1995 Mansfield Conference and Academic Symposium

Landscapes and Communities in Asia and the Pacific Northwest

October 15 - 17, 1995
The University of Montana
Missoula Campus

"Dancing Cranes," Monte Dolack, 1995

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Mr Akira Yamaguchi and The International Ecodevelopment Institute, Japan
CONCEPT

It is in vain to dream of a wildness distant from ourselves. There is none such. It is the bog in our brain and bowels, the primitive vigor of Nature in us, that inspires that dream. I shall never find in the wilds of Labrador any greater wildness than in some recess in Concord... than I import into it.

Henry David Thoreau, Journal. August 30, 1856
Epigram in Simon Schama, Landscape and Memory, 1995

The 1995 Mansfield Conference and Symposium offer students, faculty, and members of the larger community the chance to explore further how communities impact the environment. These events and discussions are also designed to encourage reflection on how landscapes impact on communities--both in the Pacific Northwest and in Asia.

The 1995 Conference and Symposium are a beginning step in the Mansfield Center's long-term goal to integrate environmental concerns with Asian perspectives into The University curriculum. With new curricular opportunities, students and faculty will be able to pursue the study of environmental issues in the contexts of both the Pacific Northwest and Asia.

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Mr. Akira Yamaguchi is the founder and President of the Kinoshiro Taïsetsu family of companies in Hokkaido, Japan. Mr. Yamaguchi established the International EcoDevelopment Institute (IEI) in 1992 to promote academic, economic, and cultural programs related to sustaining communities in northern bioregions. His support of the Mansfield Center and The University of Montana provides the foundation for developing programs and curricula to integrate Asian realities and perspectives into the study of environmental issues.
Sunday, October 15, 7:00 PM, University Theatre

Gamelan Concert
(Music and Dance co-sponsored with University of Montana Productions and the School of Fine Arts)

GAMelan SEkar JAYA is based in the San Francisco Bay area and has performed in New York City, Los Angeles, Vancouver, as well as in Bali. Guest director is Balinese virtuoso Dewa Putu Berata. Gamelan music is an artistic way of exploring themes in Indonesian ways of thinking about nature, communities, and tradition.

Monday, October 16, 7:30 PM, Montana Theatre

Bio-Diversity and Community in the Pacific Northwest

JACK WARD THOMAS, Chief, United States Forest Service; Wildlife Biologist; Author, The Elk of North America, Ecology and Management, Wildlife Habitats in Managed Forests—the Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington; Faculty, Workshop on Bio-Diversity, Wildlife Institute of India.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 PM, Montana Theatre

Grass Roots Volunteerism and Communities in Japan

KAYOKO HOSOKAWA, Special Olympics Committee of Japan; Japan Committee for the Vaccination of the World's Children; Women's Study Group in Politics; former First Lady of Kumamoto Prefecture and of Japan.

Twenty-sixth Mansfield Lecture in International Relations, supported by The University of Montana Foundation
THE SYMPOSIUM

Session #1: "Historical Ways of Seeing Landscapes"
Monday, October 16, 9:00 AM, Dell Brown Room (Turner Hall)


Session #2, "Historical Ways of Seeing Communities"
Monday, October 16, 1:00 PM, Journalism 304


Session #3, "When Communities Become Global, I"
Monday, October 16, 3:15 PM, Journalism 304


Session #4, "When Communities Become Global, II"
Tuesday, October 17, 8:10 AM, Dell Brown Room (Turner Hall)


Session #5, "How Communities Respond"
Tuesday, October 17, 10:30 AM, Dell Brown Room (Turner Hall)


Session #6, "Refining the Questions"
Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 PM, Journalism 304


THE MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD CENTER

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana recognizes and honors four decades of Mike Mansfield's distinguished career. Both he and his wife, Maureen, whom he credits as being responsible for many of his successes, are graduates of The University of Montana. Later, as a member of the history faculty at The University, Professor Mansfield expressed his lifelong interest in Asia by introducing courses on Far Eastern history.

In 1942 he went to Washington to represent Montana for ten years in the House of Representatives, followed by twenty-four years as a member of the Senate, including sixteen years as Senate Majority Leader. In 1977 President Jimmy Carter appointed Mike Mansfield as Ambassador to Japan, a position he continued to hold under President Ronald Reagan, until 1989.

Each year the Center sponsors a Mansfield conference with a distinguished roster of speakers, writers, and public figures. Running concurrently with the 1995 Conference is an academic symposium, funded by Akira Yamaguchi, President of KST-Hokkaido. The Center faculty teach and do research in the areas of Modern Asian Affairs and Ethics in Public Affairs.

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