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	Escalator (2nd FL parking)
	Escalator (3rd & 4th FL)
	Elevator
	Restroom (Men)
	Restroom (Women)
	ATM
	Water fountain
	Bottle filler
	Defibrillator
	First aid
	Art display
	Smoking area
	LCD board
	Entrance
	Wi-Fi area
	Vending area

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FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 4 Ballroom and Rooftop Garden



LEGEND	
	Escalator (3rd & 4th FL)
	Elevator
	Restroom (Men)
	Restroom (Women)
	Water fountain
	Defibrillator
	Smoking area
	LCD board
	Wi-Fi area

ROOFTOP GARDEN FEATURES:	
•	2.5 acre open air rooftop garden
•	Floor Load Limit, 100 lbs per net sq. ft.
•	Grassy stage area approx. 37 x 42 ft.
•	Capacities:
-	Banquet 1,000 (buffet only)
-	Reception 2,500

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Aloha mai kākou!

Welcome to the East-West Center's 7th International Media Conference, or IMC! The conference is one of the Center's flagship events, and I am overjoyed that this year we are able to host it in our home city of Honolulu. This is the first time we have ever held the IMC inside the US, and we are so grateful to all of you who made the journey here—as well as those who are joining us from right here in Hawai'i and those participating virtually around the world. It's also a special "first" to be holding the conference in tandem with our major international gathering of Center alumni, the EWC/EWCA International Conference taking place later in the week.

In a time when we have become ever more reliant on digital forms of media, this year's conference theme— "Connecting in a Zero-Trust World"—has become increasingly critical.

While technology has made it possible to communicate far more effectively than in the past, it has also made it easier to spread distortion and antagonism that can drive communities apart and threaten the fabric of society itself.

As journalists, you have committed to the daunting role of upholding common truth in today's world of rampant distrust and warped realities. At this conference we will be looking at—and learning from you—ways that media can work to lead us to back to fact-based discussion, to reconnect societies, and to rebuild trust among one another.

Over more than half a century, the East-West Center's media programs have provided critical exchange and training opportunities to close to 4,000 journalist participants. Even through the pandemic, the Center has continued to reach out through virtual programming, making our programs and experts more accessible than



ever. Now we are thrilled to once again be able to offer in-person the kind of authentic people-to-people connections that have been EWC's hallmark since its founding in 1960.

The Center and its media programs are dedicated to supporting good governance throughout our region, and we recognize the critical importance of free and truthful reporting, along with the tireless work of journalists. We thank you as IMC participants for making this commitment to an ethical future, and we truly hope you enjoy the conference's many fascinating sessions and discussions. We are also deeply indebted to all our sponsors, partners, staff, and volunteers who have made this extraordinary event possible.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suzanne P. Vares-Lum". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum
President, East-West Center

“Democracies succeed or fail based on their journalism,” CBS News anchor and *60 Minutes* reporter Scott Cameron Pelley once said. That quote, in conjunction with our theme for this year, “Connecting in a Zero Trust World,” reminds us of our responsibility in difficult times.

Yes, our democracies are under attack, and the lack of trust in the world as well as in the media is arguably the strongest weapon of the enemies of democracy.

There is the Russian war against Ukraine with its young democracy. There is still the echo of the Capitol riot in Washington DC. Two thirds of voters of one of the two major parties in the United States, the world’s oldest existing democracy, believe their current president is illegitimate. Military violence and crackdowns on democracies or democratic movements are occurring in a growing number of countries around the world. And what will happen in the medium term in East Asia and the South China Sea?

Journalism is unarmed and can very rarely prevent wars, military coups, invasions, or human rights violations. But journalists can report on these incidents and crises in such a precise, fact-oriented, unbiased, but also brave and courageous way, that their readers, viewers, and audiences will regain trust in the media.

Journalism is relevant, and journalists are dearly needed in a world full of crises. We are not the power that decides within a democracy, and we should never try to be. But we can be powerful enough to defend democracies against their enemies and against a breakdown of trust through our honesty, through our skills and articles and reportages.

Therefore, the Media Programme Asia of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung is very proud to



co-host for the fifth time the International Media Conference in solid partnership with the East-West Center. Supporting democracy and human rights, free speech, and free trade, we are looking forward to discussing, connecting, and working together with you all. Let’s have a good and productive few days here in Honolulu.

Aloha to Hawai’i,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ansgar Graw'.

Ansgar Graw

Director, Media Programme Asia
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, June 27 // Welcome

6:00 - 8:30 PM **SUNSET WELCOME RECEPTION**
Venue: Elks Club Waikīkī, 2933 Kalākaua Avenue, Honolulu

Tuesday, June 28 // Day 1 // Ballroom C

8:00 AM **CHECK-IN DESKS OPEN**

9:00 AM **WELCOME REMARKS**
Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum, President, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)
Ansgar Graw, Director, Media Programme Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (Singapore)
Moderator: Susan Kreifels, Media Program Manager, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

9:20 AM **PLENARY PANEL**
Building Trust in Newsrooms and on Social Media
Dr. Joan Donovan, Research Director, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, Harvard University (Boston, Massachusetts, USA)
Dr. Cherian George, Professor of Media Studies & Associate Dean for Research, School of Communication and Film, Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong)
Alan C. Miller, Founder and CEO, News Literacy Project (Washington DC, USA)
HR Venkatesh, Director of Training and Research, BOOM FactCheck (New Delhi, India)
Moderator: Joy Mayer, Founder & Director, Trusting News (Sarasota, Florida, USA)

10:20 - 10:35 AM **COFFEE / TEA BREAK**

10:35 AM **OPENING KEYNOTE**
The Battle for Facts
Maria Ressa, Co-founder & CEO of Rappler.com; 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (Manila, Philippines)
Moderator: Bill Dorman, Vice President & News Director, Hawai'i Public Radio (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

11:40 AM **PLENARY PANEL**
The Metrics of Public Trust
Stephen Kehoe, President & CEO, Asia Pacific at Edelman (producers of the Edelman Trust Barometer) (Singapore)
Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat (Singapore)

12:30 PM **LUNCHEON PANEL**

Connecting through Cross-Border Collaboration

Safina Nabi, Independent Multimedia Journalist (Srinigar, Jammu, & Kashmir, India)

Lubna Jerar Naqvi, Pakistan Gender Coordinator & Trainer, International Federation of Journalists (Karachi, Pakistan)

Pratyush Ranjan, Executive Editor, Jagran New Media (Delhi, India)

Khuldune Shahid, Pakistan Correspondent, The Diplomat (Lahore, Pakistan)

Disha Shetty, Staff Reporter, The Fuller Project (Pune, India)

Moderator: Steven Youngblood, Founding Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism, Park University (Parkville, Missouri, USA)

1:35 PM **PLENARY PANEL**

Journalism in a State of Emergency

Meghnad Bose, Deputy Editor, Quint Lab, The Quint (Noida, India)

Cape Diamond, Freelance Multimedia Journalist and Documentary Film Producer (Yangon, Myanmar)

Parwiz Kawa, News Editor, Afghanistan International Television (Washington DC, USA)

Paul Ronzheimer, Deputy Editor-in-Chief on assignment in Eastern Ukraine, Bild-Zeitung, (Berlin, Germany)

Moderator: Jocelyn Ford, Former Chair, Media Freedoms Committee, Foreign Correspondents Club of China (Zhuhai, China)

GROUP 1 WORKSHOP

Room 302 ***News Literacy: Combating Disinformation and Strengthening Civic Engagement***

Alan C. Miller, Founder and CEO, News Literacy Project (Washington DC, USA)

Summary: *From the pandemic to elections to the war in Ukraine, mis- and disinformation are a growing global threat. This makes learning how to discern fact from fiction a survival skill in today's fraught information landscape. Such critical thinking empowers people to become equal, engaged, and informed participants in the civic life of their communities and their country. This workshop will discuss the stakes, challenges and rewards of news literacy education and share tips, tools and resources.*

GROUP 2 WORKSHOP

Room 303 **Ethical Challenges and Trust When Using OSINT in Reporting (1/2)**

→ Organized in partnership with the Journalism and Media Program at the Stanley Center for Peace and Security. This two-part workshop requires pre-registration.

