

# Science, Politics, and Governance

Constructing Better Dialogues and Producing Better Results

November 12 & 13, 2015

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“Science,” “politics,” and “governance” proceed on different premises, goals, timetables, and operating cultures. Conflicts between them are critically important because they shape the way laws and regulations are made and then enforced. Many collisions in these three domains turn ugly. Amplified by unrestrained Internet outrage and absolutists on all sides of any given debate, some turn into vitriolic battles that fracture communities of common interest. One result: eroding confidence in all three institutions: science, governance and politics.

Hawai‘i has a hard history in this area with battles that have often produced sub-optimum results in terms of solutions to bigger problems: Oahu’s rail project, Super Ferry, genetically modified agriculture, cane burning, and telescopes on Mauna Kea and Haleakala. These tactical fights often missed opportunities to solve bigger problems. Further battles lie ahead as Hawai‘i undergoes more demographic, political, and economical change.

Are there alternative ways to anticipate, prevent, and manage these kinds of conflicts to better effect? Can we construct less acrimonious dialogues that simultaneously produce better results? Can we invent procedures that complement and augment legal, regulatory, and legislative decision-making and honor the always-tenuous connections between peace and justice?

This conference on November 12 and the optional workshop on November 13 will explore both the problem and future pathways and offer new insights and practical skills.

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*Mahalo* to the Collaborative Leaders Network for hosting the 11/13 workshop.

# Conference

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Thursday, November 12, 2015 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Keoni Auditorium/East West Center  
Imin Conference Center 1777 East West Road, UH Mānoa Campus

- 8:00a**      **Coffee and Breakfast Refreshments**
- 8:30**      **Welcome and Startup** – Anne Smoke Matsuda, Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Peter S. Adler, The ACCORD3.0 Network
- 8:45**      **Opening Remarks: “In Search of Better Ways”** – Jan TenBruggencate, Journalist
- 9:15**      **Panel - Learning from Cases and Problems** – Moderated by Kem Lowry, Planner and Professor *Emeritus*, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UH Mānoa
- *Conserving landscapes and Wildlife Corridors* – Ann Gosline, Mediator and Arbitrator, Maine
  - *Mauna Kea and the Thirty-Meter Telescope* – Peter Apo, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
  - *U.S. National Parks and the Keahou Aquifer Problem* – Denise Antolini, Associate Dean, William S. Richardson School of Law
  - *Climate Change and Our Uncertain Fresh Water Supply* – Josh Stanbro, Hawai‘i Community Foundation
- 10:15**      **Break**
- 10:30**      **Engaging in Better Dialogue: The GMO Hypothetical (Part 1)** – Howard Gadlin, Moderator
- A not-so hypothetical case problem that gives us a chance to explore a less polarizing conversation method that also allows for the emergence of common ground.
- 11:00 – 11:20**      **Facilitated Table Conversations: For Labeling and Against Labeling**
- 12:15p**      **Lunch**
- 1:00**      **A 15-minute After Lunch Film Festival**
- 1:15**      **How Decisions REALLY Get Made: The ‘Realpolitik’ of Science, Politics and Governance** – Col. Robert Fishman, Former Managing Director, City & County of Honolulu
- 1:40**      **GMO Labeling (Part 2)** – Moderated by Howard Gadlin, Ombudsman, National Institutes for Health
- Open Discussion with everyone in the room led by the moderator.
- Joint Statement from the Morning Panel and Final Reflections
- 2:30**      **Break**
- 2:45**      **Pathways Forward – A Closing Roundtable** – Peter Adler, Moderator
- Michael Wilson, Associate Justice, Hawai‘i Supreme Court
  - Malia Akutagawa JD, William S. Richardson School of Law and Hui ‘Āina Momona
  - Tusi Avegalio, PhD, Pacific Island Business Center, Shidler College of Business, UH Mānoa
  - Elizabeth Kent, Esq., ACCORD3.0
- 3:45**      **Last Words and Aloha!** – Carole Petersen, Director, Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- 4:00**      **Pau!**