East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar  
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Keoni Auditorium  
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall  
Wednesday, **October 29th, 2008**  
6:30pm-8:30pm

“Sino-Capitalism: Globalization in the Age of China's Economic Ascent”

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This seminar applies a political economy perspective to the on-going debate on how China’s rise will impact the global system. By presenting a macro-analysis of China's emergent political economy, McNally will posit that China’s international ascent is generating Sino-capitalism – a global capitalist system that differs from Anglo-American capitalism in important respects. Sino-capitalism relies on informal business networks rather than on legal codes and transparent rules. It also assigns the Chinese state a leading role in fostering and guiding capitalist accumulation. Sino-capitalism and Anglo-American capitalism have enjoyed a period of beneficial synergy, but this period is likely coming to an end.

Dr. Christopher A. McNally is a political economist studying the interests, institutions, and ideas underlying formations of capitalism. At present, his research focuses on contemporary varieties of capitalism, in particular the nature and logic of China’s capitalist transition. He is also working on a book project that studies the implications of China’s capitalist renaissance on the global order.

Dr. McNally has held fellowships conducting fieldwork and research at the Asia Research Centre in West Australia, the Institute of Asia Pacific Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle.

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