Allison Puccioni, Imagery Analyst and Principal/Founder, Armillary Services (Oakland, California, USA)

Devon Terrill, Program Officer, Journalism and Media, Stanley Center for Peace and Security (Muscatine, Iowa, USA)

Luisa Kenausis, Program Associate, Nuclear Weapons Policy, Stanley Center for Peace and Security (Muscatine, Iowa, USA)

Summary: *It is common today to see open source information and analysis used to break news, enhance reporting, pierce attempts at secrecy, and inform public policy. But as the capability of open source analysis has grown dramatically, those using this information increasingly acknowledge ethical dilemmas it presents in their day-to-day work. This workshop will take participants on a deep dive into how open source information-gathering and analysis have evolved over the years and the ethical practices and challenges that have emerged in today's news environment.*

GROUP 3 **Pacific Islands Media: Challenges and Innovation**

Room 305 **Sincha Dimara**, News Manager, *Inside PNG* (Papua New Guinea)

Dr. Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson, Editor, *Pacific Environment Weekly* (Safua, Savai'i, Sāmoa)

Rosa Koian, Program Coordinator, Internews (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

Kila Wani, Executive Director, *Inside PNG* (Papua New Guinea)

Margaret Wise, Chief of Staff, *The Fiji Times* (Suva, Fiji)

Moderator: Donna Hoerder, Program Coordinator, Internews (Suva, Fiji)

GROUP 4 WORKSHOP

Room 307 **Adopting a User-Focused Strategy in Newsrooms**

Alan Soon, Co-Founder & CEO, Splice Media (Singapore)

Summary: *Media is struggling for relevance. Journalism matters—but it needs to stand up to all the other apps competing for your attention on your phone. What do our readers expect of us? What problems do they expect us to solve? What are the jobs that need to be done? Relevance begins with utility—and the needs of our users must be at the center of how we run our newsrooms.*

Tuesday, June 28 // Session 2 // 4:00 PM

GROUP 1 WORKSHOP

Room 302 **Peace Journalism Principles and Practice**

Steven Youngblood, Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism, Park University (Parkville, Missouri, USA)

GROUP 2 WORKSHOP

Room 303 **Ethical Challenges and Trust When Using OSINT in Reporting (2/2)**

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GROUP 3 Global Challenges Facing Women Journalists

Room 305 **Swati Bhattacharjee**, Senior Assistant Editor, Editorial Page, *Ananda Bazar Patrika* (Kolkata, India)

Uni Lubis, Editor-in-Chief, *IDN Times* (Jakarta, Indonesia)

Safina Nabi, Independent Multimedia Journalist (Srinigar, Jammu, & Kashmir, India)

Lubna Jerar Naqvi, Pakistan Gender Coordinator & Trainer, International Federation of Journalists (Karachi, Pakistan)

Moderator: Jocelyn Ford, Former Chair, Media Freedoms Committee, Foreign

GROUP 4 South Korea Goes Conservative: Emerging Issues on the Korean Peninsula

Room 307 **Nari Baek**, Journalist, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul, South Korea)

Jungmin Lee, Washington DC Correspondent, Korean Broadcasting System (Washington DC, USA)

Kyung Ju Lee, Correspondent, The Seoul Shinmun (Washington DC, USA)

Moderator: Steve Herman, Chief National Correspondent, Voice of America (Washington DC, USA)

Tuesday, June 28 // Gala Dinner // Ballroom A
→ *Sponsored by Pacific Century Institute*

5:00 PM GALA CHECK-IN OPENS

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN

6:15 PM WELCOME REMARKS

Ambassador Raymond Burghardt, President, Pacific Century Institute (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Master of Ceremony: Glenn Van Zutphen, Founder, VanMedia Group (Singapore)

6:30 PM MEALS SERVED

7:30 PM AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Journalists of Courage and Impact

Helen Altonn, News Reporter (Retired), *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin* (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Jerry Burris, Political Columnist and Editorial Page Editor (Retired), *The Honolulu Advertiser* (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Kunda Dixit, Editor and Publisher, *Nepali Times* (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Dilrukshi Handunnetti, Executive Director, Center for Investigative Reporting (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

Dr. Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson, Editor, *Pacific Environment Weekly* (Safua, Savai'i, Sāmoa)

Parwiz Kawa, News Editor, Afghanistan International Television (Washington DC, USA)

Soe Myint, Editor-in-Chief & Managing Director, Mizzima Media Group (Yangon, Myanmar)

Wednesday, June 29 // Day 2 // Ballroom C

8:00 AM CHECK-IN DESKS OPEN

9:00 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Close Encounters in an Uncertain Time: The Science-Public Health-Media Nexus in the COVID Era

Dr. Tim Brown, Epidemiologist & Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Moderator: Chad Blair, Politics & Opinion Editor, Honolulu Civil Beat (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

9:40 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Connecting on Climate in the Pacific Islands

Senator Hilda Heine, Former President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Moderator: Dr. Mary Therese Perez Hattori, Interim Director, Pacific Islands Development Program, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

10:10 - COFFEE / TEA BREAK
10:25 AM

10:25 AM PLENARY PANEL

Shaping a New Climate Change Message in the Pacific Islands

Dr. Rosie 'Anolani Alegado, Associate Professor, Department of Oceanography & Hawai'i Sea Grant, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Rev. James Bhagwan, General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches (Fiji)

Brianna Fruean, Climate Activist for Sāmoa (Auckland, New Zealand)

Dr. Tammy Tabe, Oceania Research Fellow, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Moderator: Dr. Victoria Keener, Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center; Co-Lead Principal Investigator, Pacific RISA (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

11:30 AM PLENARY PANEL

Reframing the Conversation on Climate

Kristy Drutman, Environmental Media Host, Activist, and Digital Media Strategist (New York, New York, USA)

Dr. Deepti Ganapathy, Journalist and Professor of Management Communication, Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore, India)

Dr. Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson, Editor, Pacific Environment Weekly (Safua, Savai'i, Sāmoa)

Dr. Matthew A. Shapiro, Professor of Political Science, Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

Panelist/Moderator: Dr. Kevin Woods, Environmental Research Fellow, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Tuesday, June 28 // Luncheon // Room 311

12:45 PM LUNCHEON Q&A

→ *Sponsored by the Meta Journalism Project.*

Nathaniel Gleicher, Head of Security Policy, Meta (San Francisco, California, USA)

Moderator: Dilrukshi Handunnetti, Executive Director, Center for Investigative Reporting (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

GROUP 1 WORKSHOP

Room 302 **Digital Security for Journalists**

→ Sponsored by the Meta Journalism Project.

Luis Botello, Deputy Vice President of Global Impact and Strategy, International Center for Journalists (Washington DC, USA)

Jorge Luis Sierra, Co-Founder & President, Border Center for Journalists and Bloggers (Edinburg, Texas, USA)

Summary: *The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ), in partnership with the Border Center for Journalists and Bloggers (BCJB), is offering an in-person training session on digital security for reporters, media organizations, and civil society groups working in Asia-Pacific. The goal is to help journalists and human rights defenders protect their information, data, devices, and communications from state and non-state actors working to obstruct investigations and suppress freedom of expression.*

GROUP 2 Best Practices in Climate Reporting

Room 303 **Dr. Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson**, Editor, Pacific Environment Weekly (Safua, Savai'i, Sāmoa)

Disha Shetty, Staff Reporter, The Fuller Project (Pune, India)

Moderator: Dr. Deepti Ganapathy, Journalist and Professor of Management Communication, Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore, India)

GROUP 3 WORKSHOP

Room 305 **Evolution of Asian Americans and the Media**

May Lee, Founder & CEO, Lotus Media House; Adjunct Professor, USC Annenberg (Long Beach, California, USA)

Summary: *Since March of 2020, there have been more than 11,000 reported Asian hate incidents in the US, but this is nothing new. The history of Asian American Pacific Islanders reveals that time and time again due to the lack of cultural understanding, education, and representation, Asians have been misunderstood, stereotyped, and targeted. Often, it was the media that helped perpetuate the false narratives and to this very day, journalism in its various forms is still missing the mark and skewing public perception. What can be done to improve representation of AAPIs and raise awareness of their past, present, and future? This workshop will address the erasure of AAPI history and what we can all do to understand the truth in order to build more trust.*

GROUP 4 WORKSHOP

Room 307 **Best Practices for Reporting on the US Military**

Lt. Col. Melissa Milner, US Air Force; Deputy Director of Public Affairs, US INDOPACOM

MAJ Jonathan Camire, Public Affairs Officer, US Army

LCDR Amelia Umayam, Public Affairs Officer, US Navy

GROUP 1 *Democracy Thrown Off Balance*

Room 302 **Nathan Bomey**, National Reporter, Axios (Washington DC, USA)
Ruth Cabal, Senior Correspondent, CNN Philippines (Manila, Philippines)
Arfa Khanum Sherwani, Senior Editor, The Wire (New Delhi, India)
Moderator: Steve Herman, Chief National Correspondent, Voice of America (Washington DC, USA)

GROUP 2 **WORKSHOP**

Room 303 *Digital Security for Journalists (repeat)*

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GROUP 3 *Combating Misinformation*

Room 305 **Ann Hsieh**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *The Storm Media* (Taipei, Taiwan)
Kyung Ju Lee, Correspondent, *The Seoul Shinmun* (Washington DC, USA)
Uni Lubis, Editor-in-Chief, *IDN Times* (Jakarta, Indonesia)
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Pratyush Ranjan, Executive Editor, Jagran New Media (Delhi, India)
Margaret Wise, Chief of Staff, *The Fiji Times* (Suva, Fiji)
Moderator: Philippa McDonald, Former Senior News Reporter, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Sydney, Australia)

GROUP 4 **WORKSHOP**

Room 307 *Restoring Trust through Investigative Documentaries*

Rajneesh Bhandari, Chief Editor, Nepal Investigative Multimedia Journalism Network (Kathmandu, Nepal)

GROUP 1 WORKSHOP

Room 302 **Investigative Journalism in a Zero-Trust World**

Nathan Bomey, National Reporter, Axios (Washington DC, USA)

Dilrukshi Handunnetti, Executive Director, Center for Investigative Reporting (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

