



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

**East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Spring 2008**

Keoni Auditorium
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall
Wednesday, **February 27, 2008**
6:30pm-8:30pm

**"From Silk to Oil: Culture and Commerce
Crossing China and Islamic Central Asia"**

**Co-sponsored by
Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art & East-West Center**

Dr. Morris Rossabi

Dr. Morris Rossabi will present an illustrated lecture describing the historical and modern connections between China and the Islamic world in Central Asia, emphasizing both commerce and, via the Silk Roads, artistic diffusion. The traditional trade in silks and other goods and its impact on the spread of artistic motifs through such commerce will be discussed. The lecture also focuses on the contemporary scene, evaluating the roles of the Chinese need for oil, natural gas, and other resources from Central Asia, as well as the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and ethnic resurgence in both China and Central Asia.

Dr. Rossabi holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University and is now a Professor of History at Columbia University and also the City University of New York. He is an expert on the history of East and Central Asia. Dr. Rossabi is in Honolulu as a Shangri La scholar in residence.

***The community is welcome to attend this presentation.
Parking is available at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for \$3.***