



EWC/EWCA South Asia Regional Conference

**BUILDING THE
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IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT**

**November 16 – 18, 2005
India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India**

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November, 2005

Dear East-West Center Alumni and Associates,

Welcome to the South Asia conference!

This conference brings together alumni from throughout South Asia as well as participants from the United States and Southeast Asia. We are also pleased that many key Center staff and researchers are attending the conference. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and make new professional contacts.

Our conference is timely given the rapidly changing political and economic environment the region is facing today. Significant numbers of alumni and Center staff are attending which promises to make this an intellectually stimulating and personally rewarding experience. The conference theme "*Building the South Asian Community in a Global Context*" is directly relevant to the Center's mission to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community.

To address the issues, our South Asian Chapters have put together an outstanding program including thought-provoking panels and plenary sessions. In addition, the luncheons, dinners, and breaks will provide many opportunities for networking among the participants. We thank the conference committee for putting together this conference knowing the hours of work that went into its planning and execution.

Have a wonderful conference!

Sincerely,

Charles E. Morrison
President
East-West Center

Larry Foster
President
East-West Center Association



**AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NEW DELHI**

**MESSAGE FOR EWCA REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN
SOUTH ASIA, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16-18, 2005
FROM U.S. AMBASSADOR TO INDIA
DAVID C. MULFORD**

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, I want to warmly welcome all of the Center alumni and other participants in the East-West Center/East-West Center Association South Asia Regional Conference. It is a great pleasure to have President Charles Morrison and a cross-section of Center alumni from South Asia and beyond visiting India, especially during International Education Week.

I am particularly pleased to see that the U.S. Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) is cooperating with alumni association chapters in India on this important gathering. As the Fulbright binational commission in India, USEFI -- like the East-West Center -- promotes mutual understanding and fosters scholarship between the U.S. and India. A long-time valued partner of the East-West Center in India, USEFI has a distinguished record of serving the Center in India and promoting academic and cultural exchange. More than 1,900 Indian professionals, researchers and students have participated in Center programs since 1960, and I am confident that this conference will strengthen the Center's links with its alumni and with the region.

This is an exciting time to be holding a conference in India, and I hope you will take the time to explore this fascinating country, enjoy its cultural richness and diversity, and observe its many economic, technological and other achievements.

I also hope you will note that U.S.-India relations are going through a period of dynamic positive change. Our two nations are elevating their relations on all fronts. Trade is increasing. More people are traveling between our countries than ever before for study, work and vacations. Our two governments and private sectors are discussing bold initiatives in many areas. As the U.S.-India relationship expands, people-to-people ties and educational partnerships will increase, and institutions like the East-West Center will play an important role in fostering more interchange.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Mulford".

David C. Mulford

Message from the Conference Chair

Namaste,

Welcome to Delhi, India. It is a great pleasure to host the EWC/EWCA South Asia Regional Conference. I feel honored that a galaxy of contributors, guests and alumni members from South Asia and other places in the world are participating and will provide status and color to the three day interactions. The conference promises to be a testimony to its theme, 'Building the South Asian Community in a Global Context.'

I am very appreciative of the role played by USEFI in putting things together and sponsoring the conference. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Jane E. Schukoske, the Executive Director USEFI for her support.

The conference will explore major issues facing South Asia and consider ways to assist their resolutions. I would like to express my hearty gratitude to all the contributors, chairs and co-chairs of the sessions for working towards the success of the conference. My sincere thanks to the Program Committee Chair, Dr. Indira Kapoor and her team for shaping the program. I wish to also acknowledge the efforts and sincerity of all the EWCA Delhi Chapter Office bearers in contributing towards making the conference happen. My very special thanks to Prof. Aslam Mahmood, the Vice Chair of the Conference and Vice President of the EWCA Delhi Chapter; Dr. Jay Prakash, Chapter Secretary and Poster Committee Chair; Mr. Rakesh Chaudhury, Hospitality Committee Chair; Prof. Kuldip Mathur, Program Brochure Chair; Mr. Ranjan Roy, Media Committee Chair; Dr. Sudesh Nangia, Registration Committee Chair and Mr. Kewal Sony, Chapter Treasurer. The planning of the conference required special financial skills and I am very grateful to Mr. I P Singh, the Conference Treasurer for his support.

