address:

Brief reason for your interest in the field school (2-3 sentences maximum):