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WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR SPRING 2011 SYLLABUS

Movements of People, Nations, and Ideas in the Asia Pacific

WES SPRING 2011 THEME: MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND IDEAS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

While migration, or the physical movement of people, has occurred for millennia, according to the International Labor Organization, more people migrate today than in other time in history – 214 million people worldwide. Collectively, Asia and the Pacific are the source of most of the world's migrants; whereas, the United States hosts the largest number of international migrants. Both the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights recognize that every citizen has the right to move within his or her country and to migrate to another country. Yet, migration, as well as resistance to immigration, is the source of political tension for many countries. Migration has profound impacts not only on the migrants themselves but also on their host countries and countries of origin.

In the Spring 2011, Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) will focus on various manifestations of migration within the Asia Pacific. However, WES participants will learn about different forms of movement of people and ideas, e.g., migration, human trafficking, urban sprawl, colonialism, etc., in order to understand the important distinctions between types of movement, reasons people have for leaving their homeland, justifications given for resisting immigration, and the overall effects of migration on a country. WES seeks to challenge participants by asking how might historic migration patterns differ and what impact these differences have on the people and countries involved?

In Week One, Ms. Puanani Burgess, a community building facilitator, will lay the foundational work of building a beloved community. WES is a great example of migration as students from all over the Asia Pacific have come to the East-West Center (EWC) and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to study. Ms. Burgess will give us the tools to engage in meaningful and construction dialogue with each other throughout WES Spring 2011.

In Week Two, Professor internationally recognized law professor, Eric Yamamoto, will examine how various government policies affected immigrant and indigenous communities in the United States, and throughout the world. Professor Yamamoto will use the massive internment of Japanese Americans during World War II in the United States and the annexation of Hawai'i as case examples.

In Week Three, Professor Steven Edmund Winduo will help us understand how the migration of persons of European and American descent has impacted Papua New Guinea and how these external forces influence internal movement in Papua New Guinea through his poetry. In Week Four, Professor James D. Frankel will tell the history of modern China's Muslim population – a history beginning with merchants and mercenaries who sowed Islam's roots in China initially in the 8th century. Professor Frankel will explain how immigration to China as well as Chinese imperial expansion created the diversity of the Muslims of China today.

In Week Five, WES will look at a control of sorts – the nation of Bhutan. The government of Bhutan strictly regulates migration of people and ideas to lessen any negative impacts of globalization on its culture and environment, though recent government policies have relaxed to a degree. Bhutan also adopted an official government policy – the people's happiness matters and must be measured as part of the overall socio-economic well-being. Director Tom Vendetti will screen "Bhutan: Taking the

Middle Path to Happiness,” a film about how the Kingdom of Bhutan balances opening up to the West with its longstanding policy of Gross National Happiness.

In Week Six, the Chair of the Native Hawaiian Center for Public Health, Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula, PhD, WES participants will hear about the longstanding effects of European and American immigration to Hawai‘i on Native Hawaiian health. Dr. Kaholokula will unravel the reasons behind significant health disparities between Native Hawaiians and other ethnic groups in Hawai‘i.

In Week Seven, WES will host in-house experts: a student panel in which East-West Center fellows will share their research on migration in the Asia Pacific. Former EWC student affiliate, Deja Ostrowski, will moderate the panel featuring the research of Brian Alofaituli and Hyeon Ju Lee on Samoan and Northern Korean migration in the Asia Pacific, respectively. The panel will also illuminate different causes of movement – security & safety, slavery, sexual exploitation, employment, etc. – and how that effects the legal classification of the people moved, i.e., whether a person is a “migrant” or a trafficking victim. During Week Eight, WES participants take center-stage to offer reflections on the semester as well as suggestions for future WES participants. Participants will complete a survey and enjoy a dinner together to commemorate the semester.

THE WHERE AND WHEN OF WES

All Wednesday Evening Seminar sessions will meet in the **Keoni Auditorium**, Hawai‘i Imin International Conference Center, from **6:30-8:30PM**. Please mark the follow dates on your calendar: **January 26, February 2, February 9, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 30, and April 6**. On the last page of the syllabus, you will find the date, speaker, and topic for all eight WES sessions. More information about our speakers and topics will be provided throughout the semester. The public is invited to attend any session except the first and last sessions, which are for WES participants only.

OVERVIEW OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

The Wednesday Evening Seminar is a weekly gathering of East West Center fellows in their first fall and spring semester. WES brings together students and researchers 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. Each semester a new theme within the Asia Pacific is explored.

While the graduate student experience tends to focus attention on highly specialized fields of study at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, the WES 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 and activities. Through this process EWC fellows forge bonds among themselves through relating their personal or community concerns and experiences that ultimately strengthen the Center’s diverse global community.

As with many innovative activities at the East-West Center WES emerged from student recommendations and student-led action. EWC fellows perceived the need for a unifying intellectual experience in an increasingly diversified student program. The Wednesday Evening Seminar began as a series of East West 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 East-West Center degree-fellow interns, with the support of the Center’s Education and Research program staff. The Seminar is required for degree student fellows during their first fall and spring semesters, and fall semester for Asia Pacific Leadership Program fellows. Continuing fellows are welcome to attend and often continue to participate in the seminar series.

OBJECTIVES

The 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. The Wednesday Evening Seminar helps reach this goal by facilitating understanding among the students of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific who study together at the East-West Center.

REQUIREMENTS: ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

Students must attend all WES sessions and participate in group discussions and activities. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact Mendl Djunaidy (DjunaidM@eastwestcenter.org). Attendance will be kept.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR SPRING 2011 SYLLABUS SCHEDULE

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DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC / TITLE	FORMAT
Week #1 01/26/11	Puanani Burgess Community Building Facilitator, Cultural Translator, Poet, Zen Priest	Building the Beloved Community	Introductory Session with guest speaker, introductions, group exercises & discussion
Week #2 02/02/11	Eric Yamamoto, J.D. Professor of Law William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	“Social Healing Through Justice”: Reconciliation in the 21 st Century	Lecture, small group exercises & discussion, Q&A
Week #3 02/09/11	Steven Winduo Arthur Lynn Andrews Chair, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, UH Mānoa Visiting Fellow, EWC Senior Lecturer, University of Papua New Guinea	Chewing Buai and Poetry in PNG	Lecture, poetry reading, group exercise & discussion, Q&A

*** No WES 02/16/11 during the week of the EWC 10th International Graduate Student Conference ***

Week #4 02/23/11	James D. Frankel Assistant Professor Director, Certificate in Islamic Studies Department of Religion, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	China's Muslim Mosaic: Challenges of Islamic Diversity	Lecture, group discussion, Q&A
Week #5 03/02/11	Tom Vendetti Director	<i>Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness</i>	Film Screening, Director's comments, Q&A
Week #6 03/09/11	Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula, PhD Chair, Native Hawaiian Center for Public Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine	Native Hawaiian Health Disparities	Lecture, group discussion, Q&A

*** No WES 03/16/11 & 03/23/11 because of Mid-Term Examinations & Spring Break ***

Week #7 03/30/11	Student Panel: Brian Alofaituli, Hyeon Ju Lee, and Deja Ostrowski (Moderator)	Migration in the Asia Pacific	Panel, group exercise & discussion, Q&A
Week #8 04/06/11	No Speaker	WES Spring 2011 Wrap Up – Reflection, Looking Forward, Celebration	Building the Beloved Community Follow-Up, survey, dinner