There have been some who have worked behind the scene, guiding, giving suggestions and providing moral support. I thank all the members of the EWCA Delhi Chapter Advisory Board and Mr. A Seshan, EWCA Vice President for being there for me always. My deep felt gratitude to Dan Berman, Special Representative for South Asia Office of the President East-West Center for taking over many responsibilities of organizing the conference. I wish to thank Gordon Ring, EWC Alumni Officer for his coordinating skills and Carolyn Eguchi, Noreen Tanouye from EWC Hawaii and Noora Micheal from Delhi for their assistance with everything. I also take this opportunity of thanking all the EWCA Chapter Leaders for their contributions towards the conference and my special gratitude to Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim.

I would also like to thank the Hospitality Team of India Habitat Centre and India International Centre for their help with coordinating the event on their premises and Mr. Swadesh Kumar, Managing Director of Shikhar Travels, the conference authorized travel agency for taking care of travel, sightseeing and lodging of participants.

My very special 'thank you' to all who are part of the EWC/EWCA South Asia Regional Conference. I look forward to meaningful interactions and a great time.

Mala Kapur Shankardass, President, EWCA Delhi Chapter

OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 16, 2005 (WEDNESDAY)

8:00am–12noon **REGISTRATION:**
India International Centre (IIC) – Auditorium Reception Area

9:30am–10:45am **SESSION 1 (PLENARY):**
IIC Auditorium,
“Inauguration of EWC South Asia Regional Conference”
Master of Ceremonies – **Tarun Das**

10:45am–11:15am **TEA/COFFEE BREAK:**
IIC Auditorium Reception Area

11:15am–12noon **SESSION 2 (PLENARY):**
IIC Auditorium, *“EWC/EWCA Reports”*
Charles E. Morrison, EWC President – Keynote Address

12noon–1:00pm **SESSION 3 (PLENARY):**
IIC Auditorium
“EWC and the Future of Collaborations – EWC and Indian Models”

VENUE SHIFT TO INDIA HABITAT CENTRE (IHC)
1:00pm Bus service available from IIC to IHC

1:15–2:00pm **LUNCH:**
IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

2:00–3:15pm **SESSION 4 (PLENARY):**
IHC, The Theatre
“Health Challenges in South Asia”

3:15–4:30pm **SESSION 5 (PLENARY):**
IHC, The Theatre
“Disaster Management/Environmental Changes”

4:30–4:45pm **TEA/COFFEE BREAK:**
IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

4:45–6:00pm **SESSIONS 6 (CONCURRENT):**
IHC
Panel A *“Gender Issues”* (Rudraksh Hall)
Panel B *“Economic Development”* (Amaltas Hall)
Panel C *“HIV/AIDS and Related Issues”* (Kadamba Hall)

VENUE SHIFT TO INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (IIC)
6:30pm Bus service available from IHC to IIC

7:30pm **DINNER:**
Annex Lawns and Rock Garden of IIC

9:30pm Bus service available from IIC to lodging

NOVEMBER 17, 2005 (THURSDAY)

9:30–10:45am **SESSION 7 (PLENARY):**
IHC, The Theatre
“South Asia’s Energy and Environment in a Global Context”

10:45–11:15am **TEA/COFFEE BREAK:**
IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

11:15am–1:00pm **SESSION 8 (PLENARY):**
IHC, The Theatre, *“Security Issues”*

1:00–2:00pm **LUNCH:**
IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

1:45–4:15pm

2:00–3:30pm

Panel A

Panel B

Panel C

3:30–4:00pm

4:00–5:30pm

5:45pm

SPECIAL POSTER SESSION:

IHC

“Reports on Research in Health Related Fields”

SESSIONS 9 (CONCURRENT):

IHC

“Perspectives on the Burgeoning Non-Print Media (TV, Internet)” (Rudraksh Hall)

“Art and Culture – Changing Images in South Asia” (Amaltas Hall)

