



# Libraries PacFika

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### LIBRARIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a very real phenomenon. Watch the local, regional and world weather news and reports and there are very often reports on flooding, strong winds and heavy rain that indicate weather patterns are changing and that they impact on the environment. For those of us in the Pacific who live on islands and coral atolls, climate change is very much a part of our daily lives and needs our attention.

How are libraries raising local awareness of climate change and what it is doing to our countries? How are libraries contributing to knowledge on slowing down the negative impact of climate change using sustainable development?

It is our responsibility to build collections with content on current issues and that include print, audio-visual and digital resources. Local libraries should endeavor to be a source of information and mental stimulation on issues affecting our Pacific countries. It is not enough to merely have a collection of resources. These must be brought to life through public talks and displays on issues

of concern and of interest and reflected in local action.

Public, community and academic libraries should be taking a lead role. This can be done by offering talks and presentations by locals and visitors. Many professionals and tourists who visit our island shores are professionals who are only too willing to share their expertise and experience on issues such as climate change. It is only a matter of finding out via the coconut wireless about who is around with such knowledge. These sharings need not be formal presentations as such but could include a gathering over a cup of tea, 'bu' (coconut juice) or kava!

All our libraries need to seriously consider making climate change a part of library collections and activities.

In this issue of Libraries PacFika, we pay tribute to four library staff who retired at the end of March 2015 after a combined 144 years of service to the USP Library, Laucala Campus.

*Elizabeth Reade Fong*



# DEVELOPMENTS

## THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND INSTITUTIONS: ELECTIONS

IFLA ([www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)) gives the profession and its members direction and guidance. For the information of Pacific Island Library Associations and library personnel, the composition of the 2015-2017 Governing Board of IFLA led by President Donna Scheeder is President-elect, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón (Spain) who will serve as President for the term 2017-2019. Details of the election can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/node/9590>

Elected Members are: Loida Garcia-Febo (United States); Ngian Lek Choh (Singapore); Victoria Owen (Canada); Kirsten Boelt (Denmark); Andrew McDonald (United Kingdom); Ellen Ndeshi Namhila (Namibia); Christine Wellems (Germany); Christine Mackenzie (Australia); Ágnes Hajdu Barát (Hungary); Margaret

Allen (Australia).

Ex-officio members of the Board will be: Chair Professional Committee: Maria Carme Torras i Calvo, Norway; Chair Division I: Raissa Teodori, Italy; Chair Division II: Frederick Zarndt, United States; Chair Division III: Viviana Quiñones, France; Chair Division IV: Perry Moree, The Netherlands; Chair Division V: Victoria Okojie, Nigeria. The Chair of the Management of Library Associations Section will be elected in August at its standing committee meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

Board members will take office on 21 August 2015.

## CONFERENCES

### PARBICA 16 CONFERENCE

The Sixteenth Conference of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (PARBICA) <http://www.parbica.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/parbica16/index.aspx> is being held in association with the ARANZ conference (Theme: Footprints in space and time) in Auckland from 7-9 September 2015.

Whilst the call for papers closed on 8 May 2015, the online registration for Early Bird is now open with rates applying

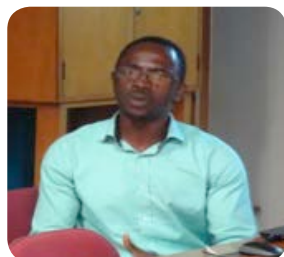
until Friday July 17. Early Bird rates, online registration, and information on our key-note speakers and conference themes can be found on the 2015 ARANZ Conference website: <http://aranzconference2015.org.nz/>

Queries may be sent to the Conference co-convenors – Theresa Graham [tgraham@aucklandmuseum.com](mailto:tgraham@aucklandmuseum.com) and Belinda Battley [belinda.battley@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.battley@gmail.com)

## REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

### NATIONAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

During the week of June 1-5, 2015, Dr. Eric Boamah of the School of Social Sciences, Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and Dr. Gillian Oliver of the School of Information Studies, Victoria University of Wellington visited to the Fiji National Archives to undertake research on national information management in Fiji for the International Council of Archives. The Digital preservation of cultural heritage was an important consideration.



On Friday, 5 June, 2015 the USP Library invited Doctor Boamah to present on their research. Since Dr. Boamah was the recipient of an Erasmus Mundus scholarship for his MA in Information Studies, he also spoke on his experience and provided

detail on the scholarship as the USP is also a recipient of Erasmus Mundus scholarships.

The event was attended by 23 library professionals and paraprofessionals from USP, the Reserve Bank of Fiji and the Fiji Library Association.





