

**CHINA**

**November 12, 2011**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- **Understanding China through its Humor**  
 by Cynthia Ning  
 Comedy achieves its effects by distorting convention in a playful way. "Other"-cultural humor is often difficult to understand, largely because the subtleties of convention in the "other" culture are not fully understood. By taking a closer look at Chinese humor, we can gain a sense of what the subtleties of China's social conventions are, and thereby gain some insight into its culture.
  
- **Confucian China and its Modern Fate**  
 By Daniel W.Y. Kwok  
 In 1911, the Xinhai Revolution terminated China's two-thousand-year tradition as a Confucian state and society. This year, the centennial of that revolution, offers occasion to query the modern fate of China's Confucian past after its twentieth century experience of nationalism and communism, and with its rise in the early twenty-first century as both an economic and political power.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS & CAMBODIA**

**November 19, 2011**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- **Ethno-linguistic Diversity and Nation-building in the Solomon Islands**  
 By Tarcisius Tara Kabutaulaka  
 The Melanesian countries of the southwestern Pacific – Papua New Guinea (PNG), the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia – are among the most ethno-linguistically diverse places in the world. PNG, for example, has about 800 languages spoken by 6 million people; Vanuatu's population of 300,000 speaks 118 different languages; and the Solomon Islands, population 500,000, have at least 87 languages. While these countries celebrate the richness of their cultural diversity, they also face challenges in building united nation-states. This talk will cover the challenges, as well as the opportunities, in building and maintaining multi-cultural nation-states.
  
- **A Case Study on Teaching Khmer Language and Culture: The Khmer Language Program at UH**  
 by Chhany Sak-Humphry  
 Cambodia is finally re-emerging into the international arena after decades of political instability. To help Cambodia in its quest for stability, economic growth, and preservation of its rich linguistic, cultural, and artistic heritage, the Khmer Language Program at UH has developed new language instructional textbooks, interactive multimedia CD-ROMs, and a multimedia network server, all designed to allow learners all over the world to engage with each other. Dr. Sak-Humphry's lecture will focus on the issues and challenges in connecting with, preserving, and teaching the Khmer language and culture in a modern education setting.

**FIJI**

**November 26, 2011**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 9:50 am**

- **Vaka Vanua and Contemporary Fijian Society**  
 by Tarcisius Tara Kabutaulaka  
 Since 1987, Fiji has undergone four military coups. Many scholars have attempted to explain the coups and their impact with ethnicity differences between indigenous Fijians and Indo-Fijians as the major factor. However, the coups and other issues may be better explained by examining how 'traditional' Fijian cultures and old rivalries replay in a contemporary era. This talk will provide a broad overview of the 'Fijian Way' (vaka vanua) and its impact on contemporary issues in Fiji. It explores Fijian cultures and how these have influenced contemporary politics, economics and society.

**SPECIAL LECTURE**

**November 26, 2011**  
**Saturday, 10:00 am – 11:50 am**

- **The End of Globalization As We Know It**  
 by Deane Neubauer  
 The world is currently going through remarkable social, economic and political transformations. Perhaps not unsurprisingly, some of these appear to be caused by the dynamics of contemporary globalization, even as the very nature of that globalization is being affected by such changes. This lecture explores a new phase of globalization, clearly differentiated from earlier periods, into which the world appears to be moving.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Dates**  
 China – November 12, 2011  
 Solomon Islands & Cambodia – November 19, 2011  
 Fiji & Special Lecture – November 26, 2011  
 \*All sessions take place on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**Place**  
 University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus  
 • November 12, 2011 - Kuykendall 210  
 • November 19, 2011 - Kuykendall 210  
 • November 26, 2011 - Kuykendall 210

**Registration**  
 All participants are requested to pre-register. Please complete a registration form and send it to CAPE.

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**CAPE Language & Culture Seminar**  
**Fall 2011**

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*You may assume that you are registered in the seminar unless otherwise notified. No written confirmation of participation will be given.*



## FACULTY AND SPEAKERS

**Tarcisius Tara Kabutaulaka** is a scholar who has worked in universities, as well as with governments, inter-governmental organizations, and communities in the Pacific Islands. He comes from the Weather Coast of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, and was educated in the Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Australia. He received his undergraduate and MA degrees from the University of the South Pacific and a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University. In January 2009, he joined the Center for Pacific Island Studies as an associate professor. Prior to that, he was, for six years, a fellow at the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program. Before moving to Hawaii he taught history and political science at the University of the South Pacific.

**Daniel W.Y. Kwok** is professor emeritus of history at the University of Hawaii, where he has taught Chinese history and world civilizations. He has served in numerous administrative posts, including Director of Asian Studies, Chair of the Department of History, and Director of the Center for Chinese Studies. He also founded and directed the university's Asia Fellowships Program for Journalists. He has held visiting professorships in Hong Kong, China, and Singapore. His numerous publications deal with Chinese history, civilization, and philosophy, including most recently *Vegetable Roots Discourse*, a translation with Robert Aitken of the *Caigentan* (2006).

**Deane Neubauer** is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii, Senior Advisor to the East-West Center, and Director of the Globalization Research Network. He has been in the Department of Political Science at UH since 1970, serving as chair of the department from 1975 to 1978. From 1980-1988, he was the Dean of the College of Social Sciences; he has also served as Chancellor of UH Manoa, and as Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Neubauer received his BA from the University of California-Riverside in 1962, and his MA and PhD from Yale University in 1965, all in political science.

**Cynthia Ning** is Associate Director of the University of Hawaii's Center for Chinese Studies, and Executive Director of the National/International Chinese Language Teachers' Association. She teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in Chinese film and language, and has published Chinese language textbooks through Yale University Press. She is currently working on a handbook for teaching Chinese film.

**Chhany Sak-Humphry** is an associate professor in Khmer and the Coordinator of the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii and in Cambodia. Her research specializations include Old Khmer language, paleography and modern Khmer, as well as foreign language teaching and language-learning using technology. She has received several US-DOE grants to develop innovative teaching materials for all levels. She has expanding and incorporating new technology that can assist in language teaching/learning. In addition to her extensive teaching experience, Dr. Sak-Humphry has used her expertise, in several professional capacities, to work with and serve as an advocate for refugees and immigrants.

The CAPE Language and Culture Seminar is intended to familiarize the business and leisure visitor to Asian countries with basic cultural information and language forms, in order to promote international understanding and exchange. The seminar, which this year features China, Solomon Islands, Cambodia, and Fiji, (1) understanding the region and its people, (2) its languages and their histories, (3) characteristics of personal relations, and (4) social customs and etiquette.

Seminars span three hours and are scheduled on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The 2011 Seminar schedule is as follows:

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Lectures will be followed by ample time for discussion and feedback. All lectures are free to the public; however, registration is required as space is limited (please write, call, fax, or e-mail – see contact information below).

All those interested, whether planning travel or simply curious, are encouraged to attend the seminars where a wealth of information will be provided. Please plan to attend any or all of these informative and timely presentations on China, Solomon Islands, Cambodia, and Fiji. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With warm Aloha,

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange  
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