“Past and Present Governmental Policies and Their Impact on South Asia” (Kadamba Hall)

TEA/COFFEE BREAK:

IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

SESSION 10 (PLENARY):

IHC, The Theatre

“Population and Demographic Transition”

Bus service available from IHC to lodging

FREE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 18, 2005 (FRIDAY)

9:30–10:45am

SESSION 11 (PLENARY):

IHC, The Theatre

“Media – Reporting Conflict”

10:45–11:15am

TEA/COFFEE BREAK:

IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

11:15am–1:00pm

SESSIONS 12 (CONCURRENT):

IHC

“Macro and Micro Political Elements in South Asia” (Rudraksh Hall)

“Gender and Education Issues” (Amaltas Hall)

“Understanding Cultural Components in Building South Asian Community” (Kadamba Hall)

Panel A

Panel B

Panel C

LUNCH:

IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

1:00–2:00pm

SESSION 13 (PLENARY):

IHC, The Theatre

“Planning for Regional and Local Change”

2:00–3:15pm

TEA/COFFEE BREAK:

IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre

3:15–3:45pm

SESSION 14 (PLENARY):

IHC, The Theatre

“Education: Thinking, Dreaming, and Examining Paradigms Outside the Lines of Contemporary Systems”

3:45–5:00pm

SESSION 15 (PLENARY):

IHC, The Theatre

“Taking the Conference Forward: A Roundtable Discussion”

5:00–6:30pm

6:45pm

Bus service available from IHC to the United States Educational Foundation –India (USEFI)

ALOHA NIGHT DINNER:

USEFI Lawn

7:30–10:30pm

10:30pm

Bus service available from USEFI to lodging

SCHEDULE

USEFI SPONSORED EWC/EWCA SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

November 16, 2005 (Wednesday)

7:30am Bus service available from various lodging venues to India International Centre (IIC)

8:00am–12noon **REGISTRATION**
(IIC Auditorium Reception Area)

9:30–10:45am **PLENARY SESSION 1**
(IIC Auditorium)

INAUGURATION OF EWC SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Welcome by **Mala Kapur Shankardass**,
Conference Chair, India

Master of Ceremonies **Tarun Das**,
EWC Board of Governor, India

Introduction of Prime Minister,
Manmohan Singh, India (invited)

Introduction of **Robert O. Blake**,
U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission,
U.S. Embassy, USA

Introduction of **Charles E. Morrison**,
EWC President, USA

Vote of Thanks by **Aslam Mahmood**,
Vice President of New Delhi EWCA Chapter,
India

10:45–11:15am **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
(IIC Auditorium Reception Area)

11:15am–12noon **PLENARY SESSION 2**
(IIC Auditorium)

EWC/EWCA REPORTS

Chair: **Gordon Ring**,
EWC Alumni Officer, USA

Khaleda Rashid,
EWCA Vice President for Programs,
Professor, Bangladesh University of
Engineering & Technology (BUET),
Bangladesh

Charles E. Morrison,
EWC President, Keynote Address, USA

12noon–1:00pm **PLENARY SESSION 3**
(IIC Auditorium)

EWC AND THE FUTURE OF COLLABORATIONS – 'EWC AND INDIAN MODELS'

Chair: **Michael Anderson**,
Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs,
U.S. Embassy, USA

Terance Bigalke,
EWC Director of Education, USA

Raymond Burghardt,
EWC Director of Seminars, USA

Nancy Lewis, EWC Director of Research, USA

Kapila Vatsyayan, Chairperson,
Asia Project, IIC, India

1:00pm **Venue shift to: India Habitat Centre – IHC**
Bus service available from IIC to IHC

1:15–2:00pm **LUNCH**
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

2:00–3:15pm **PLENARY SESSION 4**
(IHC, The Theatre)

HEALTH CHALLENGES IN SOUTH ASIA

Chairs: **P.K. Hota**, Secretary, Family Welfare,
Government of India,
Department of Family Welfare, India
and **N. Gangoli**, Director, India Council of
Medical Research (ICMR), India

