



EAST-WEST CENTER
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East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar

Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
September 15– November 17, 2010
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Syllabus Fall 2010

Perspectives on Social Justice in Asia Pacific Communities

INTRODUCTION

During the Fall 2010 Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) series we will host speakers who will cover a range of issues dealing with social justice and common concerns in the Asia Pacific region. From the level of grassroots, regional and international governance institutions, this seminar series seeks to illustrate common themes that affect our neighborhood, where citizens of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States consider matters of religious tolerance, governance and political change, gender equity, resource management, and the concerns about environmental sustainability, all of which increasingly define the nature of Asia Pacific solidarity in our time. To enable a more participatory and intellectually stimulating WES experience, sessions will involve a variety of tools for presentation including panel discussions, film, and interactive mediums.

In the first week of WES, the introductory session will be about “Getting to know each other”. In this first seminar we will host a local artist from Honolulu who will guide WES participants through creative modes of expressing concerns and critical standpoints drawing from our various backgrounds. In week two, we will proudly host the President of East-West Center Dr. Charles Morrison who will present an overview of the Asia Pacific region. Participants are expected to grasp the broader understanding the current “megatrends” in relation to the role to the East-West Center in global matters. Following Dr. Morrison’s talk, presenters will focus on topics pertaining to international law and social rights, starting with Dr. Kūhiō Vogeler, a former EWC graduate degree fellow, in week three presenting a talk entitled "Defining Occupation in Asia and the Pacific: The Case Studies of Hawai'i and Baltic States". During week five, Jennifer Rose from the William S. Richardson School of Law will hold a discussion on legal community interventions on discrimination against women and domestic violence. Week six we will hold an East-West Center student panel to discuss one of the most

pressing global issues – availability and consumption of water. This panel discussion led by representatives of the East-West Center student community will lend regional insights and experiences on water rights and conservation and the inevitable effects of climate change on the availability of water in our various communities. To end the Fall 2010 WES series, Dr. Paul Rausch from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) will screen the film *Cin(T)a* (2009). Following the film screening we will open the topic to a wider discussion regarding obstacles and complexities of inter-religious and inter-cultural marriages.

OVERVIEW OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) is a weekly gathering of Center participants in their first fall and spring semester. WES brings together fellows from diverse academic disciplines, geographic areas, life experiences, and East-West Center programs to learn and dialogue on issues of common concern that impact the U.S. and Asia Pacific region.

While the graduate student experience tends to focus attention on highly specialized fields of study at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Wednesday Evening Seminar challenges EWC fellows to explore regional issues that may extend beyond their range of expertise or comfort zones. Issues are explored through invited speakers, films and facilitated small group discussions. Through this process EWC fellows forge bonds among themselves through relating their personal or community concerns and experiences that ultimately strengthen the Center's diverse global community.

Past Wednesday Evening Seminar themes:

- Cultural Foundations and Contemporary Expressions in the Asia-Pacific
- Current Challenges and Empowering Voices of the United States, Asia, and Pacific
- Towards a Regional Literacy of the Asia-Pacific and the United States
- The Politics of Globalization and Social Networks in the Asia-Pacific
- Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors
- Risk and Security in Asia and the Pacific

HISTORY OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

As with many innovative activities at the East-West Center, this seminar series emerged from student recommendations and student-led action. Degree fellows perceived the need for a unifying intellectual experience in an increasingly diversified student program. The Wednesday Evening Seminar began as a series of Center-wide discussions to explore the concept, and emerged as a student leadership project that developed into a distinctive, on-going feature of the student program.

Currently, the seminar is planned and organized by East-West Center degree-fellow interns, with the support of the Center's Education and Research program staff. The Seminar is required for degree student fellows during their first fall and spring semesters, and fall semester for Asia Pacific Leadership Program fellows. Continuing fellows are welcome to attend and often continue to participate in the seminar series.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the East-West Center is to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community, thus serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region and the United States. To reach this goal, facilitating understanding among the students of the United States, Asia and the Pacific who

study together at the East-West Center is one of the Wednesday Evening Seminar's most important endeavors. Thus, discussion of the empowerment in Asia and the Pacific can lead to shared knowledge of common concerns that affect our collective futures.

Within this context, specific objectives will aid with communication and enhance the learning process. Nine objectives are listed in the schedule to clarify the educational process of the Wednesday Evening Seminar.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and Participation: Students must attend all course meetings and participate in group discussions. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact Mendl Djunaidy (e-mail provided below). Coming to the Wednesday Evening Seminar should be an engaging and fun way to learn about the Asia Pacific region!

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions concerning attendance, please contact Mendl Djunaidy, Associate Dean of the Education Program at DjunaidM@EastWestCenter.org.

Other questions or concerns about the course can be directed to the following:

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WEBSITE

The syllabus and weekly announcements are posted on the East West Center website's section for the seminar:

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/student-programs/wednesday-evening-seminar/>

PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS: Fall 2010

DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	FORMAT
Week #1 09/15/10	<i>Collaborative work/ New Facilitator Introductions</i>	**Get to Know Each Other/ Collaborative Work**	Small Group Discussion
Week #2 09/22/10	Dr. Charles E. Morrison President, East-West Center Email: morrisoc@EastWestCenter.org	“Asia Pacific Megatrends”	Small Group Discussion, Lecture, Q&A
Week #3 09/29/10	Dr. Kūhiō Vogeler Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (2009) Email: kuhio.vogeler@gmail.com	"Defining Occupation in Asia and the Pacific: The Case Studies of Hawai‘i and Baltic States"	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #4 10/6/10	Dr. G. Shabbir Cheema Senior Fellow and Initiative Director, East-West Center Email: cheemas@East-WestCenter.org	TBA	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
Week #5 10/13/10	Jennifer Rose Gender Equity Counselor, UH Mānoa Lecturer in Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	“Experiencing Abuse While Abroad: Safety and Justice for International Victims of Violence Against Women”	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A
No WES 10/20 and 10/27			
Week #6 11/03/10	Dr. Paul Rausch Associate Director and Outreach Coordinator Center for Southeast Asian Studies University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Email: rausch@hawaii.edu	South East Asian Film Night and talk; Cin(t)a: Outlooks on Inter-religious relationships	Lecture, Film, Auditorium-style
Week #7 11/10/10	East-West Center Student Panel Discussion	“Challenges and potentiality of water resources: Perspectives from Asia and the Pacific communities”	Lecture, Small Group Discussion, Q&A

Week #8 11/17/10	<i>End of Term Party (No Speaker)</i>	**Final group activities and student evaluations**	Small Group Discussion
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