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WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

An East-West Center Student Initiative

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WHY WOMEN COUNT!

WE ARE READY: Women and Politics in the Pacific

A film by

Dionne Fonoti

Centre for Samoan Studies, National University of Sāmoa

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Room, Imin International Conference Center

WE ARE READY: Women and Politics in the Pacific is a film sponsored by the UN Women, an organization dedicated to “the elimination of discrimination against women and girls.” It is a short documentary exploring the history and challenges to Pacific women’s participation in politics, with particular emphasis on the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Sāmoa.

Dionne Fonoti is an anthropologist, educator, and filmmaker based in Apia. She earned a BA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa and an MA in Visual Anthropology from San Francisco State University. Dionne is planning to begin doctoral studies examining how traditional Samoan narrative structures translate into contemporary Indigenous Film, or Fourth Cinema. Dionne teaches all levels of the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage majors at the Centre for Samoan Studies, National University of Sāmoa.

The Why Women Count series is a collection of 5-minute shorts made by broadcasters and producers in 41 countries, each film focusing on the theme of empowerment – what it means in the lives of ordinary women and men around the world. The series aims to inspire, increase awareness and stimulate debate about the key roles of women’s rights and gender equality. Following discussion with Dionne Fonoti, we will show two shorts from the Why Women Count series on Bangladesh and Nepal.

Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own water bottle, cup, plate/bowl and utensil.
The public is invited to attend.