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## SOIF-HRCFS SPRING RETREAT ASIA PACIFIC@ HAWAII FUTURES

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### THE CONTEXT

In October 2014, China will host the APEC economic leaders meeting at Yanqui lake, near Beijing, on the theme “Shaping the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership.” A month later in Brisbane, Australia will convene the G20 summit with a similar focus: strategies to stimulate growth, and building global economic resilience.

But beyond the new century’s narrative of growth economies, financial crisis, (re-) emerging powers and environmental risks, what will be the Asia Pacific of 2040, and its place in the world?

### THE RETREAT

Looking for answers to this and many other questions, the School of International Futures (SOIF) and the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies (HRCFS) will lead a 4-day retreat on the island of Maui, Hawaii, from April 20-23, 2014. Experts from a wide range of fields will mix with a select group of policymakers, think-tankers and business leaders to identify the underlying forces and drivers of change that will shape the next 30 years.

By attending Asia Pacific@Hawaii Futures, participants will learn a systematic approach to understanding regional and global challenges, and techniques to position their organization to gain strategic advantage from them.

Guided and provoked by foresight luminaries, and inspired by a dynamic guest speakers, Asia Pacific@Hawaii Futures participants will rejoin their professional lives with a hugely expanded view of the possible, probable, and preferable future paths the future might take, and how best to prepare their organisation for them.

### GUEST SPEAKERS AND FORESIGHT FACULTY

- Dr. Jong Guk Song, President of the Science and Technology Policy Institute, Republic of Korea
- Ms Jill Wong, Director of the Strategic Policy Office in the Prime Minister’s Office, Singapore
- Dr. Jim Dator, Director, Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies, & Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Dr. Sohail Inayatullah, Professor, Graduate Institute of Futures Studies, Tamkang University, Taiwan & Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of the Sunshine Coast

*We will announce more prominent speakers in the coming weeks.*

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Asia Pacific@Hawaii Futures participants will experience alternative futures and explore emerging issues using scenarios, engage with experts in geopolitics, climate change, technology, and economics, and work closely with senior regional policymakers. Our 25 attendees will benefit from a unique mix of analytic intelligence and creative visioning.

We will teach you scenario techniques and tools for developing and testing strategies. You will use these during expert-guided practical sessions, addressing a series of challenges. We will offer you insights into regional and global trends, opening up multiple viewpoints and suggesting the potential for regional and global collaboration. We will facilitate dynamic learning spaces with top scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from the region and beyond.

After the retreat, we will work to maximize its value for you. By hosting a series of events since 2012 with policy-makers and business leaders from across the globe, SOIF has built up a network of users and commissioners of foresight, which offers a valuable resource to participants seeking to apply their new knowledge on their return home.

Having recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, HRCFS is one of the longest-standing institutions dedicated to foresight, and one of the world's leading centers of futures research, consulting, and education.

## WHO IS ASIA PACIFIC@HAWAII FUTURES FOR?

Asia Pacific@Hawaii Futures offers unparalleled insight and experience: whether you are the horizon scanning lead for your government or enterprise, head up a strategy unit, lead your organization's risk audit or global trends study, or are setting up an in-house foresight unit. Whether you have already taken part in scenario planning or systems mapping exercises, or are new to the field and want to decide which techniques are most suitable for your organization, we will demonstrate how strategic foresight can help you get tangible results.

Through lectures and tutorials, case studies and live examples, you will leave the course with a better understanding of how a set of radically different futures could come about. There will be particular focus on how foresight processes and methods can inform decision-making at regional and global levels, to maximize the benefit to your stakeholders.

## HAWAII – STRATEGIC VANTAGE-POINT MID-PACIFIC

The Hawaiian islands are the most geographically isolated landmass in the world. At the same time, they offer a stepping-stone on the way from the West to the emerging economic and political powers of the Asia Pacific region... and in the other direction. Asia Pacific@Hawaii Futures will make the most of this strategic location to explore regional and global challenges and opportunities, looking both ways. Nestled in the heart of Maui's lush up-country, our retreat center, the Lumeria, offers a six-acre sanctuary overlooking the North Shore of what is known locally as "the Valley Isle." With stunning ocean and island views, the Lumeria provides an ideal *piko* (center in Hawaiian) from which to gaze out in all directions, to assess critical data points and imagine futures for Asia Pacific and beyond.

## WHAT IS SOIF?

Founded by Alun Rhydderch and Cat Tully, the School of International Futures was conceived to meet the growing interest in the use of strategic foresight among international policy officials, business leaders, analysts and activists. Alun was part of the team that set up the UK Government's Horizon Scanning Centre, which helped put analysis of future trends and scenario planning at the heart of the strategy process in UK government. Cat, as strategy project director in the UK FCO's Policy planning Unit, championed the application of these tools to British foreign policy.

## WHAT IS HRCFS?

HRCFS was established by the Hawaii State Legislature in 1971 following the groundbreaking success of the Hawaii 2000 project. Located within the Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, it has been instrumental in the education of four decades of futurists, in the development and spread of judicial and educational foresight, and in bringing foresight and futures thinking to organizations, agencies, and businesses around the world.



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