Everywhere in the world the sun rises, and it sets. Likewise, everywhere in the world the moon and stars rise and set. The sky above is a common sight in the world. Historically, natural curiosity and awareness of time and space have led to an intense connection between celestial events and human affairs. After successive generations of watching, patterns were noted in the night and daytime skies and passed-on through written stories, oral accounts, folklore, songs, dances, and chants. People began to assign keen observations to certain patterns relevant to time, space, and dimension. Led by EWC participants, we will look to the sky above to open our windows to the universe from Asian, Oceanian, and American perspectives.

East-West Center Student Panel includes:

**Stories from Aotearoa:** Kara Dentice is an Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) Fellow at the East-West Center. Kara has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Geography and a Master of Arts in Resource Management and Planning. He hails from Wellington, New Zealand.

**Stories from Sāmoa Diaspora:** Asalemo Fonoti Crawford is Sāmoan from Seattle, Washington. He is a Graduate Degree Fellow at the East-West Center pursuing a Master of Arts in Resource Management and Planning. He hails from Wellington, New Zealand.

**Stories from Indonesia:** Anis Hamidati is from Jakarta, Indonesia. She is an Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI) Scholar at the East-West Center. She is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in the Communication and Information Sciences program.

**Stories from the Philippines Diaspora:** Jonathan Valdez hails from San Diego, California, and is a Student Affiliate of the East-West Center pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in American Studies.
Stories from the United States: Emily Wright is from Wisconsin. She is a Student Affiliate at the East-West Center pursuing a Master of Arts in Geography with a focus on marine aquaculture in Indonesia.

Stories from the United States: Ryan Shelby is an EWC Student Affiliate from Portland, Oregon, who is pursuing a Master’s degree in Linguistics with a focus on the languages of Melanesia.

The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own water bottle, cup, plate/bowl and utensil. WES is supported by the East-West Center Education Program.