

**VIETNAM**

**October 25, 2008**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- **An Overview of Vietnamese History**  
 by Pierre Asselin  
 This presentation will consider the development of the Vietnamese nation from the formation of its first polity to the present. It will consider, among other issues, the nature and implications of Chinese colonial rule, imperial Vietnam, the French conquest and occupation, the American War, and post-1975 politics.
  
- **The Vietnamese during the American War**  
 by Pierre Asselin  
 This talk will take a look at the so-called Vietnam War from the perspective of the Vietnamese. Specifically, it will focus on the Vietnamese communist's revolutionary strategy, from the creation of two rival Vietnamese administrations in 1954 to the fall of Saigon and the "liberation" of the South in 1975.

**THAILAND**

**November 1, 2008**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- **Thai Culture and Social Structure**  
 by Jack Bilmes  
 Thailand has undergone recent dramatic changes as a result of evolving values and the globalized economy. This lecture is a survey of Thai culture and society. It will consider the nation's values and attitudes, government, belief systems, and village life based on fieldwork and teaching experiences from the northern and central villages of Thailand. The presentation will include videotapes of extensive contacts with Thai urban settings, as well as describe some features of the Thai language and writing system.

**RUSSIA**

**November 8, 2008**  
**Saturday, 9:00 am – 11:00 am**

- **Asiatic Russia: Relations with its Neighbors**  
 by Patricia Polansky  
 Russia and its Asian neighbors greatly influence one another both in the past and present. At the moment, there are two major institutes in Vladivostok, Russia dedicated to Oriental studies. This presentation will highlight the history of Russia as a whole, and give a sketch of the Russian people, their daily lives, and their interests. It will also review Russia's relations with China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia, as well as concentrate on the acquisition of Siberia, the Russian American Company, and early visits to the Hawaiian Islands by Russians.

**November 8, 2008**  
**Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- **Changing Globalization?**  
 by Deane Neubauer  
 On the one hand the global credit crunch, initiated by the United States, makes clear the interdependent nature of the world's economies. As the U.S. sinks into recession, so do many other economies slow or decline. On the other hand, is this to be expected from our existing models of global interdependence, or is something "new and unusual" at play here? This lecture will explore some of the structural dynamics of contemporary globalization and pose the question of whether these are predictable aspects or an early manifestation of new dynamics that may be in play.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Dates**  
 Vietnam – October 25, 2008  
 Thailand – November 1, 2008  
 Russia – November 8, 2008  
 \*All sessions take place on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**Place**  
 University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus  
 • October 25 - Campus Center Room #220  
 • November 1 - Campus Center Room #220  
 • November 8 - Campus Center Room #220

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

**Fees**  
 Fees are waived for all Hawaii residents.

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**Fall 2008**

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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.*



## SEMINAR FACULTY

**Pierre Asselin** is Associate Professor in the Department of History at Hawaii Pacific University. He is the author of *A Bitter Peace: Washington, Hanoi, and the Making of the Paris Agreement* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002). He is currently working on a second manuscript on the North Vietnamese's revolutionary strategy from 1954 to 1965. Mr. Asselin's recent publications include "Choosing Peace: Hanoi and the Geneva Agreement on Vietnam, 1954-1955" in *The Journal of Cold War Studies*; "Le Duan and the Creation of an Independent Vietnamese State" in *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*; "Update on Vietnam's New Evidence" in *Passport: The Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*; "Kimball's Vietnam War" in *Diplomatic History*; and "Hanoi and Americanization of the War in Vietnam" in *Pacific Historical Review*.

**Jack Bilmes** is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He received his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University, his M.A. degree in Southeast Asian Studies from Yale University, and his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Stanford University. He has served with the Peace Corps in Thailand for two years and has spent another two years as a Community Development Advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Laos. Dr. Bilmes did his dissertation research in a village in Northern Thailand and has returned there several times for additional research. He has published a number of scholarly articles on Thai interaction and social structure.

**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 Ph.D. from Yale University in 1965, all in political science.

**Patricia Polansky** has been the Russian Bibliographer of UH's Hamilton Library since 1970. She received her BA in Russian Language in 1967 and her MLS in Library Science in 1969 from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She has also served as Director of SHAPS' Center for Russia in Asia (CeRA) from 1988 to 1992. Ms. Polansky is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the International Association of Orientalist Librarians. She has published many works on Russian publications in Asia, and is on the editorial boards of the British journal *Sibirica* and the Russian library journal *Vlast' knigi*. She is presently working on several projects focusing on the history of Russians in Hawai'i, the Russian press in Shanghai, and the history of the publishing connections between Northeast Asia and the Russian Far East. A recent publication is *Ruskaia pechat' v Kitae, Iaponii i Koree: katalog sobraniia Biblioteki imeni Gamil'tona Gavaiskogo universiteta = Russian publications in China, Japan and Korea: catalog of a collection at Hamilton Library University of Hawaii*, edited by Amir Khisamutdinov.

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 Vietnam, Thailand, and Russia, focuses upon (1) understanding the country 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 2008 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 Vietnam, Thailand, and Russia. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With warm Aloha,

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange  
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