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WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Southeast Asian Film Screening *Cin(T)a*: Outlooks on Religion and Marriage in Indonesia

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

This week's Wednesday Evening Seminar will be co-hosted by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies Wednesday Film Screenings, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Now in its sixth season, the weekly Southeast Asian Film Series serves as an academic forum to introduce our local community to Southeast Asian filmmakers and their films that are rarely seen outside of the region.

This week's film, *Cin(T)a* (2009), tells an everyday story that few other Indonesian films dare to tell. Cina (Sunny Soon), a Chinese Christian, and Annisa (Saira Jihan), a Muslim, both love God dearly. However, these two cannot be in love with each other since they call God by different names (T means Tuhan, God, Yahweh, Allah...). Cina is an outgoing and optimistic freshman, while Annisa is an actress and aspiring film director whose fame and beauty has left her lonely. They fall in love despite their differences in personality and background. However, they can't overcome their difference in faith. *Cin(T)a* not only brings the rawness and passion of the indie film, but also a fast-paced and stylish music video-esque quality to the storytelling. Thanks to the immaculate lensing by the director, Sammaria Simanjuntak (doing her first feature film), ethno-religious conflict in a multicultural society like Indonesia is smoothly integrated into a love story as racial, religious and cultural collisions threaten the world of the two lovebirds.

Following the film, a discussion will be held on religion and marriage in Indonesia. The discussion will be lead by Kelli Swazey (PhD Candidate in Anthropology and EWC Degree Fellow), Rohayati Paseng-Christensen (Southeast Asian Librarian, Hamilton Library), Sulaiman Mappiasse (PhD Candidate in Sociology, EWC Affiliate, and Fulbright Scholar), and Erniyawanti Adam (Ford Foundation, IFP Fellow).

**Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil.
The community is welcome to attend this lecture.**

**For more information about topics and discussions visit
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