



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

Keoni Auditorium
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall
Wednesday, **April 1, 2009**
6:30pm-8:30pm

"Oceans and Islands: Peoples, Cultures, and
Issues of the Pacific Islands"

Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka

This presentation will provide a broad overview of the histories and cultures of Pacific Islanders. It explores the distant and recent past and how history has shaped present day Pacific Island societies. Finally, the issues that Pacific Island peoples face, how they respond to these challenges, and contemporary cultural productions in the region will be discussed as well.

Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka is an associate professor in the Department of Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. A former researcher for the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program, he received his BA and MA degrees from the University of the South Pacific and holds a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University. Dr. Kabutaulaka's specific interests include political developments within Melanesia and civil unrest within the Solomon Islands and his most recent publications include *Intervention and State-building in the Pacific: the Legitimacy of 'Cooperative Intervention'* and "Global Capital and Local Ownership in Solomon Islands' Forestry Industry."

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The community is welcome to attend this lecture.