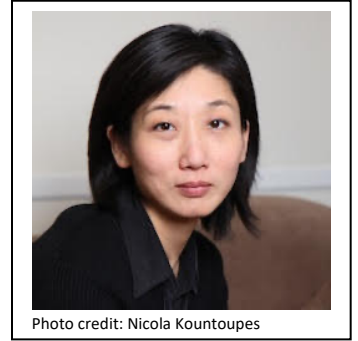


Making Peace with Nature: Ecological Encounters Along the Korean DMZ

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 3:00-4:30 P.M. at the Center for
Korean Studies Auditorium, UH Mānoa Campus

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In this book talk, author Eleana J. Kim discusses how the DMZ, reputed to be the most heavily fortified border in the world, has become a space associated with biodiversity and nonhuman flourishing. Based on fieldwork with ecologists, environmentalists, and local residents, Kim asks what we can learn from the DMZ, beyond popular narratives that frame it as an ironic outcome of war and violence. In contrast, she identifies multispecies relations in the South Korean borderlands and offers an analytic of "biological peace," which she contends can expand conventional understandings of peace as only about human-centered politics.

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