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EDUCATION PROGRAM

**East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Fall 2007**

**Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
6:30pm-8:30pm**

**“Environmental Issues
In the Greater Mekong Subregion”
*Jefferson Fox***

Dramatic environmental changes are occurring throughout the Mekong River basin. Important issues include rapid population growth, expanding urbanization, forest clearing in uplands, wetlands drainage and conversion in lowlands, and agricultural expansion and the construction of dams and reservoirs throughout the region. Many of these are transboundary issues where the development plans of upstream countries have immense impacts on their downstream neighbors. Mismanagement of this rapidly developing region will cause severe environmental problems and loss of livelihoods for countless people. This talk will explore some of these issues from the perspective of “sustainable development.”

Jefferson Fox is the Coordinator of Environmental Studies and a Senior Fellow in the Research Program at the East-West Center in Honolulu. He received his Ph.D. in Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983. Dr. Fox's scholarship focuses on land-use and land-cover change in Asia and the possible cumulative impact of these changes on the region and the global environment. Dr. Fox has co-edited several books, most recently, *People and the Environment: Approaches for Linking Household and Community Surveys to Remote Sensing and GIS*. His ongoing research includes understanding dynamic resource management systems and land cover transitions in Montane Mainland Southeast Asia; the role of land-cover change in Montane Mainland Southeast Asia in altering regional hydrological processes under a changing climate; and spatial information technology and society: ethics, values, and practice, and natural resources and violent ethnic conflict in the Asia/Pacific region.

This seminar is open to public.

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