

FORUM FACULTY/SPEAKERS

Sumner La Croix (Ph.D., University of Washington, 1981) is Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Hawaii-Manoa (UHM), an Adjunct Senior Fellow with the Economics Study Area at the East-West Center, and an affiliate faculty member with the UHM Center for Chinese Studies. La Croix has held visiting positions at the University of Canterbury (1984), the Australian Graduate School of Management (1987), Fudan University (1990), the University of California-Berkeley (1995), Barnard College, Columbia University (1998-2000), and Johns Hopkins University-Bologna (2005). La Croix's research focuses on the economic history, development, and current state of economies in the Asia-Pacific region, with an emphasis on issues pertaining to institutional change, property rights, and organization and regulation of industry. He is co-editor of *Japan's New Economy: Continuity and Change in the Twenty-First Century* (Oxford University Press 2001) and *Institutional Change in Japan: Why It Happens, Why It Doesn't* (Routledge 2006), a contributor to *Historical Statistics of the United States*, millennium edition (Cambridge University Press 2005), and a co-author of *Government and the American Economy from Colonial Times to the Present* (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2006). Current research projects include a study of intellectual property rights and trade agreements; China's international trade; and a book on the economic history of Hawaii.

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Deane Neubauer received his BA from the University of California, Riverside in 1962 and his MA and Ph.D. from Yale University in 1965, all in political science. He taught at the University of California, Irvine, Riverside and Berkeley. He has been in the political science department at the University of Hawaii since 1970, serving as chair of the department from 1975-78. From 1980 - 1988 he was Dean of the College of Social Science at the University of Hawaii. He also served as Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Hawaii. He is Emeritus Professor of

Political Science at the University of Hawaii, and Advisor to the East-West Center. He is also the Director of the Globalization Research Network.

Richard Pratt (Ph.D., political science, University of Hawaii; M.A., educational administration, University of Denver) is the Director of the Public Administration Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa working as a Fulbright Scholar in Mongolia. He teaches classes on critical thinking, the political economy of American public institutions, the reform of public organizations, and changes in leadership. He has worked with a variety of public agencies, and has been involved in higher education reform in Hawaii and the American mainland for a number of years. He is the author of *Hawaii Politics and Government-An American State and a Pacific* (2000), which focuses on Hawaii's public institutions and unique political culture. For several years he has been working with a university in Thailand on issues relating to higher education and regional development.

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William Wood is Professor of Sociology and Public Health at the University of Hawai'i. He received his MPH in Health Services Administration and MA and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Hawai'i. Dr. Wood has been serving as a member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse of Community Epidemiology Work Group since 1990. He is also a reviewer for the Grant Program for Substance Abuse & Mental Health Administration and Health Resources & Services Administration. He has served as a consultant for numerous organizations including World Health Organization, Asian Development Bank, U.S. Public Health Service, Brown and Williamson, and Market Trends Pacific. He served as Interim Dean of School of Public Health from 1995 to 1999 and Interim Director of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association of School of Public Health from 1998 to 2000. From 1990 to 1994, he was the director of International Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research. His current research interests include the patterns of substance abuse and stress, the organization of health systems, operational research and health systems outcomes.

