



## AVIAN FLU: THE THREAT OF PANDEMICS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE CHALLENGES OF U.S. PREPAREDNESS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mason Hall boardroom D23**

**George Mason University, Fairfax campus**

**Free Admission**

With the experience of SARS and the potential for H5N1 Avian Flu coming from east and south-east Asia, issues of health policies have taken on an even more obvious global nature. The question of Avian Flu impacting humans is already a serious issue in southern China and south-east Asia. The larger fear is that human-to-human transmission may occur at some point. If a pandemic did occur, northern Virginia would be susceptible because of its large Asian immigrant populations, and frequent flow of peoples between the DC area and Asia.

The goal of this conference is to provide a forum to examine the issues in global health threats and to explore the challenges of preparedness. Specialists, practitioners and students with interests in public health, public policy, Asian-Pacific affairs, global studies, and emergency preparedness are encouraged to attend.

### Panel Discussions:

- Threats of Infectious Disease Pandemics
- Global Health Policies and Socio-Economic Factors
- Current States of Preparedness

**Lunch Speaker: "The APEC Avian Flu Pandemic Exercises: Hong Kong, June, 06" by the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office, Washington D.C.**

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