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Wednesday Evening Seminar
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6:30-8:30 pm

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**Urbanization and the Role of Cities in Asia:
Governance Challenges and Innovations**

Cities in Asia contribute to economic, social and technological transformation by providing opportunities for economies of scale, products, income, services and social experimentation. They play a vital role in productivity gains through innovation, trade, globalization of capital and the growth of service industries. However, urbanization in Asia has led to an increasing incidence of urban poverty and inequity, deteriorating quality of the urban environment and deficiencies in access to basic urban services, including water supply and sanitation, urban shelter, waste management, energy, transport and health. This session will focus on emerging trends in urbanization in Asia; the role of cities in national development; what and why of urban governance; and urban challenges and innovations in Asia.

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Wailana Room
on the garden level

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- *Light refreshments will be served.*
- *In order to support sustainability efforts, Please bring your own cup, plate and utensils.*

Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed by presenters and participants at the Wednesday Evening Seminar do not necessarily reflect those of the East-West Center.



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