

# Experience Day South and Southeast Asian Studies

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### Introduction

A student of South and Southeast Asian Studies will tell you all about your first year at this programme.

### Lecture

#### **Title**

Time and the Future in Southeast Asia

#### **Short description**

This lecture is about Southeast Asian perceptions of time and the future, and how these have changed in the last 100 years or so. Broadly speaking, cyclic and fatalistic understandings of time, associated with beliefs in fortune-telling and prophecy, have given way to an idea of the future as amenable to human direction. This does not mean, however, that religion and prayer have been replaced by science and reason. On the contrary, modernization in Southeast Asia has been accompanied by religious revival, perhaps partly because modernity brings with it new types of uncertainty about the future.

**Lecturer:** Prof. dr. David Henley ([d.e.f.henley@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:d.e.f.henley@hum.leidenuniv.nl))

David Henley is professor of Contemporary Indonesia Studies at Leiden University. He has published on the subjects of nationalism, regionalism, and ethnicity; on environmental, demographic and agricultural history; on sustainability and natural resource management; on state formation and colonial expansion; on political institutions and ideology; on economic development and finance; and on the comparative economic histories of Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. His most recent research has been on the politics of religious sound in Indonesia, on Southeast Asian regional identity, and on cultures of the human body in Southeast and Northeast Asia.

### Seminar

#### **Title**

Learning to Eat, Pray and Love in Hindi

#### **Short description**

In this taster session, you will experience how we teach Hindi language and culture at Leiden University. You will learn to greet, say what you want, to express your liking or disliking in a restaurant, and to have fun. The tutorial will involve role plays, playing interactive games, and music.

**Lecturer:** Abhishek Avtans ([a.avtans@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:a.avtans@hum.leidenuniv.nl))

Abhishek Avtans is a Lecturer of Hindi language & literature at Leiden University. A linguist by training, Abhishek specializes in second language acquisition, lexicography, semantics and Hindu/Urdu Literature. He has worked on various varieties of Hindi such as Bhojpuri, Braj Bhasha, Rajasthani, Awadhi etc. along with an endangered language named Great Andamanese. He continues to learn and speak several Indian and world languages including Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, English, Japanese, Mongolian and Dutch.

### Q&A

Do you have any questions regarding the programme? The student will answer them all at the Q&A.

### Preparation

Research any 5 (or more) food items generally available in Indian restaurants in the Netherlands and India, and write a short note on them in English (in approx.. 400 words).