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WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

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*Education Program Presents*

## **Periurbanization and Planning: Identifying, Mapping, and Managing Periurban Communities in Viet Nam**

Jefferson Fox, East West Center Senior Research Fellow  
James H. (Jim) Spencer Associate Professor of Urban & Regional Planning and Political Science at the University of Hawaii Manoa

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Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

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Over the past several years, the world has become urbanized, with greater than half of all people now living in cities. What does this mean, and what are some of the challenges that leaders face over the next couple of decades? Encouraging positive change requires an understanding of the human, built, and natural processes reshaping our lives. For many in the developing parts of Asia periurban settlement is a fact of life bringing new ways of living and challenges. For those in industrial countries, an understanding of the history of settlement patterns may shed light on how Asia meets this challenge, as well as some of the emergent problems of place in their own countries. This Wednesday Evening Seminar tackles the issue of development and settlement by examining periurbanization in Viet Nam.

**Jefferson Fox** is a Senior Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. He studies land-use and land-cover change in Asia and the possible cumulative impact of these changes on the region and the global environment. His ongoing research includes ‘Coupled Natural-Human Systems and Emerging Infectious Diseases: Anthropogenic environmental change and avian influenza in Vietnam’ funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation. He has worked in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China (Yunnan), Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam.

**James H. (Jim) Spencer** is an Associate Professor of Urban & Regional Planning and Political Science at the University of Hawaii Manoa and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the East West Center. His work includes studies of urban services in Viet Nam, Cambodia and Indonesia, Globalization’s impact on cities in Asia, Africa and North America, as well as urban poverty and social inequality in industrialized cities. Prior to coming to the University of Hawaii, he worked with NGOs and Foundations supporting development in the US and Southeast Asia. He has a PhD in Urban Planning from UCLA, an M.E.M. from Yale University and a B.A. from Amherst College.

**Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil. The public is invited to attend. Check out our WES blog - <http://mywes.info/>**