



EAST - WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar

Keoni Auditorium
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center
February 6– April 16, 2008
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Syllabus: Spring 2008
Emerging Issues in the Asia and the Pacific

INTRODUCTION

In Fall 2007, the seminar series focused on different aspects of sustainability and sustainable development. In Spring 2008, we will continue the idea of sustainability gearing more towards projects, but under the overarching theme of “Emerging issues in the Asia and the Pacific.” Hence, this semester the series will also include a few seminars to focus on current important international, regional concerns.

We will begin the series with a presentation by Dr. Sitiveni Halapua who will speak about sustainable development in the Pacific region. The week after, we have a panel presentation by a group of students working on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Language Documentation Project. This will be followed by a presentation on cyber crimes and ways to protect ourselves. In the fourth week the Honolulu Academy of Arts is co-sponsoring a talk by Dr. Morris Rossabi from the University of Columbia. He will give a visually illustrated lecture about the historical and current connections in commerce and artistic diffusion of the famous trade route connecting Asia and Europe also known as “the Silk Road”. This will be followed by a discussion on “Smart Buildings,” in the fifth week, and in the sixth week we will have discussions on “Bollywood” for peace. After the spring break, we are scheduled to have a presentation by EWC President Dr. Charles Morrison who will speak about US relations with Asia. The 8th week will bring 4-5 sustainability related projects to the audience. We will conclude with a presentation (with films) about a subtitling project of films from South East Asia as a means to increase audience access and sustainability of small film industries.

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, 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 that ultimately strengthen the Center's diverse, global community.

Recent or upcoming Wednesday Evening Seminar themes:

- Sustainability: Behind the Veneer of the Rhetoric
- Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors
- Empowering People for the Future of Asia and the Pacific
- 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 EWC degree-fellow interns, with the support of the Center's Education and Research programs staff.

The Seminar is required for degree fellows during their first fall and spring semesters, and fall semester for APLP 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!

Readings: Some of the speakers may have articles or other materials for students. These documents may be sent over the East-West Center e-mail list. Thus, it is always wise to check the e-mail list for announcements!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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WEBSITE

The syllabus, weekly announcements, presentations and other reading materials are also posted on the East West Center website's section for the seminar:

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

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W # DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC	FORMAT	OBJECTIVE
Week#1 2/6/08	Dr. Sitiveni Halapua Director, Pacific Islands Development Program, East-West Center Phone: 944-7724 Email: HalapuaS@EastWestCenter.org	“From dream to reality: The challenges we face in promoting sustainable development of the Pacific Islands”	Lecture, small group discussion, Q&A	Introduction of the theme for this semester and discussion on Pacific region
Week#2 2/13/08	Kaori Ueki Email: kueki@hawaii.edu Lisa Ebeling Email: lebeling@hawaii.edu with 2 other students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	“Sustainability of languages: A Language Documentation Center Project”	Student Panel, small group discussion, Q&A	Why and how to save undocumented languages?
Week#3 2/20/08	David Lassner VP for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Information Technology Services University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Tel : 956-3501 Email: david@hawaii.edu	“Threats to personal security in cyberspace: dilemmas of the information highway ”	Lecture, small group discussion, Q&A	How to protect ourselves from cyber crimes
Week#4 2/27/08	Prof. Morris Rossabi Adjunct Associate Professor of Early Chinese and Inner Asian History Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute Columbia University In Honolulu as a Shangri La scholar in residence Email: mr63@columbia.edu Co-sponsored by the Honolulu Academy of Arts	"From silk to oil: Culture and commerce crossing China and Islamic Central Asia"	Lecture, Q&A	The historical and current importance of trade routes in Western China and Central Asia
Week#5 3/5/08	Dr. Stephen Meder Director, Center for Smart Building and Community Design University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program 2525 Correa Road, HIG 212 Honolulu, HI 96822 Phone: 956-7031 Email: smeder@hawaii.edu	“Presenting a case for Smart Buildings”	Lecture, small group discussion, Q&A	A case study showing role of technology in integrating sustainable living ideas

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Week#6 3/12/08	Dr. Shankar Subramanian Associate Professor of English Kuykendall 720 University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Phone: 956.3077 Email: subraman@hawaii.edu	“Beyond Bollywood : Is there a role of films in the political and civic sphere?”	Lecture, Movie(s) clips, Q&A	Entertainment in politics and security
🌸 Break: No seminar on 19th and 26th of March 🌸				
Week#7 4/2/08	Dr. Charles E. Morrison President, East-West Center Phone: 808-944-7103 Email: morrisoc@EastWestCenter.org	“The rise of the dragon: shifting economies and power structures, towards developing a multi-polar world”	Lecture, small group discussion s, Q&A	Current political issues pertaining to USA’s relationship with Asia
Week#8 4/9/08	Bryan Bushley, Shanah Faith Trevenna with 2 other students of the University of Hawai‘i	“Sustaining the sustainability related projects: challenges and success stories”	Panel/ Open space discussion	Showcase some of the ‘homegrown’ sustainability projects
Week#9 4/16/08	Dr. Paul Rausch Associate Director and Outreach Coordinator Center for Southeast Asian Studies University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Phone : 808-956-2688 Email: rausch@hawaii.edu	“Extending the audience and reach of South East Asian movies through sub-titling”	Movie clips and Lecture,	Sustainability of small budget films