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Aloha Āina: Resource Management in Hawai'i

Thursday, June 23, 5.30 pm in the Environmental Science Center (innocube, room 101)

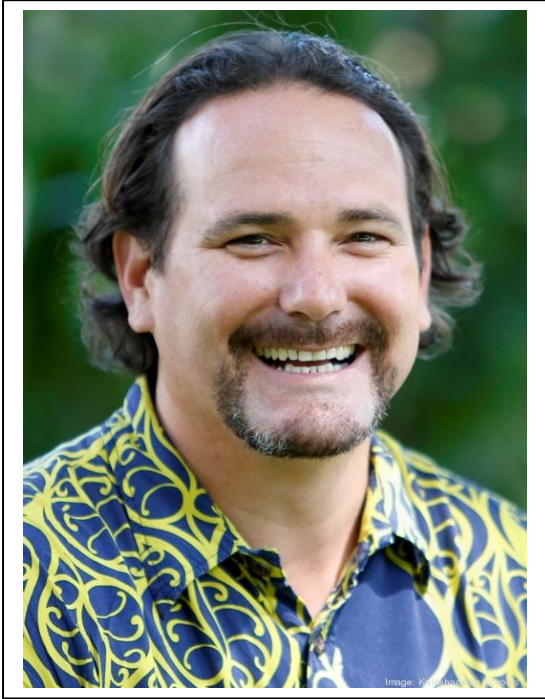
Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer, President and CEO of the Kohala Centers (NGO) on the Island of Hawai'i and Assistant Professor at the University of Hawai'i in Honolulu. He received bachelor's degrees in both Philosophy and Hawaiian Studies in 2002. And a M.A. in 2005 and a PhD in Cultural Geography in 2008. He has been working with the Resource Lab at the University of Augsburg on sustainable resource and energy concepts for several years. On Thursday, June 23, 5.30 pm he will speak about his research in the Environmental Science Center (innocube, room 101).

The Island of Hawai'i, with most of the world's climate zones contained in a clearly bounded environment, could be conceived as a miniature version of the planet. Furthermore, its extreme and troubling dependence on imported food and fossil fuels (more than 90 %) could also be viewed as a model of humanity's growing inability to live successfully at the intersection of human and natural systems. With Hawai'i Island's remarkably abundant natural resources, and with a root culture steeped in knowledge about ways to live in harmony and abundance with nature, the island could also serve as a model for the world when it comes to solutions for achieving energy self-reliance, food self-reliance, and ecosystem health.

This way of living comes from the ancient Hawai'i with the words *Aloha Āina*, means *the love of the land*: love, respect and abundance of the land. The folk-etymologic description of the letter Aloha means after the last king of Hawai'i, Lili'uokalani (1891-1893: „In contemplation of God's exhalation“.

Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer will talk on **Thursday, June 23, 5.30 pm in the Environmental Science Center (innocube, room 101)** about „Aloha Āina: Resource Management in Hawai'i“. As President and CEO of the Kohala Center and Assistant Professor at the University of Hawai'i in Honolulu he works with several committees to prevent the culture and tradition of native Hawai'i. He is also the **author of the book „No Makou Ka Manaa – Liberating the Nation“**, that granted the Hawaii Publishers Association Award for the book of the year 2015.

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