



EAST - WEST CENTER

EDUCATION PROGRAM

**“Empowering People for the Future of Asia and the Pacific”
East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Fall 2006**

**Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
September 6th, 2006- November 15th, 2006
6:30pm-8:30pm**

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION

As we embark upon the 21st Century, the purpose of this fall’s Wednesday Evening Seminar is to examine the many ways of empowering people in Asia and the Pacific. Thus, through academic discussions on a wide variety of topics, through panel discussions and films, as well as regular use of small group discussions we will examine the underlying question of the Wednesday Evening Seminar for the fall semester: “How can we help to empower people and ready them for the future of Asia and the Pacific?”

THEMES OF POWER

The concept of empowerment, especially as it relates to the future, is about power—political, spiritual, physical, biological and economic power. Thus, the topics that have been chosen for the fall Wednesday Evening Seminar address concepts of power as they relate to the future of Asia and the Pacific. The goal is to understand the many methods in which people may deal with these forms of power in the future.

This fall semester will offer insight into traditional uses of political and economic power through such topics as “The Future of Conflict Resolution in Asia and the Pacific,” “The Future of Population Change and Economics in Asia and the Pacific,” and “Globalization and the Urban Transition in East and Southeast Asia.” The Seminar will also study the biological and physical manifestations of power through “Climate Assessment and Forecast Applications in Asia and the Pacific.” In addition, the seminar will examine concepts of hegemony and culture, as they relate to “The Future Influence of Asian Pop Culture and Media in Asia and the Pacific,” “The Role of Tourism and Performance in Perpetuating the Cultures of the Polynesia,” “The Future of Urban Form and Design in the Russian Far East,” and “The Future of the Term ‘Hawaiian.’” Lastly, the seminar will touch on the cultural notions of spiritual power through a panel discussion of the “Cultural Significance of Ghost Stories in the Future of Asia and the Pacific.” Many of these topics will address more than one notion of power, and each of these topics will offer a different means of relating to the future empowerment of Asia and the Pacific.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the East-West Center is to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia-Pacific community, thus serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. To reach this goal, facilitating understanding among the students of the United States, Asia and the Pacific who study together at the East-West Center is one of the Wednesday Evening Seminar's most important endeavors. Thus, discussion of the empowerment in Asia and the Pacific can lead to shared knowledge of common concerns that affect our collective futures.

Within this context, specific objectives will aid with communication and enhance the learning process. Nine objectives are listed in the schedule to clarify the educational process of the Wednesday Evening Seminar.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and Participation: Students must attend all course meetings and participate in group discussions. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact Mendl Djunaidy (e-mail provided below). Coming to the Wednesday Evening Seminar should be a fun way to learn about the Asia-Pacific region!

Assignments and Readings: Each week two groups will work together to create a summary of the Wednesday Evening Seminar experience for that week. These groups will then email this summary to Kha Nguyen (email provided below). Once completed, other groups will also be able to add to these summaries. At the end of the semester these summaries will be posted on the East-West center website as a documented account of the Wednesday Evening Seminar activities.

In addition, some of the speakers may have articles or other materials for students. These documents may be sent over the East-West Center e-mail list. Thus, it is always wise to check the e-mail list for announcements!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE:

WEEK # DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	OBJECTIVE
Week #1 9/6/2006	Inoke Seru Suguturaga Fellow at The Pacific Institute & Chief (in Fiji and at the Polynesian Cultural Center)	“The Role of Tourism and Performance in Perpetuating the Cultures of Polynesia”	To understand better those aspects of culture which may be perpetuated through institutions such as the Pacific Institute and the Polynesian Cultural Center.
Week #2 9/13/2006	C. Michael Douglass Director of the Globalization Research Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	“Globalization and the Urban Transition in East and Southeast Asia”	To assess the effects of globalization on the urbanization of Asia.
Week #3 9/20/06	Bruce Barnes (with Student Panel) Associate Professor Program on Conflict Resolution & Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	“The Future of Conflict Resolution in Asia and the Pacific”	To explain the role of conflict resolution in resolving cultural and political disputes, even when religion may play a dominant factor in the dispute.
Week #4 9/27/06	Karl Kim Chair Department of Urban and Regional Planning	“The Future of Urban Form and Design in the Russian Far East”	To explore the role of architecture and urban design in defining the future of a people or a region.
Week #5 10/4/06	Kanalu Young Associate Professor Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	“The Future of the Term ‘Hawaiian’”	To identify the origin and evolution of identity within the definitions of Indigenous Peoples and international law.

MID-SEMESTER BREAK**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 11TH OR 18TH!!**

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Week #6 10/25/2006	Lopaka Kapanui (with Student Panel) Storyteller & Founder of GSI Hawaii	“Cultural Significance of Ghost Stories in the Future of Asia and the Pacific”	To understand better the role that stories about spirits and ghost in perpetuating cultural values and customs.
Week #7 11/1/2006	Eileen Shea Climate Project Coordinator Research Program East-West Center	“Climate Assessment and Forecast Applications in Asia and the Pacific”	To cope with the effects of climate change on the people of Asia and the Pacific.
Week #8 11/8/2006	Andrew Mason Professor of Economics & Director of Population Studies at the East West Center	“The Future of Population Change and Economics in Asia and the Pacific”	To understand ways of managing the effects of economics and population change on the nations of Asia and the Pacific.
Week #9 11/15/2006	Jayson Chun Assistant Professor University of Hawaii West ‘O‘ahu	“The Future Influence of Asian Pop Culture”	To explore the dynamic role and influence of Asian pop culture throughout Asia and the Pacific.