



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

Keoni Auditorium
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall
Wednesday, **September 23, 2009**
6:30pm-8:30pm

"Gender Matters: Women Entrepreneurs and
Institutional Gender Barriers in the Asia-Pacific"

Ms. Amanda Ellis

This seminar will give an overview of the financial crisis and how it has impacted women and girls in particular. While learning about the stories of women entrepreneurs from the Asia-Pacific region and the institutional barriers they face, we will ultimately address how the United Nations Development Programme goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women can be achieved.

Ms. Amanda Ellis is lead specialist of gender and development programs for the World Bank Group and manages the World Bank Group's Global Private Sector Leaders Forum to promote women's economic empowerment. Ms. Ellis, an economist with specializations in international trade and development economics, was a former participant in the Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, she worked as a diplomat for the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then as national manager for Women in Business at Westpac Banking Corporation in Australia. She is the author of two bestselling books: *Women's Business, Women's Wealth* (2002) and *Woman 2 Woman: New Zealand women share their experiences of career and business* (2004).

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The community is welcome to attend this lecture!