



EAST - WEST CENTER

EDUCATION PROGRAM

**“Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors”
East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Spring 2007**

**Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
January 31st, 2007- April 18th, 2007
6:30pm-8:30pm**

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION:

Each day, our choices have consequences, creating new futures. The goals that we choose, the language we use, the music we listen to, the ways in which people choose their partners, changes in educational systems, the foods we eat, methods of water management—these topics and others will dramatically alter the possible futures of Asia and the Pacific.

The overall theme for the Wednesday Evening Seminar for the spring 2007 semester is “Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors.” The purpose of the Wednesday Evening Seminar for the spring 2007 is to examine the effects of everyday choices utilizing a wide variety of topics and issues. We will approach these topics through lectures and panel discussions, as well as make regular use of small group discussions.

The underlying question of the Wednesday Evening Seminar for the spring semester is “How will our everyday choices impact the future of Asia and the Pacific?”

We will begin by focusing on methods for understanding how experiences and goals will affect the future through “Adventure Learning Choices that Affect the Future of Asia and the Pacific.” We will then turn to the role of language and communication as it affects three topics: “How Film is Changing Behaviors in the Pacific,” “The Future of Education Reform in Asia and the Pacific,” and “Asian Bodies, Pacific Bodies, Global Sounds: Globalization and the Circulation of Music.” We will also address the implications of policy decisions on certain behaviors through “The Impact of Policies Regarding Children and Families in Asia.” We will end the semester by examining three essential aspects everyday life: “Indoor Pollution and the Ramifications for South and South-East Asia,” “Where Will We Find Water?” and “Sustainable Fusion Foods of the Future.” For Valentine’s Day, we will also look at how love has changed in the 21st century through “Are Love, Sex, and Marriage Being ‘Globalized’?”

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the East-West Center is to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia-Pacific community, by 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 choices and behaviors that affect the future of Asia and the Pacific can lead to shared knowledge of common concerns.

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 the discussion groups will work together to create a 2-3 sentence summary of the Wednesday Evening Seminar experience for that week. The groups will then email this summary to Kha Nguyen (email provided below). Once compiled, each group will then be able to comment on these composite summaries. At the end of the semester a final version of 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. It is always wise to check the e-mail list for announcements!

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions concerning attendance, please contact Mendl Djunaidy, Associate Dean of the Education Program at DjunaidM@EastWestCenter.org.

Other questions or concerns about the course can be directed to the following:

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SCHEDULE:

WEEK # DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	OBJECTIVE
Week #1 1/31/2007	Tony Alvarez Director of Training, Center for Training and Evaluation Research in the Pacific	“Adventure Learning Choices that Affect the Future of Asia and the Pacific”	To understand the role of experiential learning in attaining goals and creating the future of Asia and the Pacific.
Week #2 2/7/2007	Merata Mita Assistant Professor, Center for Creative Media	“How Film is Changing Behaviors in the Pacific”	To document the cultural and political changes that have occurred in the Pacific as a result of film production.
Week #3 2/14/2007	Richard L. Rapson, Elaine Hatfield, Aparajita Jeedigunta Professor of History; Professor of Psychology; Ph.D. Candidate	“Are Love, Sex, and Marriage Being 'Globalized'?”	To explain how globalization and the internet are changing traditional means of courtship and marriage.
Week #4 2/21/2007	Peter Xenos Senior Fellow, East-West Center	“Social Change and Youth Across Asia: How Can Policy Keep Up?”	To explore the direction of changing policies regarding families in Asia.
Week #5 2/28/2007	Deane Neubauer Senior Consultant, East West Center	“The Future of Education Reform in Asia and the Pacific”	To explore how rapid social change across Asia occurs, often independent of anything policymakers may do.
Week #6 3/7/2007	Richardo Trimillos Chair, Asian Studies UH Mānoa	"Asian Bodies, Pacific Bodies, Global Sounds: Globalization and the Circulation of Music"	To interrogate the ways in which notions of race and gender are part of the global circulations of music; to problematise international music with a local accent and local music packaged for international consumption.

MID-SEMESTER BREAK

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR ON MARCH 14TH, 21ST OR 28TH.

WEEK # DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	OBJECTIVE
Week #7 4/4/2007	Sumeet Saksena Senior Fellow, East-West Center	“Indoor Pollution and the Ramifications for South and South-East Asia”	To understand better how indoor pollution is affecting the peoples of South and South-East Asia.
Week #8 4/11/2007	T. Kaeo Duarte (Invited, not confirmed) Assistant Researcher, Water Resources Research Center & Assistant Professor, Botany Department	“Where Will We Find Water?”	To cope with the effects of climate change on water resource management.
Week #9 4/18/2007	Andrew Hashimoto Dean, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Administration	“Sustainable Fusion Foods of the Future”	To examine how changing tastes are affecting the food supply in Asia and the Pacific.