

CHINA SEMINAR 40th Year

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Friends of East-West Center cordially invites you to the spring 2017 sessions of the



CHINA SEMINAR

Thursday, 9 February, 2017, 12 noon

at

Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg Street, Honolulu

Topic:

Tea as Culture in the Chinese Tradition

By

Hong Jiang

Tea was first used by humans in China several thousand years ago, and since the Tang Dynasty, especially after Lu Yu's famous "Book of Tea," tea drinking has become an important cultural symbol and practice linked closely with the Chinese cultural tradition of Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism, serving as a medium for the cultivation of the mind and body. As such, tea provides a perfect opportunity to study human relationships with nature. This presentation will introduce the changing technologies of tea drinking in China, discuss Lu Yu's "Book of Tea" and his personal biography, and explore how tea drinking has been incorporated in the Chinese tradition as a symbol of self-restraint, virtue, harmony and tranquility. Poetry, painting, and photos of ancient tea utensils will be used to discuss these topics.

Hong Jiang is Associate Professor and Chair of the Geography Department at UHM. She received her bachelor's and master's degree from Beijing Normal University, and her PhD at Clark University. She taught at the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin-Madison prior to coming to UHM. She is a China expert versed in both contemporary Chinese environmental issues and cultural geography of traditional China. Her past research examined land-use and environmental issues in northern China, on which she has published a book and numerous articles. Her current research explores the role of nature in Chinese thought, one component of which is tea and Chinese culture.

• The seminar is **\$20.00** for ***Friends of the East-West Center members, EWC and UH students*** and **\$25.00** for ***non-members*** with luncheon served after the talk. Payment may be made in advance or at the door. Checks should be made payable to ***Friends of the East-West Center***. Seating is first-come, first-served at the Maple Garden Restaurant.

• Please return the form below by mail, fax or email. Reservations must reach us by noon of the day before (February 8). Changes cannot be accommodated thereafter.

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