



WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Border Walls

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6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

Two decades after the fall of the Berlin Wall, why are leading democracies like the United States, India, and Israel building massive walls and fences on their borders? Despite predictions of a borderless world through globalization, these three countries alone have built an astonishing combined total of 5,700 kilometers of security barriers. This presentation analyzes how these controversial border security projects were justified in their respective countries, what consequences these physical barriers have on the lives of those living in these newly securitized spaces, and what long-term effects the hardening of political borders will have in these societies and globally.

Reece Jones is a political geographer who studies the changing role borders play in the contemporary world. In 2012, he published *Border Walls: Security and the War on Terror in the United States, India, and Israel* (Zed Books). He has published fifteen academic articles as well as Op-Eds in the *New York Times*, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, *Project Syndicate*, and dozens of other newspapers around the world. He is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. In 2012, he won the University of Hawai'i's Regents Medal for Excellence in Teaching. He is currently working on a book that traces the history of borders from the Great Wall of China to the current era of Global Apartheid.

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