



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

**East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Spring 2009**

Keoni Auditorium
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall
Wednesday, **March 11, 2009**
6:30pm-8:30pm

"Contemporary Issues in East Asia: Growth and
Crisis in Asia's Economy"

Dr. Sumner La Croix

Over the last 20 years, strong growth in per capita incomes in countries such as India and China has lifted hundreds of millions of people in the region out of poverty. This increase in incomes has, however, also been accompanied by rising income inequality and governance problems within countries. These problems are now compounded by the ongoing global economic crisis. This presentation will discuss how Asia's governments, with a focus on East Asia, can cope with the current economic downturn and set the stage for long-run economic growth. This presentation is the second seminar on the East Asia region.

Dr. Sumner La Croix is a professor in the Department of Economics and the Global Health and Populations Studies Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. A former researcher at the East-West Center, he received his BA in mathematics and political and social thought at the University of Virginia and holds a MA and PhD in economics from the University of Washington. Dr. La Croix's specific interests include economic history, development economics, and industrial organization and his most recent publications include *Institutional Change in Japan* and *Challenges to the Global Trading System: Adjustment to Globalization in the Asia-Pacific Region*.

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The community is welcome to attend this lecture!