***Summary:** In the digital age, investigative journalists are required to remain responsive to socio-technological realities. Tackling both disinformation and media manipulation has become an integral part of today's journalism and become a core area of work for many investigative journalists. This workshop briefly explores the key concepts of news literacy, how to avoid becoming victims of disinformation, and the value of good research, a core value of investigative journalism, as an antidote to disinformation.*

GROUP 2 China and the US: The Playoff for Influence in Asia and the Pacific Islands

Room 303 **Robert Delaney**, North America Bureau Chief, South China Morning Post (Washington DC, USA)

Nirmal Ghosh, US Bureau Chief, The Straits Times (Washington DC, USA)

Dr. Tarcisius Kaubutalaka, Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Panelist/Moderator: Dr. Denny Roy, Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

GROUP 3 Silencing Journalists: Press Freedom in the Asia-Pacific Region

Room 305 **Lesley Power**, CEO, Alliance for Journalists' Freedom (Sydney, Australia)

Kunda Dixit, Editor/Publisher, Nepali Times (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Luz Rimban, Executive Director, Asian Center for Journalism, Ateneo de Manila University (Manila, Philippines)

Thinn Thiri, Editor, Mizzima Medina Group (Falls Church, Virginia USA)

GROUP 4 WORKSHOP

Room 307 **Managing Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance in the Pacific**

Joseph D. Martin, Director, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management & Humanitarian Assistance (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

Wednesday, June 29 // Reception // Rooftop Garden

5:30 - 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR MIXER WITH LIGHTNING TALKS

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Disha Shetty, Staff Reporter, The Fuller Project (Pune, India)

Allison Puccioni, Imagery Analyst and Principal/Founder, Armillary Services (Oakland, California, USA)

Jon Letman, Independent Journalist (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

8:00 AM CHECK-IN DESKS OPEN

9:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY OF EWC/EWCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Host: Annalisa Burgos, News Anchor and Reporter, Hawai'i News Now (Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA)

9:35 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kurt Campbell, US Deputy Assistant to the President, Coordinator for Indo-Pacific Affairs on the National Security Council (Washington DC, USA)

Moderator: Nirmal Ghosh, US Bureau Chief, The Straits Times (Washington DC, USA)

10:10 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Acting Under Secretary of State Liz Allen, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, US Department of State (Washington DC, USA)

Moderator: Steve Herman, Chief National Correspondent, Voice of America (Washington DC, USA)

10:40 - 10:55 AM COFFEE / TEA BREAK

10:55 AM PLENARY SPEAKER

Allies and Partners: Delivering Integrated Deterrence

MajGen Chris McPhillips, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy at US Indo-Pacific Command (Camp Smith, Hawai'i, USA)

Moderator: Dr. Satu Limaye, East-West Center Vice President and Director, East-West Center in Washington (Washington DC, USA)

11:15 AM PLENARY SPEAKER

Asia Matters for America: How and How Much? Facts, Polls, and Perspectives

Dr. Satu Limaye, East-West Center Vice President and Director, East-West Center in Washington (Washington DC, USA)

11:30 AM PLENARY PANEL

Does America Still Matter for Asia? Views on US Influence from Senior Regional Journalists

Robert Delaney, North America Bureau Chief, *South China Morning Post* (Washington DC, USA)

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Arfa Khanum Sherwani, Senior Editor, *The Wire* (New Delhi, India)

Moderator: Dr. Satu Limaye, East-West Center Vice President and Director, East-West Center in Washington (Washington DC, USA)

Thursday, June 30 // Site Visits // Departing from Hawai'i Convention Center

- TOUR 1** ***From the Mountain to the Sea on the North Shore of O'ahu - Exploring the Ahupua'a: Hawaiian Traditional Land Management System***
1:00 - → *This tour requires pre-conference registration due to limited capacity.*
9:00 PM → *Attendees must bring US\$25 in cash for their Hawaiian dinner.*

This tour will showcase one of the best examples of a vibrant, living ahupua'a, deeply rooted in Hawaiian history and culture, spirituality, and traditions. Guided by local cultural and conservation/preservation experts, the group will tour Waimea Valley, enjoy the sunset over the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District at famous Waimea Bay, and partake in a traditional open air Hawaiian meal on the grounds of Waimea Valley Park.

TOUR 2 ***Half-Island Cultural and Historical Tour of O'ahu***

- 1:00 -** Local Hawai'i residents will lead a Half-Island Tour of O'ahu, from Honolulu's downtown
6:00 PM Capitol District to the scenic windward and eastern sides of the island. Along the way,
they will share stories and legends highlighting the rich connection that Hawaiians have
to their culture, history, and land.

TOUR 3 ***Kawainui Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Kailua Town, and Nu'uaniu Pali Lookout***

- 1:00 -** Kawainui Marsh was recognized as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance in
4:00 PM 2005 for its historical, biological, and cultural significance. The wetland encompasses
around 830 acres of land and is the largest remaining wetland in the state of Hawai'i. It is
also home to nearly 60 species of migratory ducks, geese, and shorebirds as well as the
Hawaiian coot, Hawaiian moorhen, and Hawaiian stilt, all of which are native to Hawai'i.
Bring your binoculars to spot these and other animals native to the area! You're in for a
treat when you tour Kailua town. You'll be surrounded by incredible delicious restaurants,
cute boutique shops, and a couple of neat breweries. The tour will include a stop at the
Nu'uaniu Pali lookout, which offers a panoramic view of the windward coast.

TOUR 4 ***United States Indo-Pacific Command, with Briefing and Interview***

- *This tour requires pre-conference registration due to limited capacity.*
1:00 -
4:00 PM In partnership with IMC 2022, the Stanley Center for Peace and Security has organized
a trip to United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM). The activity will include
a pre-trip meeting with boxed lunch at the conference venue, shuttle to INDOPACOM
headquarters, on-site briefing from a senior official, and roundtable Q&A with discussion.

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Rosie ‘Anolani Alegado

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Rosie ‘Anolani Alegado is an associate professor of Oceanography and Sea Grant in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. She serves as the director of the Sea Grant Ulana ‘Ike Center of Excellence and the director of the SOEST Maile Mentoring Bridge, a near-peer mentoring program for students transitioning from Hawai‘i community colleges to UH Mānoa. A microbial oceanographer at the Daniel K. Inouye Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education, her group uses model systems and field experiments to investigate how ecology informs evolution of microbes and their symbioses. Dr. Alegado’s work focuses on how microbial interactions may have large-scale consequences for ecosystem resilience. Her research program is rooted in meaningful academic collaborations and partnerships with indigenous communities. Dr. Alegado earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in toxicology and environmental health from MIT, a PhD in microbiology and immunology from Stanford University School of Medicine, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in evolutionary biology at UC Berkeley. Her professional service includes serving as vice chair of the City and County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission and the National Academy of Science and Engineering Ocean Studies Board.

Elizabeth Allen

Acting Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, US State Department

On April 4, 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken delegated the functions and authorities of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs to Elizabeth M. Allen. She has served as the assistant secretary of global public affairs since September 2021. With over 15 years of strategic communications and public affairs experience, Ms. Allen specializes in message strategy, project and crisis management, and leadership communications. She was previously a partner at Finsbury Glover Hering (FGH), leading integrated communications campaigns and providing strategic counsel to a range of global philanthropic, corporate, non-profit and entertainment clients. In 2020, Allen served as Vice President Kamala Harris’s communications director on the Biden-Harris Presidential campaign. Prior to FGH, she spent seven years in the Obama-Biden White House, serving as deputy communications director and deputy assistant to President Barack Obama, white house director of message planning, and deputy director of communications to then-Vice President Joe Biden. During her White House tenure, Allen drove communications planning around the President’s priorities, domestic and foreign policies, and legislative and outreach strategy. Her former public service extends to the US Department of State, where she served as director of public affairs for educational and cultural affairs, focusing on public diplomacy and the impact of people-to-people exchange programs and international education. She previously worked at the State Department on human trafficking and international women’s issues.

Helen Altonn

News Reporter (Retired), *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin*

Helen Altonn retired in 2010 after 55 years as a Honolulu Star-Bulletin reporter and occasional editor. She covered science on and off with other beats, including the University of Hawai‘i, state government, politics, the Legislature, human services, public safety, health and medical issues. She was born and raised in Nebraska and graduated from Colorado Women’s College and the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She worked two years on a small daily newspaper in California before joining the Star-Bulletin. During her lengthy career, she covered a wide range of events, from presidential visits to volcanic eruptions and hurricanes. She reported on a solar eclipse from Mauna Kea and toured off Oahu in a small UH research submersible. She interviewed countless people, from prisoners and hippies, scientists and doctors to notables such as Charles Lindbergh, Katherine Hepburn, Gregory Peck, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Richard Nixon (before his presidency), and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Helen was based at the Adelaide News and traveled throughout Australia under an International Press Institute fellowship. She worked as a city-desk loaner at USA Today in Washington DC and an East-West Center fellowship took her to Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Jakarta for a series on avian flu and other health issues. She received numerous awards over the years. After retiring from the Star-Bulletin, she assisted with communications at the John A. Burns School of Medicine for about a year, then volunteered as a writer for AARP. She looks back on her newspaper career as a great adventure. It was never boring.