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## AMERICAN CORNER FIJI WORKSHOP

Siwagami Devi and Jacqueline Waqasobasoba of The University of the South Pacific Lautoka Campus library staff were invited to an American Corner Fiji Workshop at the Western Regional Library (Lautoka City) on Thursday April 30th 2015.

The workshop was conducted by Ms. Alka Bhatnagar, Regional Information Resource Officer and also attended by other local librarians from the Western Division.

Ms. Bhatnagar presented on the new library trends in US public libraries and the eLibraryUSA database. She also shared her experiences as a professional librarian in the United States, highlighting the vital role of librarians as researchers, customer service individuals, community liaison officers and information specialists.

The following free online basic library training links were provided for those interested in pursuing training in librarianship and library services (the courses can be attempted at their own pace):

- Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/able>
- Supplement to ABLE (SABLE) <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/sable> (Specialized services to children and young adults, plus cataloguing sound recordings and ILL)

This online training includes step by step processes on how to classify resources using the Dewey Decimal Classification which is very relevant for Fiji libraries.

Ms. Bhatnagar said that these links would be ideal for those librarians who are studying for a library qualification and was also of use to those who have not had any formal library training but work in libraries.

She also provided some links which can help our students and staff for scholarships and grants for further education and development.

Editor's Note: Library personnel in Suva were the beneficiaries of a similar workshop during a previous visit by Ms. Bhatnagar and were most appreciative of it. The US Embassy is acknowledged for always including libraries in their programmes.

## NEW BOOKS – GIFT GIVEN BY AMERICAN EMBASSY

Lautoka was the recipient of a second event at the American Corner Fiji at Western Regional Library, Lautoka during the US Embassy roadshow on Education in the United States on Friday May 8, 2015. Cyndee Crook, Chief Visa Immigrant and Economic/Commercial Officer shared with the audience information on the steps to higher education in the United States and ways to acquire funding and scholarships for further studies.

Lautoka Campus staff including Campus Director, Dr. Pramila Devi, library staff Siwagami Devi and Shain Kumar, together with other campus staff attended the seminar.

Ms. Crook donated new books acquired through a partnership between the Embassy and the Asia Foundation to several institutions in the Western Division including the University of Fiji, The University of the South Pacific, Lautoka Campus and the Western Regional Public Library.

A display of the 44 gift titles was mounted at the Campus Library and was the combined effort of Embassy and Lautoka Campus Library

Staff. The subject coverage of the gift included donated information technology and security, science, climate change, nutrition, women in history, businesses and many more. The demonstration of a 3D printer was also made by the American Embassy staff.

The information gathered during the workshop and the donated resources will definitely enhance the services provided to the students at the Lautoka Campus.

## LIBRARIAN, ELEANOR KLEIBER RECOGNIZED

In an article in the May 26, 2015 issue of University of Hawaii News, Librarian, Eleanor Kleiber was honoured for promoting access to Pacific and indigenous languages.

Eleanor's friendship with the USP Library began many years ago and was strengthened during her time with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. The University Librarian (USP) congratulates Eleanor on the receipt of this prestigious award. Below is a picture and the article on Eleanor's work that led to her recognition.



*"Eleanor Kleiber, right, receives the American Library Association Hawaii Student Chapter's Sarah K Vann Professional Service Award. (Photo by Andrew B. Wertheimer)*

The American Library Association Hawaii Student Chapter announced that Eleanor Kleiber, a Pacific specialist in the University of Hawaii at M'noa library, received the Sarah K. Vann Professional Service Award. Kleiber was nominated for the Vann Award in recognition of her service to librarianship in Hawaii, especially from the perspective of Pacific and indigenous languages access.

The Vann Award is presented to people who advance librarianship in Hawaii within the areas of intellectual freedom and international issues.

Kleiber has demonstrated her commitment to the profession through her work at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and at UH M'noa. She works to ensure that a wider audience and population can access the Hamilton Library Pacific Collection.

She also shares her knowledge of the Pacific with students and has co-taught library and information science courses specializing in Pacific and Hawaiian resources. In 2013, Kleiber guided students in an effort to donate relevant books to Yap Public Library for a disaster relief effort.

In keeping with Vann's vision of international librarianship, Kleiber has promoted a global perspective on serving indigenous communities from an international perspective and is working hard to make works in Pacific and indigenous languages more discoverable."

Source: <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2015/05/26/librarian-honored-for-promoting-access-to-pacific-and-indigenous-languages/>

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM'S RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

The Age (May 29, 2015 issue) reported on the radical transformation of the Australian Museum to be opened in July 2015 and which highlighted its collection of Pacific artefacts.

