The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar Book Launch of:

**Unnatural Selection: Choosing Boys Over Girls, and the Consequences of a World Full of Men**

Featuring:

**Ms. Mara Hvistendahl**  
Beijing Correspondent, *Science* Magazine

Sex-selection has yielded an imbalance of 160 million more males than females throughout the developing world -- in China and India, but also in Vietnam and Korea, among other countries. In her first book, *Unnatural Selection: Choosing Boys Over Girls, and the Consequences of a World Full of Men*, Mara Hvistendahl argues that sex selection is spreading as countries develop; development leads to falling fertility rates and increases pressure on women to make their first or second child a boy. She will also examine the consequences of this imbalance on the Asian region, such as the importing of brides from poorer neighboring countries, increased sex trafficking, and instability caused by the large population of young men.

The book *Unnatural Selection* will be available for purchase at the event.

**Monday, June 13**  
2:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.  
Live video webcast available.

**East-West Center in Washington**  
1819 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, Sixth Floor Conference Room  
This event is free and open to the public.

To RSVP, please click here: [www.eastwestcenter.org/go/201](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/go/201).

Kindly send your reply by June 12.

Please note that seating is very limited.

**Mara Hvistendahl** is the Beijing correspondent for *Science* magazine. Her award-winning writing has also appeared in *Harper’s, Scientific American, Popular Science, The Financial Times*, and *Foreign Policy*. She has spent half of the past decade in China, where she has reported on everything from archaeology to the space program and is proficient in both Chinese and Spanish. A former contributing editor at *Seed* magazine and journalism professor at Fudan University in Shanghai, Ms. Hvistendahl sits on the advisory board of Round Earth Media, an organization founded to promote international journalism. *Unnatural Selection: Choosing Boys Over Girls, and the Consequences of a World Full of Men* is her first book.