Nancy Lewis, EWC Director of Research, USA,
*"Is Globalization Good for Your Health:
Regional Perspectives"*

Arvind Pandey, Director, Institute of
Research in Medical Statistics, India

Rahul Singh, Law Student,
The National University of
Juridical Science, Kolkata, India,
*"Homosexuality in the South Asia Community
— Need for Legislative Change"*

Anuradha Banerjee, Assistant Professor,
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India,
*"A Regional Analysis of Utilization of
MCH Services and its Impact of IMR India"*

3:15–4:30pm

PLENARY SESSION 5

(IHC, The Theatre)

DISASTER MANAGEMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Chairs: **Santosh Kumar**, Director & Head, National Institute of Disaster Management and **J.M. Dave**, Retd Environmentalist

Allen Clark, Executive Director, Pacific Disaster Center, EWC, USA, *“Mega-Disasters and the Evolving Nature of Disaster Management”*

Sara Ahmed, Independent Social and Environmental Policy Researcher, Gujarat, India, *“Disasters and the Vulnerability of Marginalized Communities”*

S. Rajamani, Director Grade Scientist and Head Environmental Technology Department, Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai, India and **Pemanda Belliappa**, President, EWCA Chennai Chapter, Retired IA, and Consultant, India, *“Control of Climatic Change and Green House Gas Emissions — Bio-Methanation and Bio Energy Generation from Agricultural and Domestic Wastes in India”*

R.B. Singh, Professor, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India, *“Climate Change Vulnerability in Himalayas — Challenges for Food Security”*

4:30–4:45pm

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

4:45pm–6:00pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 6

PANEL A

GENDER ISSUES

(IHC Rudraksh Hall)

Chair: **Khaleda Rashid**, Professor, BUET University, Bangladesh

Priti Kumar Mitra, Professor, Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) Rajshahi University, Bangladesh, *“Mainstreaming Gender Equality in Development: The Bangladesh Perspective”*

Prerna Kumar, PhD Student, JNU, India, *“Domestic Violence: A Comparative Analysis of Northern and Southern States of India Based on NFHS-2 Data”*

Pragya Tiwari Gupta, Doctoral Researcher, JNU, India, *“A Dialectics on Women Labour Force: How Marginalized are They?”*

Najma Haque, Professor and Chairman, Department of Geography and Environment, Government Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, *“Human Development and the Women of Bangladesh”*

PANEL B

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(IHC Amaltas Hall)

Chair: **B.N. Makhija**, Consultant, Mumbai, India

Ekramul Ahsan, Consultant, European Commission, Bangladesh, *“Poverty and Food Security: Bangladesh Context”*

Manasi Phadke, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune, India, and **Sanjay Nadkarni**, School of Travel Industry Management, University of Hawaii, USA, *“Putting Pro-Poor Tourism in Action: Issues and Considerations in an Indian Context”*

Prabhu Ghate, Independent Consultant and Researcher, India, *“Building Community Through Better Connectivity”*

Vineeta Hoon, Managing Trustee, Centre for Action Research on Environment Science and Society, Chennai, India, *“Marketing Heritage: Promoting Community Based Tourism in the Himalayas”*

Upinder Sawhney, Senior Faculty, Department of Economics, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India *“Globalization — Challenges for South Asia”*

PANEL C

HIV/AIDS AND RELATED ISSUES

(IHC Kadamba Hall)

Chair: **Arjumand Faisal**, MD, Islamabad, Pakistan

Jay Prakash, Director, Formative Research and Development Sciences, India, *“Gender Perceptions in Family Planning”*

Mariamamma Thomas, Assistant Director, Institute for Research in Medical Statistics, India, **Arvind Pandey**, **Jyoti Kumari**, and **Rehena Sultana**, *“A Study of HIV Transmission Force Among Risk-Groups in South-Asian Countries”*

Haresh N. Pandey, PhD Student, CSSS/ School of Social Sciences, JNU, India, *“HIV/AIDS in South Asia and South-East Asia”*

U. V. Somayajulu, Senior Research Director, Department of Social Research TNS Mode, India, *“Health Concerns for India and its States”*

6:30pm

Venue shift to:

India International Centre, IIC

Bus service available from IHC to IIC

7:30pm

DINNER

Annex Lawns and Rock Garden of IIC

9:30pm

Bus service available from IIC to various lodging venues

November 17, 2005 (Thursday)

9:00am

Bus service available from various lodging venues to IHC

9:30–10:45am

PLENARY SESSION 7
(IHC, The Theatre)

SOUTH ASIA'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Chair: **Toufiq A. Siddiqi**, President, GEE-21 and Adjunct Senior Fellow, EWC, USA

Prodipto Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government of India, India, *"Meeting South Asia's Environmental Challenges"*

Raj Sachdev, Former Advisor (Coal) to the Government of India, and Member, International Coal Preparation Congress, India, *"Meeting India's Energy Needs for the Next 20 Years"*

Ligia Noronha, Director, Resources and Security Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India, *"Globalization, Environment and Development"*

Toufiq A. Siddiqi, President, GEE-21 and Adjunct Senior Fellow, EWC, USA, *"The Proposed Iran-Pakistan-India Pipeline: Intersection of Energy, Environment and Politics"*

10:45–11:15am

TEA/COFFEE BREAK
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

11:15am–1:00pm

PLENARY SESSION 8
(IHC, The Theatre)

SECURITY ISSUES

Chair: **Muthiah Alagappa**, Director, EWC Washington, USA

S.D. Muni, Professor, JNU, India, *"Internal Conflicts in Nepal and Sri Lanka"*

Radha Kumar, Professor of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia University, India, *"India Perspective on Peace Process"*

Rashid Ahmad Khan, Senior Research Fellow, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Pakistan, *"Pakistan Perspective on Peace Process"*

Geoffrey Pyatt, Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, USA, *"U.S. Policy Towards South Asia"*

K. Subrahmanyam, India, *"India's Strategic Perspective"*

1:00–2:00pm

LUNCH
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

1:45–4:15pm

SPECIAL POSTER SESSION
(IHC)

Pravin K. Jha, Researcher, Plan International, India, *"Urban Averages Mask the Poor Condition of RCH: Evidences from Analysis of NFHS 2 Data by Standard of Living Index"*

Joyti Hallad, Research Investigator, Population Research Centre, Dharwad, India and **C.G. Khan Hussain**, Department of Anthropology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, India, *"Health Concerns of Women Before and After Menopause in Rural North Karnataka, India"*

Abhay Kumar, Doctoral Scholar, CSRSD/ School of Social Sciences/JNU, India, *"Ageing Population in a Less and a High Developed State of India"*

S. Rajaram, Consultant, SPME Section, UNICEF Country Office, India and **T.S. Sunil**, Delhi Consultant, SPME Section, UNICEF Country Office, India, *"Significance of Individual, Household and Contextual Factors on Child Malnutrition in Rural India: A Multilevel Analysis"*

Joyti Hallad, Research Investigator, Population Research Centre, Dharwad, India, **T. Rajretnam**, **D.G. Satihal**, and **G.M. Hiremath**, *"Where Service Providers and Service Receivers Differ in Their Perceptions and Practices Regarding Abortion Care Services"*

Mary P. Sebastian, Program Officer, FRONTIERS Program, Population Council, New Delhi, India, **Shiv Kumar** and **M.E. Khan**, *"Who is a Better Provider of Emergency Contraceptive Pills in Rural Setting: Doctor or Paramedics?"*

K. Srinivasan, Emeritus Professor, **Purujit Praharaj**, Research Officer, International Institute for Population Science, India, **C.P. Prakasam** and **T. Rajaretnam**, *"Consistency of Findings between Paramedical and Medical Personnel on Pregnant Women"*

Panchapakesan Subramaniam, Director, Centre for Development and Training, *"Work of the Vidya Vrisha in Developing Skills for the Visually Impaired"*

Arvind Pandey, Director, **Mariam Thomas**, Assistant Director, **Rehena Sultana**, and **Jyoti Kumari**, Institute for Research in Medical Statistics, New Delhi, India, *"A Comparative Study of Incubation Distribution and Incidence Curves for HIV/AIDS in India Applying Different Back Calculation Models"*

