FORUM COURSE DESCRIPTION

CHINA
Saturday, April 27, 2013

Political and Economic Change From the Regime of Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping in the People's Republic of China
By Eric Harwit

Current issues of interest in China concern the transition of power at the top of the communist party, and the implications for China's future political and economic reform. This talk will show that overall, there will probably be relatively few new policies in the short run, though some changes in personnel in top party leadership positions have already occurred, shifting attitudes toward corruption and use of state funds, issues in foreign policy, and economic problems such as inflation that could shape China's development in the next 5-10 years.

USA / ASIA
Saturday, May 4, 2013

Post Election US–What Are the Asia Challenges That Face the Second Obama Administration?
By Deane Neubauer

This lecture seeks to frame some of the most significant challenges that face the Obama administration in Asia over the next four years. This talk will examine four: the challenges of continued demographic change; growing inequality; climate change; and resurgent nationalism.

Is “Asia” Viable?
By Deane Neubauer

This lecture seeks to document some of the forces promoting commonality in Asia with a special emphasis on what recent elections and regime changes imply for those countries and the wider region as a whole. There will be special attention given to efforts to promote both a broader Asian consciousness through some of the many transnational organizations that have arisen, and to note of the continued progress of sub-regional entities such as ASEAN.

JAPAN
Saturday, April 27, 2013

Japan–The Sociopolitical Challenges of Historical Memories
By Lonny Carlile

Collective memories of Japan's imperial expansion on the Asian continent are very much alive today and shape social and political processes both inside the country and its external relations. The presentation will provide an overview of the historical events that are at the root of conflicts over historical memory issues associated with Japan, the sociocultural fissures that these have produced inside Japanese society, and their impact on Japan's current relations with its neighbors.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dates
China & Japan – April 27, 2013
USA/Asia – May 4, 2013
Korea & USA – May 11, 2013
*All sessions take place on Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Place
University of Hawaii — Manoa Campus
• April 27 – Kuykendall Hall #210
• May 4 – Kuykendall Hall #210
• May 11 – Kuykendall Hall #210

REGISTRATION FORM

Address

E-mail

Phone

Fax

Job Title

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange
1616 Makiki Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Telephone: (808) 942-8553   Fax: (808) 941-9575
E-mail: cape@cape.edu
FORUM FACULTY/SPEAKERS

Dr. Tae-Ung Baik is an Associate Professor of Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii. He joined the Law School faculty in 2011. Before coming to Hawaii, he had taught as Assistant Professor and Director of the Korean Legal Studies Program at the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia (UBC) for eight years. Professor Baik teaches International Criminal Law, Human Rights in Asia, Comparative Criminal Procedure, and Korean Law. Dr. Baik was born in South Korea earning his LL.B. from Seoul National University College of Law. He earned his master (LL.M.) and doctoral (J.S.D.) degrees in International Human Rights Law from Notre Dame Law School. Dr. Baik was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York, and worked for Human Rights Watch in New York as a research intern and consultant. He conducted a research on human rights as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School in 2002. He also served the South Korean Delegation in the 5th United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights as a legal adviser. His book, Emerging Regional Human Rights Systems in Asia, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2012, which is currently being translated into Korean by Changbi Publishing Co. in Seoul.


Eric Harwit is a Professor of Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii. He has a B.A. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, as well as a diploma from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He has lived in China several years, and speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese. His most recent book is China’s Telecommunications Revolution (Oxford University Press, 2008), and he is currently researching Chinese investment and expansion strategies in South and Southeast Asia. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences, and has been cited in Time magazine, BusinessWeek, The Economist, Asian Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, and other print and broadcast media outlets.

Colin Moore is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. His teaching and research interests include American politics, health policy, and campaigns and elections. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University where his dissertation, “Institutions of Empire,” won the American Political Science Association’s Burnham Award for the best dissertation in politics and history. Prior to joining the political science faculty at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, he was a research fellow at Yale University’s Center for the Study of American Politics and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

Deane Neubauer is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Senior Advisor to the East-West Center, and Director of the Globalization Research Network. He has been in the Department of Political Science at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa since 1970, serving as chair of the department from 1975 to 1978. From 1980-88, he was the Dean of the College of Social Sciences; he has also served as Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, 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 1966, all in political science.

Dear Colleague:

This year’s “Asia Today” Lectures cover China, Japan, South Korea and the United States. South Korea has its first-ever female president; China faces a regime change-overs involving its highest officials; and the United States has just been through a presidential election that returned the incumbent to office. Join us as our guest speakers consider these and other monumental changes on the world’s political stage.

The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange invites you to learn more about these issues at our 27th Annual “Asia Today” Series. Scheduled talks are as follows:

Saturday, April 27 2013:
Dr. Eric Harwit: Political and Economic Change From the Regime of Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping in the People’s Republic of China
Dr. Lonny Carlile: Japan—The Sociopolitical Challenges of Historical Memories

Saturday, May 4, 2013:
Dr. Deane Neubauer: Is “Asia” viable?
Dr. Tae-Ung Baik: Consolidation of Democracy at the Crossroads: Domestic and International Challenges Against Park Geun-hye’s Government
Dr. Colin Moore: The 2012 Presidential Election and the Changing American Electorate

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

Previous participant responses to the “Asia Today” Series:
“Very informative on a wide range of topics. It’s a good combination of background and modern era facts.”
“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.

A gainst Park Geun-hye’s Government

China
Japan
Korea
USA