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## “The Legacy of the 2008 Beijing Olympics”

Many observers had high hopes that the Beijing Summer Games would be a game changing moment, ushering an era of democracy and improved human rights. That didn't happen. Instead, there was a government crackdown on dissidents before and during the Games. But the Olympics have transformed China in many subtle but equally important ways, domestically and internationally.

**Friday, October 24, 4:00 p.m.**

**Center for Korean Studies Auditorium**

**University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus**

**1881 East-West Road**

*Talk will be followed by a reception.*

SHAI OSTER IS A BEIJING-BASED CORRESPONDENT for the *Wall Street Journal* where he covers energy and the environment. He previously served as Beijing Bureau Chief for *AsiaWeek* and as Beijing correspondent for the Bureau of National Affairs and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. He has covered OPEC for Dow Jones Newswires in London. ❖ Shai won a Pulitzer prize for International Reporting in 2007 as part of a team that was cited by the award committee for its “sharply edged reports on the adverse impact of China’s booming capitalism on conditions ranging from inequality to pollution.” ❖ This year, he was the recipient of the George Polk Award for environmental reporting, for a series of stories exposing environmental problems associated with China’s Three Gorges Dam Project. The series also won the Asia Society’s Osborne Elliott Award for Excellence in Journalism on Asia. ❖ In 2005, Shai was awarded the Online Business Journalist of Year for “groundbreaking coverage of Saudi Arabia,” focusing on energy and economic issues. ❖ He also captured the Dow Jones Newswires Award for Journalistic Excellence in 2003–2004 for team coverage of OPEC. ❖ In 2000, Shai won a full-time fellowship from the Phillips Foundation to write about China’s attempt to embrace American prosperity and reject American ideals. ❖ He graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in history and an M.S. in journalism. He was born in Jerusalem and speaks Hebrew, French, and Chinese.

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