2:00–3:30pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9

PANEL A

**PERSPECTIVE ON THE BURGEONING
NON-PRINT MEDIA (TV, INTERNET)**

(IHC Rudraksh Hall)

Chair: **Amitabh Chakraborty**

Mujtaba Ali Syed, Senior Editorial Staff,
Chennai Online, India,

*“Internet News —
A Case Study of Chennai Online”*

Vishnu Som, NDTV Anchor

Mritunjoy Kumar Jah, India Today, India

Psyche Batool, Pakistan TV, Pakistan

PANEL B

**ART & CULTURE –
CHANGING IMAGES IN SOUTH ASIA**

(IHC Amaltas Hall)

Chair: **Arfa Zehra**, Retired Professor
of History and TV Documentary Producer,
Lahore, Pakistan

Khaleda Rashid, Professor, Department of
Architecture, BUET, Bangladesh,

*“Art, Architecture and Culture:
Resources of Community Environment,
Bangladesh Perspective”*

Nachiket Patwardhan, Architect and
Film Maker (Cinema) and

Jayoo Patwardhan, India,
“Indigenous Cultures and Globalization”

Arjumand Faisal, MD,
*“Contemporary Art in Pakistan —
Fusion of Traditions and Present Dynamics”*

Michael Schuster, Curator, EWC Gallery,
*“Presenting South and Southeast Asian Arts
to a Diverse Audience”*

PANEL C

**PAST AND PRESENT
GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES
AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOUTH ASIA**

(IHC Kadamba Hall)

Chair: **Ekramul Ahsan**, Independent
Consultant and Researcher, Bangladesh

Manzoor A. Khalidi, Assistant Professor,
Institute of Business Administration Main
Campus, Karachi University, Karachi, Pakistan,
*“A Deconstructive Analysis of the
South Asian Community in a Global Context”*

Ramesh Babu, Adjunct Professor,
School of Public Policy, Institute of Chartered
Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI),
Hyderabad, India,

*“Community Building and Insecurity in
South Asia: Challenges Ahead”*

Priti Kumar Mitra, Professor,
Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS),
Rajshahi University, Bangladesh,

*“Building South Asia Community in a
Global Context: Historic Perspective”*

Karori Singh, Director, South Asia Studies
Centre, University of Rajasthan, India,

*“Building South Asian Community for
Poverty Reduction: Challenges and Prospects”*

3:30–4:00pm

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

4:00–5:30pm

PLENARY SESSION 10

(IHC, The Theatre)

**POPULATION AND
DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION**

Chairs: **Ubaidur Rob**, Country Director,
Population Council, South & East Asia-
Bangladesh Office, Bangladesh
and **Indira Kapoor**, MD,
Independent Consultant
(Sexual Reproductive Health), India

Mehtab Karim, Professor of Demography
and Head of Reproductive Health Program,
Aga Khan University, Pakistan,
*“Prospects for Further Demographic
Transition in South Asia”*

A.R. Nanda, Director,
Population Foundation of India, India,
“New Paradigms in Population Programs”

Sudha Tewari, Managing Director,
Parivar Seva Sanstha Reproductive
Health Services, New Delhi, India,
*“Importance of Family Planning Programmes
in South Asia”*

5:45pm

Bus service available from IHC
to various lodging venues

FREE NIGHT

November 18, 2005 (Friday)

9:00am Bus service available from various lodging venues to IHC

9:30–10:45am **PLENARY SESSION 11**
(IHC, The Theatre)

MEDIA — REPORTING CONFLICT

Chair: **Karen Knudsen**,
EWC Director of External Affairs, USA

Monjurul Bulbul, Executive Editor,
The Daily Sangbad, Bangladesh,
“*Journalism Facing Threats*”

Naveed Rana, Staff Correspondent,
The News, Pakistan

Ranjan Roy, Times News Network
at *Times of India*, India

Deanna Sands, *Omaha World Herald*,
Omaha, Nebraska, USA,
President of the Associated Press
Managing Editor, USA