Nari Baek

Journalist, Yonhap News Agency

Nari Baek is a Korean journalist at Yonhap News Agency (YNA) specializing in both inter-Korean relations and US-DPRK

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relations. She has traveled North Korea three times in her career. She previously worked for YNA's Washington bureau covering the Trump administration and is currently based in Seoul with the agency's Department of Content Editing.

James Bhagwan

General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches

Rev. James Bhagwan is from Fiji and currently serves as general secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, the peak ecumenical organization in the Oceania region. Birthed in 1961, today the PCC consists of 33 member churches and 10 national councils of churches across 18 Pacific Island states and territories and comprising some 70% of the Pacific's human population, the PCC's key focus areas over the last 6 decades include ecumenism; political, economic, social and cultural self-determination (including youth engagement and empowerment, child protection and gender justice); and ecological stewardship and climate justice. Rev. Bhagwan is the chaplain for the traditional voyaging canoe the Uto Ni Yalo which advocates for gender-equitable sustainable sea transport, and works with coastal and island communities towards healthy oceans. He is also a trustee of the Uto Ni Yalo Trust and as a volunteer crew member, holds the rank of Watch Captain on the Uto Ni Yalo. A keen swimmer and stand-up paddler, Rev. Bhagwan is one of the founders of Viti SUP and the Va'a Collective which promotes a healthy lifestyle and brings paddlers and sailors to coastal and riverside communities to reduce river and ocean pollution. He is also co-founder of the Suva SUPers Collective which spearheads regular coastal and waterway clean-ups in the Suva area.

Swati Bhattacharjee

Senior Assistant Editor, Editorial Page, *Anandabazar Patrika*

Swati Bhattacharjee is Senior Assistant Editor of the Editorial page at *Anandabazar Patrika* and President of the South Asian Women in the Media (SAWM) India. She writes on health, education, agriculture, and other areas related to gender justice and poverty alleviation. She has a PhD in Social Science from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; an MA in Philosophy from Jadavpur University; and an MSc in Media Research from the University of Stirling, UK. Bhattacharjee was

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Chad Blair

Politics & Opinion Editor, *Honolulu Civil Beat*

Chad Blair (@ChadBlairCB) has been a writer, editor, and teacher in Honolulu for more than 30 years. As politics and opinion editor for Honolulu Civil Beat, his role is to cover how political and policy decisions impact Hawai'i's people and communities. Blair has worked as a journalist for Pacific Business News, Hawaii Public Radio, and Honolulu Weekly. He has taught at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu Community College, Hawai'i Pacific University, and Chaminade University of Honolulu. Blair was the lead author on a series on Micronesian immigration to the United States published by Civil Beat. "The Micronesians" earned first place for online presentation as well as for immigration and border reporting at Best of the West 2016. Blair earned a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in American studies from UH Mānoa. His dissertation, *Democracy in Hawaii: Class, Race and Gender in Local Politics* (1996), was published as *Money, Color and Sex in Hawaii Politics* (Mutual Publishing; 1998).

Nathan Bomey

National Reporter, *Axios*

Nathan Bomey is a Washington DC-based national business reporter for Axios and co-author of Axios Closer, a daily newsletter on the biggest business stories of the day. He is also the author of three nonfiction books: *Detroit Resurrected: To Bankruptcy and Back*; *After the Fact: The Erosion of Truth and the Inevitable Rise of Donald Trump*; and *Bridge Builders: Bringing People Together in a Polarized Age*. His books have won praise from The New York Times Book Review, The New York Review of Books, and Publisher's Weekly. Before joining Axios in 2021, Nathan was a business reporter for USA Today for several years. Previously, he served as a reporter for the Detroit Free Press and several publications in his home state of Michigan. Nathan also served as producer and scriptwriter of *Gradually, Then Suddenly: The Bankruptcy of Detroit*, a full-length documentary film to be released soon that was recently awarded the Library of Congress Lavine/Ken Burns Prize for Film. A 2012 participant in the East-West Center's China-United States Journalists Exchange, Nathan is a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and winner of several national journalism honors, including the National Headliner Award.

Meghnad Bose

Deputy Editor, Quint Lab, *The Quint*

Meghnad Bose (@MeghnadBose93) is an award-winning Indian multimedia journalist currently working at The Quint, one of India's largest independent digital news platforms. As Deputy Editor of Quint Lab, Meghnad helms innovations in journalistic storytelling across the organization. He also continues his reporting endeavors, working on documentaries and special projects. His documentary *The Making of Lynchistan*, which uncovered the modus operandi of anti-Muslim lynch mobs in India, received the South Asian Digital Media Award from the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA). Though Meghnad's investigative work and ground reportage has spanned a range of issues and beats, his biggest area of focus continues to be the ongoing rise of Hindutva extremism in India, and how it impacts the country and its people.

Luis Botello

Deputy Vice President of Global Impact and Strategy, International Center for Journalists

Luis Botello is the deputy vice president of global impact and strategy at the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ), a leading international organization working on the interception of media and technology and empowering a network of journalists worldwide. Botello oversees ICFJ's monitoring, evaluation, and leads their efforts in ensuring the programs' impact. Botello previously served as senior program director of special projects and director for Latin American programs. In these roles, he designed and launched several of the most impactful ICFJ programs that engage media, civil society, and government officials. He launched ICFJ's flagship program, the International Journalists Network, and expanded ICFJ's presence in Latin America, making it the premier journalism organization in the region that develops groundbreaking programs on journalism ethics, press freedom, digital technology, and investigative reporting in more than 20 countries. An award-winning journalist with more than 25 years of experience in reporting critical issues and managing international media programs, Botello is also an international media analyst for major news networks. As a reporter, Botello covered assignments in Latin America, the U.S., and Europe, and focused on U.S. military operations, as well as political and labor issues. He also covered presidential summits in Latin America, elections, and presidential visits to Washington, DC. Botello holds a master's degree in mass communications and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Louisiana State

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Tim Brown

Epidemiologist & Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center

Dr. Tim Brown is a Senior Fellow in the Research Program at East-West Center, where he directs a small team of epidemiologists and programmers in developing and applying tools for HIV modeling and analysis. He works closely with UNAIDS, the Global Fund, Avenir Health and national partners throughout Asia to improve national responses to HIV epidemics and ensure available resources are invested to produce the greatest benefits. He is a member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on Estimates, Modeling and Projection, an advisor to UNAIDS and the Global Fund on HIV modeling and evaluation issues, and an advisor to the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STD in Hong Kong. Before joining the Center, he was formerly assistant professor in electrical engineering, University of Hawai'i; adjunct assistant professor in the Program on Computing, Department of Mathematics, University of California at Los Angeles; and applications group manager, AMETEK Computer Research Division, Pasadena.

Jerry Burris

Political Columnist and Editorial Page Editor (Retired), *The Honolulu Advertiser*

Jerry Burris is a retired author, editor, and journalist. He worked at The Honolulu Advertiser for nearly 40 years reporting on politics and governmental affairs, ultimately finishing his career as a political columnist and editor of the Advertiser's editorial pages. He was previously a correspondent for United Press International in Honolulu and is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Burris was a 1973 East-West Center Jefferson Fellow and has participated in a number of East-West Center programs including the Senior Journalists Seminar, the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, and several urban planning seminars. He has authored or coauthored several books on Hawai'i's history, including *The Dream Begins: How Hawaii Shaped Barack Obama* with coauthor Stu Glauberman.

Kurt Campbell

Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Coordinator for Indo-Pacific Affairs

Dr. Kurt M. Campbell is a former senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center. In 2021, he was named Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States and Coordinator for Indo-Pacific Affairs in the National Security Council, prior to which he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Asia Group, LLC, a strategic advisory and capital management group specializing in the dynamic Asia-Pacific region. From 2009 to 2013, he served as the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, where he is widely credited as being a key architect of the "pivot to Asia." Dr. Campbell previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asia and the Pacific, Director on the National Security Council Staff, Deputy Special Counselor to the president for the North American Free Trade Agreement in the White House, and White House fellow at the Department of the Treasury. He was an officer in the US Navy Reserves, serving on surface ships, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and in the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Advisory Unit. Dr. Campbell has also served as a senior executive or board member for numerous businesses, think tanks, philanthropic organizations, and publications. For advancing a comprehensive US strategy that took him to every corner of the Asia-Pacific region, Secretary Hillary Clinton awarded him the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award (2013) – the nation's highest diplomatic honor.

Robert Delaney

North America Bureau Chief, *South China Morning Post*

Robert Delaney is the South China Morning Post's North America Bureau Chief. He established the SCMP's US bureaus in 2017 as part of the Hong Kong publication's transformation from a local newspaper into a global media organization. Robert assumed the role after many years covering Asia for media outlets including Bloomberg News and Dow Jones Newswires from Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Singapore. A dual Canadian and US citizen, Robert attended the Hopkins-Nanjing Center at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and earned a master's degree from Toronto's Ryerson University, where he specialized in comparative diplomatic rhetoric. Robert's debut novel *The Wounded Muse* is based on true events surrounding the disappearance of a documentary filmmaker in Beijing just before the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, threading together the issues of censorship, unprecedented economic growth, and the isolation of China's LGBTQ community. Robert is also a Black China Caucus mentor.

