



EAST-WEST CENTER  
EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

**Keoni Auditorium**  
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall  
Wednesday, **September 16, 2009**  
6:30pm-8:30pm

"Securing Paradise: Tourism and Militarism in  
Hawaii and the Philippines"

***Dr. Vernadette Gonzalez***

This presentation will look to literature as a way to think about the relationship between militarism and tourism in Hawaii and the Philippines. From torture scenes to terrorist sites, writers have theorized the intimate connections between militarism and tourism in the American tropics in a way that bears further investigation.

Dr. Vernadette Gonzalez is an assistant professor in the Department of American Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She received her BA in English Language and Literature from Princeton University and holds a MA and PhD in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Gonzalez's research interests include topics relating to ethnic and cultural studies, gender and sexuality, and the American Empire, and her most recent journal publications include "Military Bases, 'Royalty Trips' and Imperial Modernities: Gendered and Racialized Labor in the Postcolonial Philippines" in *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* and "Consuming 'Polynesia': Visual Spectacles of Native Bodies in Hawaiian Tourism" in *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*.

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***The community is welcome to attend this lecture!***