Raj Chengappa, Managing Editor,
India Today, India

Dilip Padganonkar, Former Editor,
Times of India, India

10:45–11:15am **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

11:15am–1:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 12**

PANEL A **MACRO AND MICRO POLITICAL
ELEMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA**
(IHC Rudraksh Hall)

Chair: **Pemanda Belliappa**,
President, EWCA Chennai Chapter,
Retired IA, and Consultant, India

Haider Ali Khan, Affiliate,
CIDA Devolution Support Project, Pakistan,
“*Who Contest and Why Contest?
An Analysis of Women Candidates as Union
Councilors in District Kasur, Punjab, Pakistan*”

Geetha Reddy Anant, Faculty Member in the
Centre for Indian Ocean Studies,
Osmania University, India,
“*South Asia — Security Perspectives
Implications for Development*”

Sivaramkrishnan Rajan, Project Director,
National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean
Research, Goa, India, **N. Vijayalaxmi**,
“*Ocean Governance in a Post UNCLOS World
— the South Asian Perspective*”

B.N. Makhija, Chairperson of
Credibility Alliance, India,
“*Governance in the Voluntary Sector*”

PANEL B

GENDER AND EDUCATION ISSUES
(IHC Amaltas Hall)

Chair: **Madavi Panda**,
Senior Research Programmer,
Human Resource Development Centre

Rosie Majid Ahsan, Professor,
Department of Geography and Environment,
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
and **Moushumi Das Purkayastha**,
Managing Director, Crystal Wave, Bangladesh,
“*Predicament of the Silent Gender:
Trafficking of Women in Bangladesh*”

Mary Philip Sebastian, Program Officer,
Population Council, New Delhi, India
and **Shahina Begum**, Research Fellow,
Department of Bio-Statistics, All India
Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India,
“*Factors Shaping Gender-Role Attitudes
Among Adolescent Girls in Urban Slums
of Allahabad, India*”

Sara Ahmed, Consultant, Independent Social
and Environment Policy Researcher, India,
“*Building Resilience: Gender, Vulnerability
and Adaptive Strategies in India*”

Renu Singh, Director, School of
Rehabilitation Sciences, New Delhi, India,
“*Charting the Way Forward —
Inclusive Education in the New Millennium*”

PANEL C

**UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL
COMPONENTS IN BUILDING
SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY**
(IHC Kadamba Hall)

Chair: **Muhammad Ibrahim**,
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Yasmin Farooqui, Professor of Applied
Psychology at University of Punjab, Pakistan,
“*Understanding Islamic Perspective of
Mental Health and Psychotherapy*”

Jagadish Sharma, Chairman,
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“*Self Realization: The Key to Education
in the Age of Knowledge*”

Kanikar Sookasame, Associate Professor,
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“*Life Satisfaction and Quality of Life
of Urban Population in Central Thailand*”

R.J. Yadav, Deputy Director, **Arvind Pandey**,
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Statistics, ICMR, India, and **Padam Singh**,
“*Utilization of Indigenous Systems of
Medicine and Homoeopathy in India*”

Thakur Singh Powdyel, Director, Centre for
Educational Research & Development,
Rinpung, NIE, Paro, Bhutan,
“*Globalization: the Forgotten Phase*”

1:00–2:00pm **LUNCH**
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

2:00–3:15pm **PLENARY SESSION 13**
(IHC, The Theatre)

**PLANNING FOR REGIONAL
AND LOCAL CHANGE**

Chair: **Shankar Prasad Sharma**,
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Panchapakesan Subramaniam,
Director of the Centre for Development
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“What Ails Development?”