Cape Diamond

Freelance Multimedia Journalist and Documentary Film Producer

Cape Diamond (@cape_diamond) is a multimedia journalist and award-winning documentary film producer based in Myanmar. During the Rohingya genocide, Cape worked for international media as the most contributed and reporting

journalist on the crisis in Myanmar and mainly covering human rights, crisis and conflicts in Myanmar. As a documentary producer, his works have been aired on Al Jazeera, ABC News, CBS, and more. Mr. Diamond contributed to the BAFTA Award-winning documentary Myanmar's Killing Fields and the New York Film Festival gold medal award winner The Rohingya Exodus. His recent works can be found on CNN, Al Jazeera English, Sky News (UK), Channel 4 (UK), the LA Times, The Guardian, The Washington Post, and Nikkei Asia. Cape Diamond is currently covering the ongoing military coup in Myanmar for several international news outlets.

Kunda Dixit

Editor and Publisher, *Nepali Times*

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Joan Donovan

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Dr. Joan Donovan (@BostonJoan) is the Research Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, where she leads The Technology and Social Change Project (TaSC). TaSC explores how media manipulation is a means to control public conversation, derail democracy, and disrupt society. TaSC conducts research, develops methods, and facilitates workshops for journalists, policy makers, technologists, and civil society organizations on how to detect, document, and debunk media manipulation campaigns. Dr. Donovan leads the field in examining internet and technology studies, online extremism, media manipulation, and disinformation campaigns. Prior to joining Harvard Kennedy School, Dr. Donovan was the Research Lead for Data & Society's Media Manipulation Initiative, where she led a large team of researchers studying efforts to manipulate sociotechnical systems for political gain. She continues to hold an affiliate appointment with Data & Society. Dr. Donovan received her Ph.D. in Sociology and Science Studies from the University of California San Diego, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics, where she studied white supremacists' use of DNA ancestry tests, social movements, and technology.

Bill Dorman

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Bill Dorman is an Emmy-award winning journalist who has covered stories from more than 20 countries and territories. Born in New York City, he spent 21 years at CNN in various positions behind the scenes and on the air in Atlanta, New York, Washington and Tokyo. He was also managing editor of Asia Pacific Broadcast for Bloomberg News for five years before moving to Hawai'i in 2009, where he has been the news director of Hawai'i Public Radio since February 2011.

Kristy Drutman

Environmental Media Host, Activist, and Digital Media Strategist

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Jocelyn Ford

Former Chair, Media Freedoms Committee, Foreign Correspondents Club of China

Jocelyn Ford (@MediaLiteracy2D) is an award-winning US journalist, documentary filmmaker, and media educator. Over her four decades in East Asia, Ford has been a pioneer in covering underreported social justice issues. As the first foreign journalist in the Japanese Prime Minister's press corps, Ford's persistent reporting during the 1990s on World War II sex slaves led to the government's acknowledgement of its role in wartime atrocities against "comfort women." Ford founded news bureaus in both Tokyo and Beijing for American public radio's premiere business show, Marketplace. In 2001 Ford became the first foreigner to co-host a live news show at state-run China Radio International, where she introduced greater balance in reporting. Ford later launched the Media Freedoms Committee at the Foreign Correspondents' Club

of China. Her groundbreaking documentary *Nowhere to Call Home: A Tibetan in Beijing* has been screened worldwide, including as a training film for Chinese state media. Ford currently teaches documentary filmmaking and journalism at Chinese universities.

Brianna Fruean

Climate Activist for Sāmoa

Brianna Fruean (@Brianna_Fruean) is a 23-year-old Samoan climate change activist best known for delivering the opening speech of the 2021 COP26 United Nations climate summit in Glasgow to an audience of world leaders. Brianna has been leading community grassroots projects pushing for climate justice for most of her life. At 11, she became a founding member of the Samoan chapter of the climate organization 350.org, also becoming the youngest 350.org country coordinator. At 16 she became the youngest winner of the prestigious Commonwealth Youth Award for her environmental activism.

Deepti Ganapathy

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Cherian George

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Nirmal Ghosh

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Nathaniel Gleicher

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Ansgar Graw

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Mary Therese Perez Hattori

Interim Director, Pacific Islands Development Program, East-West Center

Dr. Mary Therese Perez Hattori is Interim Director of the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program. Prior to this, she was a Scholarship Program Specialist in the East-West Center's Education Program; Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning and Associate Professor of Education at Chaminade University; Outreach Director of the Center for Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; and Associate Professor of Information Technology and Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Technology at Kapi'olani Community College. A native Chamoru of Guåhan (Guam), she is a community organizer and advocate for Pacific islanders in Hawai'i; co-organizer of cultural events such as the Annual Cultural Animation Film Festival, the Annual Celebrate Micronesia Festival, Micronesian Women's Summit, and Oceania on the Reel; and teacher/mentor of students in Pacific Studies, Learning Design & Technology, and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa & San Francisco State University Educational Doctorate programs as part of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate. She is Affiliate Graduate Faculty of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the USC Rossier School of Education. Dr. Hattori is also an author, poet, public speaker, and philanthropist.

Hilda Heine

Senator and Former President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Senator Hilda Cathy Heine, EdD (@Senator_Heine) served as the eighth President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands from 2016 to January 2020. She is the first woman to serve as President of the country and the first woman to serve as head of state in any of the five Micronesian countries of the North Pacific. Prior to becoming President, Dr. Heine was the nation's Minister of Education. She is currently a senator representing Aur Atoll. Dr. Heine was the first person in the Marshall Islands to earn a doctorate degree. In 1987, she co-founded the women's rights group Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI). She attended university in the United States where she earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Oregon. She earned a master's degree at the University of Hawai'i, and an educational doctorate at the University of Southern California.

Steve Herman

Chief National Correspondent, Voice of America

Steven L. Herman (@W7VOA) is chief national correspondent of the Voice of America (VOA), reporting on major American stories including climate policy, as well as helping shape VOA's 2022 midterm election coverage. From 2017-2021, he was senior White House correspondent and subsequently VOA's White House bureau chief. During the Donald Trump administration, Mr. Herman was the radio pool reporter on dozens of Air Force One flights, including the 45th president's final flight to Florida. In 2020, he covered the Republican incumbent's campaign, as well as that of the Democratic challenger and eventual victor, Joe Biden. Mr. Herman spent more than 25 years in Asia, including years of reporting from Tokyo; as VOA correspondent and bureau chief in India, South Korea and Thailand; and as VOA's senior diplomatic correspondent based at the State Department. In addition, he spent years reporting for AP as the wire service's state broadcast editor in West Virginia. His career has also included stints as a media executive in Asia, launching Discovery Channel and Animal Planet in Japan before becoming senior vice president at PCCW Japan. Mr. Herman is one of 22 journalists who comprise the Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Journalism's inaugural class in climate reporting.

Donna Hoerder

Program Coordinator, Internews

Based in the Fiji Islands, Donna has worked most of her life in the Pacific region with stints in Tanzania and the United States. In her capacity as a media and communications specialist for international and regional organizations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund, Forum Fisheries Agency, and the Pacific Community, she has built a network of media, government and non-government partners. Her work involves building the capacity of media and other organizations that share a common goal with Internews.

Ann Hsieh

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *The Storm Media*

Ching-Fang "Ann" Hsieh is Deputy Editor-in-Chief at The Storm Media, one of the leading digital news organizations in Taiwan. She has worked for The Storm since July 2020 and is responsible for in-depth reports focusing on economic issues, climate change and sustainability. Previously, Ching-Fang worked for the China Times (Taiwan) for more than 25 years, where she served as Deputy Editor-in Chief from 2014 to 2020 and Director of the economic news desk from 2002 to 2008. She earned a master's degree in Mass Communication from Fu Jen Catholic University and was a 2008 East-West Center Jefferson Fellow.

Lagipoiva Cherele Jackson

Editor, *Pacific Environment Weekly*

Dr. Lagipoiva Cherele Jackson (@lagipoiva) is a Samoan journalist and scholar who has spent over 20 years reporting on climate change, human rights, gender and culture from an island perspective. She was a Reuters Fellow at the University of Oxford where she wrote a pioneering study on the coverage of the climate crisis in the Pacific islands. Lagipoiva is the host of "The Impossible Choice" a series by The Guardian, Pacific Project focusing on the existential nature of the climate crisis. She is the recipient of a National Environment Award by the Government of Samoa recognizing her work in climate journalism. She is a mentor and advocate for Pacific journalism and works with the International Federation of Journalists, Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma and New Narratives to strengthen and support journalism in the Pacific islands.

Parwiz Kawa

News Editor, Afghanistan International TV

Parwiz Kawa (@parwizkawa) is a media specialist, civil society activist, and journalist with more than 20 years of experience working in radio, television, and print media. A 2018 recipient of the East-West Center International Media Conference's Journalists of Courage and Impact award, he is now serving as News Editor at Afghanistan International TV in Washington DC. Kawa previously served as Editor-in-Chief and Executive Director of Hasht e Subh Daily in Afghanistan. He is an advisor to Afghanistan Journalists Centre (AFJC) and a jury member for selection of the Journalist of the Year in Afghanistan. Kawa has graduated from the school of Law and Political Science at Kabul University, and holds a Master's degree on Peace, Security, and International Development Studies from the University of Innsbruck.

