



FORUM COURSE DESCRIPTION

JAPAN

April 24, 2010 – Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

■ **The Global Recovery Challenge: Implications for Japan and East Asia**
by Byron Gangnes

What are the prospects for recovery after the deepest global recession in 70 years? This session will describe the origins of financial crisis and recession, and the challenges facing the global economy as it struggles to recover, discussing specifically the experience of Japan and East Asia during the past two years and the opportunities and risks for the region going forward.

■ **Hatoyama Yukio and the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ): The Road to Power**
by Lonny E. Carlile

The general election in August of last year brought about a change in Japan’s governing party for the first time (with one short period of exception) in 54 years. The new governing party, the Democratic Party of Japan or DPJ, is not particularly well known outside of Japan. This talk will discuss the origins of the party, the process that brought it to power, and its policies, and will consider what we might expect from a DPJ government in the near term.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dates

Japan – April 24, 2010
Afghanistan – May 1, 2010
Disaster Management – May 8, 2010

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

AFGHANISTAN

May 1, 2010 – Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

■ **Afghanistan: History and Society**
by Abdul-Karim Khan

Ever since Ahmad Shah Abdali/Durrani (1722-1773) created the State of Afghanistan in 1747 out of several tribal and ethnic groups, it is these groups, not governments, that dominate the history and society of Afghanistan. This presentation shows their impact on the security and stability of Afghanistan.

■ **The US AfPak Strategy and its Impact on the AfPak Pashtuns**
by Abdul-Karim Khan

There are about 14 million Pashtuns in southeastern Afghanistan and about 20 million of them in northwestern Pakistan. United by language, culture, religion, and history, Pashtuns make the single largest ethnic group in Central Asia. This presentation will show that unless the US/NATO forces win the minds and hearts of the Pashtuns, the AfPak strategy of the Obama Administration is in jeopardy.

Place

University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus
• April 24 – Campus Center Room #220
• May 1 – Campus Center Room #220
• May 8 – Campus Center Room #220

Registration

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

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

May 8, 2010 – Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

■ **Modeling of Storm-induced Coastal Inundation for Emergency Response Planning**
by Kwok Fai Cheung

The presentation will describe the numerical modeling work in support of the FEMA catastrophic hurricane readiness response planning for Hawaii.

■ **Natural Hazard Mitigation**
by Gregory T. Lefcourt

PART I: Tsunamis present a threat in the Pacific and the Hawaiian Island chain. This presentation will include the history of major tsunamis that have landed in the islands and what to expect from locally generated tsunamis.
PART II: This talk will focus on household, organizational, and community recovery from disasters discussed in the context of mitigation activities to reduce vulnerability to disasters. Recovery policies, processes and outcomes are examined at the local, state, and federal levels.

■ **Disaster Mental Health: An Essential Component of Disaster Response**
by Kenneth W.Y. Lee

This presentation will provide participants with an understanding of what disaster mental health is and how this service is an essential part of any comprehensive, effective disaster response.

Fees

Fees are waived for all Hawaii residents.

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 - Japan: April 24, 2010
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You may assume that you are registered in the series unless otherwise notified. No written confirmation of participation will be given.



FORUM FACULTY/SPEAKERS

Lonny E. Carlile is Associate Professor of Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a specialization in Japanese political economy. He received his BA with Distinction in Political Science and Asian Studies from UH in 1974, his MA from Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan in 1979, and his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in 1989. His recent publications include the book *Divisions of Labor: Globality, Ideology, and War in the Shaping of the Japanese Labor Movement* (2005); and an article in the Japan Studies Association Journal entitled "Exploring an 'Asian' Identity for a 21st Century Japan in Two Fukuoka Museums."

Kwok Fai Cheung received his BAsC Magna Cum Laude in Civil Engineering from the University of Ottawa in 1985, and his MASc and PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1987 and 1991. He obtained his Professional Engineer's license in British Columbia, Canada in 1993 and has been a registered Professional Engineer with the State of Hawaii since 1999. Dr. Cheung's education background is marine hydrodynamics and structural mechanics. He worked as a coastal engineer at Sandwell Engineering Inc., British Columbia, from 1991 to 1993, during which he was involved in shoreline management and port development projects worldwide. Dr. Cheung joined the Department of Ocean and Resources Engineering at the University of Hawaii as Assistant Professor in 1993; became full Professor in 2001; and served two consecutive terms as Chair from 2001 to 2007. Outside the University, he is currently serving as Science Advisor to Hawaii State Civil Defense and Foreign Advisor to Chilean Navy Tsunami Program.