Omkar Shrestha, Principal Programs
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Asian Development Bank, Philippines,
*“With South Asia Changing, Are Multilateral
Development Banks Changing Fast Enough?”*

Aslam Mahmood, Professor, JNU, India,
*“Recent Trends in Urbanisation, Migration
and Development in Uttar Pradesh”*

3:15–3:45pm **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
(IHC Foyer area outside the Theatre)

3:45–5:00pm **PLENARY SESSION 14**
(IHC, The Theatre)

**EDUCATION: THINKING, DREAMING
AND EXAMINING PARADIGMS
OUTSIDE THE LINES OF
CONTEMPORARY SYSTEMS**

Chair: **Terance Bigalke**,
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Discussant: **Kuldeep Mathur**,
Former Rector of JNU, Director of National
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5:00–6:30pm **PLENARY SESSION 15**
(IHC, The Theatre)

**TAKING THE CONFERENCE FORWARD:
A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Chair: **Dan Berman**,
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**Participant’s Vision of
Future EWC’s Projects:**

I.V. Murali Krishna, Professor and Head,
Centre for Spatial Information Technology,
JNTU, Hyderabad, India,
*“Geospatial Technologies and Their Integration
with Socio Economic Factors for Sustainable
Regional Development in Global Context”*

6:45pm **Venue shift to: United States Educational
Foundation in India — USEFI**
Bus service available from IHC to USEFI

7:30–10:30pm **ALOHA NIGHT DINNER**
USEFI (lawn)

10:30pm Bus service available from USEFI
to various lodging venues

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2004 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE





EWC/EWCA 2004 International Conference participants gather at Nihon University in Tokyo, Japan.

Since its establishment 45 years ago, the East-West Center has built its own Asia Pacific community rich in diversity and dedicated to the pursuit of regional understanding. Much of the credit for the strength and cohesion of the EWC network belongs to the East-West Center Association, whose alumni chapters are the life-blood of this dynamic and expanding membership.

More than 375 East-West Center alumni from 25 countries met in Tokyo, Japan, last summer for the EWC/East-West Center Association 2004 International Conference. Held for only the second time in Japan, the gathering provided alumni with a unique opportunity to demonstrate their connection to the Center, friends and professional colleagues throughout the region, while engaging in an academically rich experience.

The academic core of the conference featured plenary sessions grouped under the theme, “New Challenges for Building an Asia Pacific Community.” Topics included the Japanese recession and its impact on the region, the changing dynamic of international relations, and education initiatives in the twenty-first century. Panel presentations and roundtable discussions addressed a number of significant regional issues, including economic integration, women’s issues, the challenges of aging populations, information technology and economic and security developments.

The conference included a training program for alumni chapter leaders to hone leadership skills and better serve their members. Participants addressed the challenges of serving alumni of all age groups. Other topics included recruitment for EWC programs and the support of student scholarships.

University of Hawai‘i Interim President David McClain spoke of the strong connection between UH and the East-West Center and cooperative programs that have benefited alumni of both institutions.

Overall, it was an emotional time for many alumni, who reflected on their connection to the East-West Center and its significance in their personal and professional development. Many expressed support for the Center in the form of monetary pledges, including alumni from the 1960s, who raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for a scholarship endowment fund.



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The East-West Center was established by the United States Congress in 1960 to “promote better relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia and the Pacific through cooperative study, training and research.” To support this mission, the Center’s programs focus around a specific institutional goal — to assist in creating an Asia Pacific community. Research, dialogue, educational activities and public outreach incorporate both the Center’s mission and the programmatic focus of building an Asia Pacific Community.

The Center works to strengthen relations in the region and serves as a national and regional resource for information and analysis on Asia and the Pacific. It provides a meeting ground where people with a wide range of perspectives exchange views on topics of regional concern. Center staff members work with collaborating institutions and specialists from throughout the region. Since its founding more than 50,000 people have participated in Center programs. Many of these participants now occupy key positions in government, business, journalism and education in the region.

Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, the East-West Center is a public, non-profit national and regional research and education institution with an international board of governors. Funding comes from the U.S. government in addition to support provided by private agencies, individuals and corporations, and a number of Asian and Pacific governments.

Located in Honolulu, three miles from Waikiki and adjacent to the University of Hawai‘i, the Center’s 21-acre campus includes conference facilities, a research and administration office building and three residential halls.

The Center’s Hawai‘i Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall is available for meetings of 10 to 300 persons. The Imin Center, which includes a large auditorium, conference and meeting rooms and dining facilities, is equipped for simultaneous translation, teleconferencing and closed-circuit television.