Victoria Keener

Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center

Dr. Victoria Keener is a Senior Research Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i and the Co-Lead Principal Investigator of the Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences & Assessments (Pacific RISA) program. Dr. Keener does

interdisciplinary research enabling practical applications of climate science for decision making at the local and regional scale in Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands, specializing in freshwater hydrology. Her modeling work uses multivariate time-series analysis and varied spectral methods to identify dominant climate trends in hydrological variables and how they change through time.

Stephen Kehoe

President & CEO, Edelman Asia-Pacific

Stephen Kehoe (@smkehoe) is President and CEO of Asia Pacific at Edelman, a position he has held since July 2019. Prior to this role, he was Global Head of Sectors & Practices at Edelman, which provided leadership over public affairs, corporate communications, executive positioning, consumer brand and a range of industry specialisms, such as health, technology, food and financial services. Stephen's experience spans 25 years of international communications and reputation management. He joined Edelman in January 2018 as Global Chair of Reputation, which included steering the firm's work on the annual Edelman Trust Barometer.

Rosa Koian

Program Coordinator, Internews

Rosa Koian is a journalist and a human rights and environmental activist in Papua New Guinea. In Papua New Guinea and Melanesia she has worked in various spaces including NGOs, churches and the PNG University of Technology. She has a good network from the many spaces she has engaged in. Her current role with Internews Asia Pacific is Project officer in Papua New Guinea.

Susan Kreifels

Media Program Manager, East-West Center

Susan Kreifels manages the East-West Center's journalism fellowships and exchanges and has directed the EWC's International Media Conference since it began in 2008. A former journalist for two decades, she covered Asia and the Pacific Islands while based in Manila, Tokyo, Washington DC, Honolulu, and Guam. Kreifels reported for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, USA TODAY, Dallas Morning News, and Pacific Stars and Stripes and co-hosted a radio talk show on US media for Japan's NHK public radio. She has received numerous journalism awards and fellowships, including the EWC's Jefferson Fellowship and the Mary Morgan Hewett Award for Women in Journalism. Kreifels taught Global Communication at the University of Hawai'i and lectured on international journalism issues at both the China School of Journalism in Beijing and as the Copple-Hearst Lecturer at the University of Nebraska School of Journalism. She founded International Women in Communications, Tokyo, and is a founding member of the Asian Journalists Association. She earned an M.A. in education from the University of Nebraska and completed graduate work in Japan Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC.

Jungmin Lee

Washington DC Correspondent, Korean Broadcasting System

Jungmin Lee has worked at KBS (Korean Broadcasting System) for 20 years and is currently a KBS Washington DC correspondent. She has spent much of her career covering inter-Korean relations and international affairs. Before working in the US from July 2021 she worked for two years as the deputy director of KBS' Department of Unification and Foreign Affairs. She is a former producer of the TV program "The Window Between Two Koreas" as well as a former host of the radio program "Guidebook for Reunification," both specializing in inter-Korean relations.

May Lee

Founder & CEO, Lotus Media House; Adjunct Professor, USC Annenberg

May Lee (@mayleeeasia) is an award-winning journalist who has been both a US based and international anchor, host, correspondent and producer. At the start of 2020, May's production company, Lotus Media House, partnered with NextShark, the leading Asian online news source, to launch The May Lee Show, a vodcast (video-podcast) focused on Asian and Asian American issues and stories. She has since become a prominent voice in the effort to combat anti-Asian hate that exploded due to COVID-19. In July 2021, she was named one of Forbes' 50 Over 50 women leading the way in impact. Along with her media projects, May is also an adjunct professor at USC's Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism. In the past year, she developed a new course, "Evolution of Asian Americans and the Media" to fill the educational gap when it comes to Asian American history. Over the span of her decades long career, May has been an anchor and correspondent for CNN, CNBC, NHK, CGTN America and Oprah Winfrey's first network, Oxygen Media.

Satu Limaye

Vice President, East-West Center; Director, East-West Center in Washington

Dr. Satu P. Limaye (@SatuLimaye) is Vice President of the East-West Center and the Director of the East-West Center in Washington where he created and now directs the Asia Matters for America initiative and is the founding editor of the Asia Pacific Bulletin. He is also a Senior Advisor at CNA Corp (Center for Naval Analyses). He is a graduate of Georgetown University and received his doctorate from Oxford University (Magdalen College) where he was a George C. Marshall Scholar.

Uni Lubis

Editor-in-Chief, IDN Times

Uni Lubis has almost 32 years as journalist, leading print and broadcast newsroom, covering various issues and international events, including numerous climate conferences, APEC, G20, UNGA, and interfaith and intermedia dialogues. She also regularly teaches at Indonesia Journalism School, founded by Indonesia Journalist Association (PWI), since 2011, and lectures on journalism workshop in the region of ASEAN. Previously in charge for Rappler Indonesia (@RapplerID) as Managing Director since 2013, she joined IDN Times in December 2019, focusing on media digital targeting of millennial and Gen Z as Editor-in-Chief. She has been the Chair of the Indonesia Forum of Women Journalists since November 2018.

Joseph D. Martin

Director, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance

Mr. Martin is the Director of the Department of Defense Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM) on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. He directs training, education, applied research, plans and analysis, and crisis support during disasters in support of US Indo-Pacific Command, while retaining worldwide support responsibilities. Mr. Martin also serves as the Climate Change Impact program director for Indo-Pacific Command. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in October 2016 upon resuming duties as the Center's Director; he previously served as the Director of CFE-DM from May 2014 to June 2016 while on active duty as a US Air Force colonel. Prior to his current position, he was the Director of Pacific Outreach at US Indo-Pacific Command, part of a nearly 27-year Air Force career as logistics planner, supply/fuels officer, and logistics readiness officer. He commanded five times at the Flight, Squadron, and Group level, and deployed for Operations Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. Additionally, he served on the Logistics Staff at Pacific Air Forces and the Air Staff, and completed joint positions with the Defense Logistics Agency, US Forces Korea, and US Indo-Pacific Command. Mr. Martin received multiple joint and service awards, and holds graduate degrees from Troy State University, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air University, and National Defense University.

Joy Mayer

Founder, Trusting News

Joy Mayer (@MayerJoy) founded Trusting News in 2016 after a 20-year career in newsrooms and teaching. The Trusting News team works with researchers and newsrooms to examine perceptions of news and trains journalists in transparency and engagement strategies. Ms. Mayer spent 12 years at the Missouri School of Journalism, where she created an audience engagement curriculum and a community outreach team in the newsroom of the Columbia Missourian. In addition to serving as the director of Trusting News, she is an adjunct faculty member at The Poynter Institute. She is based in Sarasota, Florida.

Philippa McDonald

Former Senior News Reporter, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Philippa McDonald (@Philippa_mc) was a Senior Reporter at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) for 30 years (until late 2020). Her award-winning career in journalism has been in TV News, radio and digital news and investigations. Philippa has reported from all over Australia and the world including South East Asia, the Pacific, India, China, and London. Philippa is former East-West Center Jefferson Fellow, has studied at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (University of Oxford) and has been a delegate to the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ). In Australia she has been the chair of the Trustees of the Walkley Foundation (which recognizes excellence in journalism), Vice President of the MEAA (union covering journalists), and a director of the Media, Safety and Solidarity Fund. Throughout 2022, Philippa has been working with ABC International Development, delivering journalism masterclasses in the Pacific as part of PACMAS (Pacific Media Assistance Scheme) alongside FemLINKPacific and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

Alan C. Miller

Founder and CEO, News Literacy Project

Alan C. Miller (@alanmillerNLP) is the founder and CEO of the News Literacy Project (NLP), the largest provider of news literacy education in the country. He established NLP in 2008, following a 21-year career at the Los Angeles Times, to give middle and high school educators the tools to teach their students how to separate fact from fiction in the digital age. NLP now offers programs and resources for educators and the general public to teach, learn and share the ability to be smart, active consumers of news and other information and equal and engaged participants in democracy. During his journalism career, Mr. Miller received more than a dozen national reporting honors, including the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting. In 2020, he was named a Washingtonian of the Year by Washingtonian magazine. In 2021, he won the AARP Purpose Prize. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Wesleyan University and has a Master's degree in political science from the University of Hawai'i.

