



EAST - WEST CENTER

EDUCATION PROGRAM

East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar

Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
January 28– April 15 2009
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Syllabus: Spring 2009
Toward a Regional Literacy of the Asia-Pacific and the United States

INTRODUCTION

In Fall 2008, the seminar series reflected on the impact of globalization and the benefits and consequences that came with globalization in the Asia-Pacific. In Spring 2009, we will specifically focus on regions of the Asia-Pacific (East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and the Pacific) and the United States. Seminars this semester will help us gain an understanding of each region's historical and cultural background and address contemporary issues and challenges facing each region. The goal of this semester's Wednesday Evening Seminar is to acquire historic knowledge of each Asia-Pacific region and the United States in order to understand and dialogue on major current events impacting these regions.

We will begin the series with a presentation by Dr. Leonard Andaya who will speak about the historical formation and cultures of Southeast Asia as a region. Dr. Barbara Watson Andaya will then present on contemporary issues in Southeast Asia. Other speakers respectively include Dr. Edward Schultz (history and cultures of East Asia), Director of the East-West Center in Washington Dr. Satu Limaye (contemporary South Asia), Dr. Sumner La Croix (contemporary East Asia), Dr. Ned Bertz (history and cultures of South Asia), Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka (cultures and peoples of the Pacific), and Dr. Marcus Daniel (the legacy of race in the history of the United States).

OVERVIEW OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) is a weekly gathering of Center participants in their first fall and spring semester. WES brings together fellows from diverse academic disciplines, geographic areas, life experiences, and East-West Center programs to learn and dialogue on issues of common concern that impact the U.S. and Asia Pacific region.

While the graduate student experience tends to focus attention on highly specialized fields of study at the University, the Wednesday Evening Seminar challenges EWC fellows to explore regional issues that may extend beyond their range of expertise or comfort zones. Issues are explored through invited speakers, films and facilitated small group discussions. Through this process EWC fellows forge bonds among themselves that ultimately strengthen the Center's diverse, global community.

Recent or upcoming Wednesday Evening Seminar themes:

- The Politics of Globalization and Social Networks in the Asia-Pacific
- Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors
- Empowering People for the Future of Asia and the Pacific
- Risk and Security in Asia and the Pacific

HISTORY OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

As with many innovative activities at the East-West Center, this seminar series emerged from student recommendations and student-led action. Degree fellows perceived the need for a unifying intellectual experience in an increasingly diversified student program. The Wednesday Evening Seminar began as a series of Center-wide discussions to explore the concept, and emerged as a student leadership project that developed into a distinctive, on-going feature of the student program.

Currently, the seminar is planned and organized by EWC degree-fellow interns, with the support of the Center's Education and Research programs staff.

The Seminar is required for degree fellows during their first fall and spring semesters, and fall semester for APLP fellows. Continuing fellows are welcome to attend and often continue to participate in the seminar series.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the East-West Center is to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia-Pacific community, thus 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 the empowerment in Asia and the Pacific can lead to shared knowledge of common concerns that affect our collective futures.

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 an engaging and fun way to learn about the Asia-Pacific region!

Readings: 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. Thus, 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.

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WEBSITE

The syllabus, weekly announcements, presentations and other reading materials are also posted on the East West Center website's section for the seminar:

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/student-programs/wednesday-evening-seminar/>

PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS: SPRING 2009

DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	FORMAT
Week #1 1/28/09	<i>New Group Introductions/Activities</i> (No Speaker)	**Get to Know Each Other**	Small Group Discussion
Week #2 2/4/09	Dr. Leonard Andaya Professor Department of History University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Email: andaya@hawaii.edu	"Southeast Asia as a Sub-region"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
No WES on 2/11/09			
Week #3 2/18/09	Dr. Barbara Watson Andaya Professor Department of Asian Studies University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Email: bandaya@hawaii.edu	"Contemporary Southeast Asia"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #4 2/25/09	Dr. Edward Shultz Interim Dean Department of Pacific and Asian Studies University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Email: shultz@hawaii.edu	"East Asia as a Sub-region"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #5 3/4/09	Dr. Satu Limaye Director East-West Center in Washington Email: LimayeS@eastwestcenter.org	"Contemporary South Asia"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #6 3/11/09	Dr. Sumner La Croix Professor Department of Economics University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Email: lacroix@hawaii.edu	"Contemporary East Asia"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #7 3/18/09	Dr. Ned Bertz Assistant Professor Department of History University of Hawai'i at Mānoa E-mail: bertz@hawaii.edu	"South Asia as a Sub-region"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Spring Break 3/23-3/27			
Week #8 4/1/09	Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka Associate Professor Department of Pacific Islands Studies University of Hawai'i at Mānoa E-mail: tkabutau@hawaii.edu	"Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific Islands"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A

<p>Week #9 4/8/09</p>	<p>Dr. Marcus Daniel Associate Professor Department of History University of Hawai'i at Mānoa E-mail: marcusd@hawaii.edu</p>	<p>“The Legacy of Race in the History of the United States”</p>	<p>Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A</p>
<p>Week #10 4/15/09</p>	<p><i>End of the Term Party (No Speaker)</i></p>	<p>**Final WES Evaluations**</p>	<p>Small Group Discussion</p>