The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar Book Launch of:

**Building Asia’s Security**

Featuring:

**Dr. Nick Bisley**
Associate Professor and Program Convenor, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

As global economic and strategic weight shifts to Asia, countries in the region are considering how to recalibrate their policies to best meet the strategic challenges of the twenty-first century. Due to the growing strategic rivalry between the United States and China and the emergence of transnational threats, such as terrorism, energy insecurity and infectious diseases, Asian governments are increasingly interested in multilateral security cooperation. There is considerable interest in improving the region’s institutional setting, with some even calling for a formal Asian Community which could include security agreements. Yet, Asia, today, is far from possessing a well-planned security ‘architecture.’ Based on his recently published book, *Building Asia’s Security* (Routledge for IISS, 2010, Adelphi No. 408), a part of the Adelphi series, Dr. Nick Bisley will provide an up-to-date analysis of the region’s distinctive and rapidly changing security arrangements and will look at how national rivalries, mutual mistrust and institutional failings frustrate efforts to build closer ties.

**Wednesday, December 1**
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Lunch will be served.

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1819 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 2nd Floor Conference Room
This event is free and open to the public.

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Kindly send your reply by **November 30**. Please note that seating is limited.

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greater priority to Central Asian security during its chairmanship. Lithuania has also expressed interest in Central Asia’s being a focal point of its 2011 chairmanship. On 2 February Foreign Minister Saudabayev told the U.S. CSCE Commission that “issues of Afghani-stan are especially acute for regional countries.” In London Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov called for fuller use of OSCE capabilities to create counter-drug, security belts around Afghanistan. Having ties and interests in Europe and Asia.