

**Asia Society Hong Kong Center
October 2010 Program**

Habit of a Foreign Sky

**An Evening Discussion with Xu Xi, Author & Writer-in-Residence,
City University of Hong Kong**

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Hong Kong Club, Windsor Room, 1 Jackson Road, Central

Cocktail reception at 6.30 p.m., Presentation at 7.00 p.m., Close at 8.00 p.m.

\$150 Asia Society members/Full-time students; \$200 Non-members

(Priority to members)

“Smart, eloquent, cosmopolitan ... a scintillating accomplishment.”

- Don Lee, award-winning author of *Yellow* and *Wrack and Ruin*



For Gail, a mixed-race, single mother who loses her only child and her mother in the span of two years, all she has left is a hard won career at a global investment bank. Life rapidly goes into free fall for this woman with a complicated past, who was once so sure of her direction in life, and who now sees no clear path for herself. What happens when an intelligent, high-powered woman executive relinquishes all responsibilities? Set in the midst of the Asian financial crisis, *Habit of a Foreign Sky*, is Xu Xi's latest book which was short-listed for the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize. Xu Xi is author of seven books of fiction and essays and is currently faculty chair at Vermont College of Fine Arts and a full time writer-in-residence at the City University of Hong Kong. She has received many awards including the 2006 O. Henry Prize Stories collection, and was also writer-in-residence at Chateau de Lavigny, University of Iowa and the Kerouac Project. Xu Xi will read from and discuss her latest novel with Anna Sherman, a Tokyo-based editor who studied classics at Wellesley College and Lincoln College, Oxford. Book sale after program.

Moderated by Anna Sherman, Editor

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