Soe Myint

Editor-in-Chief & Managing Director, Mizzima Media Group

Mr. Soe Myint (@sm_mizzima) has been working in the media field since 1992 in different capacities from reporting, managing, and training. He was in exile for 24 years while the country was under military dictatorship. He founded Mizzima (derived from the Pali word for "middle" or "moderate") in New Delhi, India in 1998 together with Daw Thin Thin Aung. In January 2012, Mizzima was the first exile media to move back inside Myanmar after the country opened up to democratic change. Myanmar's military regime forcibly shut down Mizzima's television channel shortly after seizing power in February 2021, revoking Mizzima's media licenses and raiding Mizzima's headquarters in Yangon. Thus far six Mizzima journalists including co-founder Daw Thin Thin Aung have been arrested and tortured by the regime. Four of them (including Daw Thin Thin Aung) were released in late 2021, but their two colleagues remain imprisoned by the state. Soe Myint and 17 other Mizzima journalists face government charges for Mizzima's continued reporting following the coup, facing life in prison or worse. Despite these dangers, Soe Myint and his Mizzima colleagues are presently working from locations both inside and outside the country to continue Mizzima's operations as independent media in Myanmar. Mizzima's 140 employees continue to broadcast and publish independent news, information, and entertainment through two free-to-air satellite TV channels, short wave radio, FM radio, web publications, and social media, reaching more than 30 million readers and viewers every day both inside and outside Myanmar. Mizzima has also established Mizzima Media Training Institute inside Myanmar to train young generation of media personnel for future Burma/Myanmar. Soe Myint's publications include the 2003 release "Burma File: A Question of Democracy", as well as numerous articles in various newspapers and magazines. He is a regular speaker and invited guest at national and international forums on media in Myanmar. Soe Myint also currently serves as Chairperson for the Media Development Committee of Burma News International (BNI). He is the 2022 Greeley Peace Scholar at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Safina Nabi

Independent Multimedia Journalist

Safina Nabi is an independent multimedia journalist from South Asia based in Kashmir. She writes on conflict, human rights, gender, health, social justice, culture, and the environment. Her stories have appeared in a range of Indian and international publications like The Guardian, Al Jazeera, Slate, Vice, openDemocracy, Christian Science Monitor, and Article14 among others. One of her investigations has been nominated for the True Story Award 2020 under the Human Rights category; the final winners will be announced in June 2022 in Bern, Switzerland. Safina received a Laadli Media Jury Appreciation Award in 2020 for her gender-sensitive reporting, was shortlisted for the 2021 Red Ink Awards in the women empowerment category, and is a Pulitzer Center Grantee. She completed her Master's degree in mass communication and journalism at the University of Kashmir.

Lubna Jerar Naqvi

Pakistan Gender Coordinator & Trainer, International Federation of Journalists

Lubna Jerar Naqvi (@raiseqalam) is a journalist, social media expert, social media security for journalist trainer, women rights activist, gender and harassment trainer and media trainer. She is an advocate of human rights with focus on women and children rights and has highlighted various issues prevalent in Pakistan on both national and international fronts. She is currently IFJ's Pakistan Gender Coordinator and Trainer, the social media and gender safety trainer for International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), and recently has been elected to IFJ Council Member for Gender 2022-2025. She also serves as the Vice President of Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ) and is member of Pakistan Federal Union for Journalists (PFUJ). She has also been a researcher for the UNESCO-IFJ report "Asia-Pacific media through a gender lens" in 2014-15. She is also the first woman from Pakistan to receive the South Asia Laadli Media & Advertising Award for Gender Sensitivity in 2015.

Allison Puccioni

Imagery Analyst and Principal/Founder, Armillary Services

Allison Puccioni has been an imagery analyst for over 25 years, working within the military, tech, defense, media, and academic communities. After honorably serving in the US Army as an Imagery Analyst from 1991 - 1997, Allison continued the tradecraft within the Defense Industry: augmenting US and NATO operations in the Kosovo airstrike campaign, and as a Senior Analyst and Mission Planner for Naval Special Warfare Group One. After earning her Masters Degree in International Policy, Allison established the commercial satellite imagery analysis capability for the British publication Jane's, publishing Open Source imagery analysis for six years. In 2015, Allison joined Google to assist with the establishment of applications for its commercial small-satellites. Today, Allison is the Principal and Founder of Armillary Services, providing insight on commercial imaging satellites and associated analytics to the governments, nongovernmental organizations, and the commercial sector. Concurrently, Allison manages the multi-sensor imagery analysis team at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation.

Pratyush Ranjan

Executive Editor, Jagran New Media

Pratyush Ranjan (@pratyush_ranjan) has more than 19 years of experience in the Indian digital news media industry. His key expertise areas are fact checking, digital content management, newsroom & editorial process management, cross-functional team leadership, use of artificial intelligence in newsrooms. Pratyush is a certified Fact Check Trainer at GNI India Training Network. Pratyush participated in the "JournalismAI" project (2020), a comprehensive study of the role of AI in the future of journalism led by the London School of Economics' POLIS think tank. He recently won a Silver Award at the South Asian Digital Media Awards under Best COVID-19 Project for his talk show Jagran Dialogues, an exclusive series with top medical experts on COVID-19 pandemic and COVID "misinfodemic." Pratyush has a Data Journalism certificate from the East-West Center and a certificate on Countering State-Based COVID-19 disinformation by CRDF-Global. At present, Pratyush heads the editorial digital desks of Jagran Hindi and English, the online platform of the Dainik Jagran Group.

Maria Ressa

Co-Founder, CEO, & Executive Editor, Rappler.com

Maria Ressa (@mariaressa) is the co-founder, CEO, and executive editor of Rappler.com, an online news organization in the Philippines. Maria, one of TIME's Persons of the Year for 2018 and TIME's 100 Most Influential People in 2019, has been honored around the world for her courageous and bold work in fighting disinformation, "fake news," and attempts to silence the free press. In 2021 Maria became the first Filipino recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her "efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace." Maria advises organizations and corporations on corporate governance, values, and strategy. Her experience as a journalist and an entrepreneur in the digital world makes her a sought-after keynote speaker and panelist. A journalist for over 35 years, Maria has been arrested on 10 charges related to exposing the Duterte government's corrupt practices and was convicted of cyber-libel in June. She is out on bail pending her appeal, but true to form, Ressa vows to keep fighting. Maria was featured in the 2020 documentary A Thousand Cuts, which profiles her fearless reporting on the abuses of Duterte's presidency, while also illustrating social media's capacity to deceive and entrench political power.

Paul Ronzheimer

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Bild-Zeitung

Paul Ronzheimer (@ronzheimer) entered journalism immediately after high school as a trainee at his hometown's local newspaper, Emdener Zeitung. He remained there as an editor until 2008, when he moved to the Axel Springer Academy of Journalism and Technology. From 2009 to 2011, Ronzheimer worked as a Berlin parliamentary correspondent for Bild, Germany and Europe's most-distributed newspaper. In 2012 he became Chief Politics Reporter, specializing in war and crisis reporting from Ukraine, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Ronzheimer became Bild's Deputy Editor-in-Chief in 2019. In 2022 he received recognition as one of the few foreign correspondents to remain in Kyiv following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He has continued to report since the early days of the war, having relocated in May to the highly-contested Donbas region in eastern Ukraine.

Khuldune Shahid

Pakistan Correspondent, The Diplomat

Kunwar Khuldune Shahid (@khuldune) is a Pakistan-based journalist and commentator. He is the Pakistan correspondent for The Diplomat and an editor for 101Reporters. He is the cofounder of Pakistani news satire publications Khabaristan

Times, which was banned by the Pakistani state, and The Dependent. His work has been featured in The Guardian, The Independent, Foreign Policy, the BBC, The Spectator, Haaretz, Arab News, The Daily Beast, Courier International, Le Monde, Welt Sichten, Vox, and MIT Technology Review, among other publications.

Matthew Shapiro

Professor of Political Science, Illinois Institute of Technology

Dr. Matthew A. Shapiro is a professor of political science at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a research affiliate at Argonne National Laboratory's Joint Center for Energy Storage Research. He was selected as a 2022-23 Fulbright U.S. Scholar to research South Korea's green innovation efforts with the United States and China, and he has held research fellowships and appointments at the Asiatic Research Institute at Korea University, the East Asia Institute, the Industrial Technology Research Institute, and the Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute. Dr. Shapiro's published and ongoing research focuses on the challenges of R&D collaboration and technology transfer, transboundary air pollution in Northeast Asia, politicized science and green energy, and filter bubble formation and social media signaling. His work has been published in Energy Policy, Environmental Science & Policy, The Pacific Review, Environment and Planning, American Politics Research, Environmental Communication, Journal of Information Technology and Politics, and Scientometrics among others. Dr. Shapiro was trained in political science, economics, and public policy at the University of California at San Diego (BA) and the University of Southern California (MA, PhD), and he earned an MA in Korean Studies at Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies.

Arfa Khanum Sherwani

Senior Editor, *The Wire*

Arfa Khanum (@khanumarfa) is Senior Editor at The Wire, India's largest independent digital news website, where she leads the multimedia team. She has previously worked with NDTV, Rajya Sabha TV, and Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan's TV show, Satyamev Jayate. She has spent two decades in the broadcast news sector covering politics, policy, and governance issues with a special focus on social justice. At The Wire, she hosts widely viewed video shows, primarily devoted to the issues of people living on the margins of Indian democracy that are largely ignored by the big media. She is a recipient of the Red Ink Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Journalist for her reporting from Kashmir despite the Indian government's lockdown on communication following its 2019 decision to strip the state of its autonomy. She was a Media Ambassadors Fellow at the Robert Bosch Foundation in Germany (2017) and East West Center's Senior Journalists Seminar Fellow (2018). She has a PhD and was the second-ever elected woman vice president of Aligarh Muslim University's alumni association. She is an Advisor in Residence for the Led By Foundation, a leadership program for young Indian Muslim women incubated at Harvard's Centre for Public Leadership.