Byron Gangnes is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Director of the Hawaii Economy Group for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (UHERO). He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Puget Sound and his Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He teaches macroeconomics, international finance and economic forecasting, and he has published a number of articles and books on trade, tourism and U.S.-Asian economic relationships. With UH Professor Carl Bonham, Professor Gangnes coauthors regular UHERO forecast reports for the Hawaii and global economies. In 2007, he and Professor Bonham were awarded the University of Hawaii's Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Award for Faculty Service to the Community.

Abdul-Karim Khan was born and raised in the Momand tribe of Pashtuns in Peshawar, provincial capital of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan. A lifelong student, Karim received his first Masters degree in English

Literature, and his second Masters in History of the Middle East, both at the University of Peshawar, Pakistan (1979, 1982). During a one year exchange program, Karim received a third Masters degree in History (European Diplomacy) from Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA (1988). He finally completed his Ph.D. in History (Modern South Asia) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1997. Dr. Khan's doctoral dissertation deals with an Islamic peace movement, the Khudai Khidmatgar Tehrik or the Servants of God, among the settled and tribal Pashtuns of the North-West Frontier Province of British India (1927-1947). A professor of History in the University of Hawaii System, he teaches courses in Islamic Civilization, History of Modern Middle East, History of Asia, World Civilizations, and International Terrorism.

Kenneth W.Y. Lee is a 1968 graduate of the University of Hawaii School of Social Work. He retired from federal civil service in August, 2000, as the Supervisor and Discharge Planning Coordinator, Social Work Service, Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. Currently, he serves as the volunteer Hawaii State Disaster Mental Health Lead for the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a national Red Cross instructor, a member of the national Red Cross Critical Response Team (CRT) and the International Response Team (IRT) of the American Red Cross International Disaster Response Unit (IDRU). He has been on more than 20 national and international disaster deployments during his 15 years with the Red Cross. He also has more than 42 years of experience as a clinical social worker, grief and bereavement counselor and disaster mental health clinician within a multitude of settings. He volunteers for the American Cancer Society as a consultant and facilitator in planning and conducting activities for teenagers who are cancer survivors.

Gregory T. Lefcourt is Instructor for UH West Oahu in the subjects of Laws and Procedures, Workplace Violence, Ethics, Managing Law Enforcement Agencies, Community Policing, and Emergency Management/Hazard Mitigation. He received his AA in Economics from Foothill Junior College, his BA in Economics from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and his Masters Degree in Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. Employed with the Honolulu Police Department for 33 years, he has attained the rank of Major and worked as backup Civil Defense Coordinator for the Honolulu Police Department.

Dear Colleague:

The focus of this year's "Asia Today" lectures is on Japan, Afghanistan, and Disaster Management. Forum topics will look at the economic recovery implications for Japan, US AfPak strategy and its impact on the Pashtuns, as well as emergency response planning and disaster mental health.

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange invites you to learn more about these issues at our 24th Annual "Asia Today" Series. Scheduled talks are as follows:

Saturday, April 24, 2010:

Dr. Byron Gangnes: *The Global Recovery Challenge: Implications for Japan and East Asia*

Dr. Lonny E. Carlile: *Hatoyama Yukio and the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ): The Road to Power*

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Dr. Abdul-Karim Khan: *Afghanistan: History and Society and The US AfPak Strategy and its Impact on the AfPak Pashtuns*

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Dr. Kwok Fai Cheung: *Modeling of Storm-induced Coastal Inundation for Emergency Response Planning*
Mr. Gregory T. Lefcourt: *Natural Hazard Mitigation*
Mr. Kenneth W.Y. Lee: *Disaster Mental Health: An Essential Component of Disaster Response*

All sessions take place from 9a.m. to 12noon on three consecutive Saturdays, with all entrance fees waived for local Hawaii residents.

Previous participant responses to the "Asia Today" Series:

"I found the lectures well-organized, well-prepared, and insightful."

"Excellent speakers provided amazingly interesting information in such a short amount of time."

"Very interesting and informative on a wide range of topics. It's a good combination of background and modern era facts."

"It stimulates us to think about ourselves, our society, and our universe, and how we should conduct ourselves."

Please share this information with your friends and colleagues and plan to join us for one or more sessions. This opportunity is unique and space is limited, so please let us hear from you soon. All lectures are free to the public, however you are requested to pre-register by returning the registration form to CAPE by April 23, 2010.

With warm Aloha,

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