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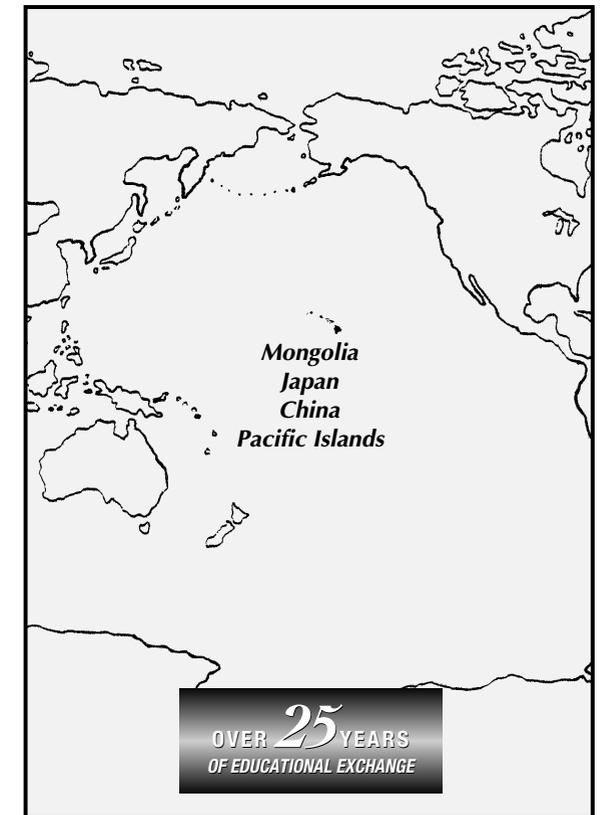
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FORUM COURSE DESCRIPTION

MONGOLIA

April 29, 2006 - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am

- **Mongolia: Confronting Change After the Soviet Withdrawal**
By Richard Pratt and Tsedev Damiran

Mongolia has faced many important questions about its future since the Soviet withdrawal in 1990. This session will focus on the challenges of economic, social, and political reform over the last 16 years.

JAPAN

April 29, 2006 - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- **Institutional Change in Japan: Why It Happens, Why It Doesn't.**
By Sumner La Croix

Japan's post-war economic boom ended in 1990 when Japan's stock market crashed, land prices began a long decline, and annual income growth averaged just one percent through 2002. Economists have argued that the slow response of Japan's government to these events is somewhat to blame for this persistently negative business climate. La Croix argues that Japan's government responded to the economic crisis at about the same pace as other industrialized governments that have encountered similar problems and that historical, cultural, economic, and political factors explain the slow pace of change. He concludes by considering whether Japan's economic reforms have been structured to address predicted large decreases in the supply of prime-age workers; a large increase in the percentage of the population over 60 years; and the increased competition recently provided to labor-intensive manufacturing industries by increases in the value, quality, and sheer number of Chinese-manufactured imports.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dates

Mongolia and Japan – April 29, 2006
China – May 6, 2006
Pacific Islands – May 13, 2006

*All sessions take place on Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

CHINA

May 6, 2006 - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- **Economic and Social Change in Contemporary China**
By Deane Neubauer

China is in the midst of one of the most startling transformations in human history. Perhaps never before have such a large number of people changed basic aspects of how they live and interact than as is currently the situation in contemporary China. This talk will examine a range of such changes and examine in greater detail three aspects: rapid urbanization, changes in work and investment, and possibilities for changes in governance activities.

- **Culture and Ideology in Contemporary China**
By Jungmin Seo

This lecture briefly outlines the dynamics of authoritarian party rule, emerging market economy and popular culture in the contemporary Chinese society. It will also highlight the problem of ideological control from the CCP perspective and various strategies of resistance from societal actors.

Place

University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus
• April 29 – Campus Center Room #220
• May 6 – Campus Center Room #220
• May 13 – Campus Center Room #220

Registration

All participants are requested to pre-register. Please complete a registration form and send it to the Center.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

May 13, 2006 - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- **Complementary Medicine - Pacific Islands and Asia**
By William Wood

This talk will examine what complementary medical systems are and how they have survived in this allopathic world in which we live and what their futures might be. This talk will also look at the systems of Samoa, Hawaii, Yap, Pohnpei, Guam, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea in the Pacific and Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos in Asia in detail. The overarching issue of this talk is about what makes a complementary system complementary, and the region's overall philosophy and methods.

- **Pacific Health: What it was, What it is, What it Could be**
By William Wood

This session will examine the bases of healthcare in the northern and southern Pacific, colonialism as well as its aftermath. In doing so, this session will identify some of the problems and issues related to Pacific Health Care in the new millennium and where the responsibility to solve the problems lies. This session will conclude by pondering what could serve as a hybrid healthcare system for the Pacific.

Fees

Fees are waived for all Hawaii residents.

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