Disha Shetty

Staff Reporter, The Fuller Project

Disha Shetty (@dishashetty20) is a South Asia-based staff reporter at The Fuller Project, where she writes about environment and health issues. She is the winner of ICFJ's 2018 Global Health Reporting Contest, and has been a 2019 RAF fellow to the UN. She has received reporting grants from the Pulitzer Center, Earth Journalism Network, and International Women's Media Fund, among others. Disha holds a Master's degree in science journalism from Columbia University. She lives in Pune, India.

Jorge Luis Sierra

Co-Founder & President, Border Center for Journalists and Bloggers

Jorge Luis Sierra (@latinointx) is a co-founder and President of the Border Center for Journalists and Bloggers, a non-profit organization based in Edinburg Texas. He is leading the Investigative Reporting Border Hub project to produce data-driven stories on corruption issues at both sides of the US-Mexico border. He works at the intersection of cybersecurity, technology, and investigative reporting. Sierra has taken professional programs on cybersecurity at Harvard University, the University of Texas, and the University of Colorado. As an investigative reporter and editor, Jorge Luis focuses on the intersection of technology, investigative journalism, and cybersecurity. He directed the Mike O'Connor Fellowship Program, a project dedicated to developing new generations of Mexican investigative reporters to conduct in-depth investigations about corruption, torture, human trafficking, and abuse of Mexican private soldiers. As a Knight Fellow of the International Center for Journalists, he created digital maps to track crime, corruption, and attacks on journalists in Panama, Mexico, and Iraq. He developed the Salama web application for journalists and human rights defenders to conduct a risk assessment and improve their security posture. He is the author of a dozen books and chapters on counterinsurgency and armed conflicts.

Alan Soon

Co-Founder & CEO, Splice Media

Alan Soon (@alansoon) is the co-founder of Splice Media, which supports the growth of media startups in Asia through training, networking, and the occasional funding. A career journalist for two decades, Alan has worked in radio, television, news wires, magazine, and online across Asia, giving him unique insight into how various newsrooms get things done—and where they get stuck. He started his career as a reporter and grew into other operational roles at Bloomberg, CNBC, Kyodo News, Star TV, and Channel NewsAsia. He later ran Yahoo's media business in India and Southeast Asia.

Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria

Executive Director, APEC Secretariat

Dr. Tan Sri Datuk Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria (@Rebecca_APEC) is the executive director of the APEC Secretariat based in Singapore, which serves as the advisory body, implementation arm, and custodian of institutional memory for the 21-member economies that make up the APEC forum. Prior to joining APEC, Dr. Sta Maria was a top-level Malaysian civil servant, trade negotiator and academic. She was the Secretary-General of the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry from 2010 to 2016, where she oversaw the formulation of Malaysia's international trade policies and positions and often took the lead in their implementation as chief negotiator for bilateral and regional free trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. Dr. Sta Maria played an integral role in Malaysia's participation in multilateral forums such as APEC, where she often represented her economy during the APEC Ministers' Responsible for Trade Meetings and the Small and Medium Enterprises Ministerial Meetings. Dr. Sta Maria is the first woman executive director of the APEC Secretariat.

Tammy Tabe

Oceania Research Fellow, East-West Center

Dr. Tammy Tabe is Oceania research fellow at the East-West Center. Previously, she was a lecturer at the Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development at The University of the South Pacific. A Solomon Islander of I-Kiribati and Tuvaluan descent, Dr. Tabe has worked widely in the Pacific Islands, specifically in the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tuvalu and Kiribati on marine protected areas, ecosystem-based adaptation, gender inequality, historical relocations of Pacific Islands people, identity and diaspora, and climate change induced migration and displacement. She has established collaborative networks with international and national organizations, institutions, and communities across the Pacific.

Glenn van Zutphen

Founder, VanMedia Group

Glenn van Zutphen is a career international journalist and the Founder of VanMedia Group Pte Ltd, a worldwide media consultancy. He also hosts the weekly "Saturday Mornings" radio show on MoneyFM 89.3, Singapore's most trusted business news station. As a professional journalist for more than 25 years, Glenn worked in print, radio, television, and online news for many media outlets including, CNN International, CNBC Asia, ABC News Radio, NHK Japan, USA Today, and others in the US, Japan, Switzerland, Hong Kong, and Singapore. In recent years, Glenn has coached over 2500 high-performing journalists, business leaders, and students around the world to be confident, credible, and clear in their spoken & written communication across all platforms; he is a recognized interviewer, communications expert, keynote speaker, and facilitator. Glenn currently sits on the Boards of the East-West Center Alumni Association, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, and the Asian American Journalists Association-Asia. He was an EWC Jefferson Fellow in 2002 and the inaugural recipient of the East-West Center's 21st Century Outstanding Service Award in 2016 for his volunteer work across Asia Pacific. Glenn holds a Master's Degree in Digital Media Management from Teesside University (UK) & Hyper Island Singapore, and a BA from the University of Southern California.

Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum

President, East-West Center

Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum took office as president of the East-West Center in January 2022. She is the first woman, Native Hawaiian, and Hawai'i resident to be chosen for this role. Vares-Lum brings executive leadership and planning experience spanning the past several decades, culminating in five years serving with and advising the most senior officials at US Indo-Pacific Command, where she cultivated and maintained key relationships with nations throughout the Indo-Pacific region. As a retired Major General with 34 years of service, Vares-Lum has held key roles addressing priority national security challenges in the region. After retirement, she formed Vares-Lum Indo-Pacific Consulting, LLC to provide consulting and advising on regional issues. She is a seasoned keynote speaker and advocate on Indo-Pacific issues; leadership and mentorship; and Women, Peace, and Security. She led collaborative initiatives in the Pacific, including

Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. As a community leader, Vares-Lum serves on a variety of non-profit boards, including the American Red Cross Pacific Islands Region, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, and the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research. She is a current member of the US-Japan Council, and has also served on committees that promote Hawai'i's economic diversification, workforce development, and community dialogues on issues regarding land and water. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism, Master of Education in teaching from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and her Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. In 2019, she became a National Security Fellow of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She is also an alumna of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

H R Venkatesh

Director of Training and Research, BOOM FactCheck

H R Venkatesh (@hrvenkatesh) is Director, Training and Research at the fact-checking organisation BOOM Live, where he also runs the media literacy initiative Media Buddhi. His work focuses on how news organisations can fight disinformation, bias and polarization in communities in South Asia. He is a former John S. Knight Fellow in journalism at Stanford University and a former ICFJ Knight Fellow. Venkatesh also founded Ekta News Coalition, a collaboration of news organisations in India. He was a founding editor at The Quint and Senior Anchor at CNN-IBN. In 2022, Venkatesh also launched the 100-day Indian Journalism Project. Venkatesh lives in New Delhi and has been educated at Bangalore, Symbiosis, and Oxford Universities.

Margaret Wise

Chief of Staff, The Fiji Times

Margaret Wise is the Chief of Staff of The Fiji Times and has been in the industry for more than 20 years. She is the author of recently released 'A Practical Guide For Journalists – Fighting Child Labour And Promoting Children's Rights In Fiji's Media', a document developed for the ILO and UNICEF. In 2019 she participated in the Pacific Islands Journalism Reporting Tour, which looked into issues ranging from climate resilience and sustainability, security and the US's relationship with Pacific islands, misinformation, disinformation and financing for development. Ms. Wise was also a participant in the East West Centre Disaster Management Fellowship, a 2013 program co-sponsored by the Center for Global Partnership, All-China Journalists Association and the Japan Foreign Press Center/Tokyo. From 2008 - 2014 was part of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and European Union (EU) funded ILO TACKLE (Tackling Child Labour through Education) Project, and subsequently compiled and assisted in the publication of 'Media Spotlight on Child Labour' - containing media articles that depicted the realities faced by children involved in child labour or at risk, and the hardships that they and their families endured.

Kevin Woods

Environmental Research Fellow, East-West Center

Dr. Kevin Woods an environmental research fellow at the East-West Center specializing in political ecology and human geography, with a focus on land and natural resources, ethnic-based armed conflict, and rebel governance. His geographic focus is in mainland Southeast Asia, especially Myanmar, where has worked in varying capacities for nearly two decades. Dr. Woods has also worked as a policy analyst for several international non-profits on land and environmental governance reforms in war and postwar settings.

Steven Youngblood

Founding Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism

Steven Youngblood is a professor of Communications and Peace Studies. He has organized and taught peace journalism seminars and workshops in 40 countries/territories (27 in person; 13 via Zoom). Youngblood is a two-time Fulbright Scholar (Moldova 2001, Azerbaijan 2007). He also served as a US State Department Senior Subject Specialist in Ethiopia in 2018. Youngblood is the author of Peace Journalism Principles and Practices and Professor Komagum. He edits " magazine, and writes and produces the Peace Journalism Insights blog. He has been recognized for his contributions to world peace by the US State Department, Rotary International, and the World Forum for Peace, which named him a Luxembourg Peace Prize laureate for 2020-21.