Tuvalu is Flat: The Global Ebbs and Flows of a Pacific Atoll Nation

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Tuvalu is a Pacific Island Nation of some 10,000 citizens that offers a fascinating example of how one small island state has overcome a broad array of resource constraints by engaging globally. Tuvalu’s achievements over the past three decades offer some useful albeit unorthodox and uncommon insights about globalization. The seminar will present an overview of Tuvalu’s voyage towards greater self-reliance.

Jerry Finin came to the EWC in 1990 after completing his doctoral degree in Urban & Regional Planning and Asian Studies at Cornell University. Current research includes a Ford Foundation supported project called Islands of Globalization, which seeks to enhance our understandings of the origins, nature and consequences of globalization from the perspective of small island societies, and in the context of changing notions of "islandness." His recent book, The Making of the Igorot: Contours of Cordillera Consciousness, about American colonial policy and practice in the Philippines, was a Manila Critics Circle finalist in 2006 for Best Book in the Social Sciences. Jerry’s research in Tuvalu was initially prompted by interactions with Tuvaluan students participating in the Center’s South Pacific Scholarship Program, which he helped to establish in 1992.

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