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Society and Environment in Southeast Asia (GEOG 266)
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This course introduces students to social and environmental issues in Southeast Asia. GEOG 266 first traces the histories of European and American colonization, the rise of anti-colonial nationalism, and the contested geographies of the Cold War. Students will then explore more contemporary environmental, economic, and political questions. Key geographic themes—empire, nationalism, ecology, globalization, migration, diaspora—will be interrogated through a broad focus on the region and more detailed case studies of individual countries.

Students will have the opportunity to directly engage with cultural content like documentary films and literature from Southeast Asia and historical archival material. In addition to course texts, this material will allow us to understand social and environmental change over time. Lectures will introduce students to this dynamic part of our world, while asking how our lives in North Carolina are connected to these seemingly distant places.