In July, the public will see the results of a \$5.5 million transformation of the oldest museum in the southern hemisphere and led by Kim McKay who was appointed Director of the Australian Museum in 2014.

'...We begin in the bowels of the museum where endless shelves house everything from drums to canoes, weapons to costumes. "These three floors house our Pacific Collection, which is the best in the world," McKay says, introducing me to two of its custodians, Yvonne Carrillo-Huffman and Stan Florek. "We have 60,000 items. It's extraordinary, but there's nothing of it out on display.

"Our collective goal is to get this out on the floor ... Over the next few years we'll open two really big Pacific galleries, one Polynesian, the other Melanesian."

She is particularly effusive about the two dozen Malagan funerary masks, centrepiece of a preview Pacific Gallery which was opened by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, in April. They were collected in the late 1880s from New Britain and New

Ireland, she says: only the Ethnological Museum of Berlin has a larger collection. "They're absolutely breathtaking, the sort of thing people travel the world to see. But they've rarely been seen by the public before."

Another treasure she's eager to show me is "the piece de resistance of our Cook collection, Captain Cook's cape", made of bird feathers and given to the great navigator in Hawaii. "We're planning a major Cook exhibition for 2020, which is the 250th anniversary of Cook reaching the east coast of Australia. We have sensational Cook material here."

It is obvious McKay could spend all day down in the Pacific Collection, but it's time to meet the rock star scientists. Since 2008, they've been housed in a specifically designed research extension built under her predecessor, Frank Howarth but McKay rebranded it last year. What used to be "Research and Collections" has been renamed the Australian Museum Research Institute...'

For Pacific Islanders and those conducting research on the Pacific, the Museum (6 College St, Sydney) is a place to visit when in Sydney.

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/art-and-design/the-australian-museums-radical-transformation-20150526-gh9smx.html>

## PEOPLE

### LIBRARY STAFF RETIRE: 144 YEARS DEDICATED TO USP



L-R: Lila Nair, Senior Library Assistant; Arun Singh, Library Attendant; Pareti Korovou, Senior Library Attendant; Tomu Eneriko, Supervisor of Cleaners

When employees retire they are not only retiring from formal work with an organization, they are retiring from issues that come with work such as stress, daily commuting; policies and regulations and early rising! The phrase Goodbye tension, Hello pension was posted as part of decorations for the farewell of four USP Library staff, namely Tomu Eneriko, Korovou Pareti, Arun Singh and Lila Nair on Tuesday 31st March 2015. The four staff retired with a combined 144 years of service to the Library and thus the University. The two are indebted to these long serving staff who in the prime of their lives dedicated much of it to the institution, said Ms. Sin Joan Yee in her farewell speech adding that this is the beginning of a new journey that is expected to be more relaxed and free and to be enjoyed to the fullest.

Libraries PacFfika saw it fit to acknowledge their immense contributions by covering their stories as reported by four library assistants, Apikali Tuitakali, Sofie Kubuwai, Rajni Devi and Jade Moore.

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## TOMU ASIO ENERIKO, SUPERVISOR OF CLEANERS

by Apikali Tuitakali

Tomu Asio Eneriko besides being the longest serving Library staff member was also the longest serving staff member of the University of the South Pacific, having joined in 1969, a year after the University was first established in 1968. Being credited with 46 years of service is no mean feat!

In a chat with Tomu, he was confident that he had worked to the best of his abilities in his job in which he moved from security to cleaner in hourly paid roles to the rank of Janitor that later became Supervisor of Cleaners in 1985 as a member of the I&J staff category; a position he held until his retirement. This was an achievement for a young man who left primary school at Stella Maris to join the workforce at the age of 15 years.

Tomu is one of the few staff who has worked in all of the buildings that the Library has occupied since its establishment beginning with the old Institute of Pacific Studies building which was headed by the first University Librarian, Harold Holdsworth. At the time, Tomu was one of a team of two cleaners, the other being his supervisor, Mrs Ah Sam and who were later joined by two other cleaners.

In 1972, the Library moved to a bigger building that was a gift of the British Government which now hosts CFL. Twelve years later following Mrs Ah Sam's retirement, Tomu was appointed Janitor (the position later changed to Supervisor of Cleaners) heading a staff of six by then who worked night and day shifts. Four staff worked the day shift from 7am-5pm and two worked the night shift from 10pm when the Library closed till 7am the next morning.

Tomu's work day started at 7am and ended 3.30pm, Monday to Thursday with a 3pm end on Friday. His main task as the Supervisor of Cleaners was to ensure all general maintenance of the Library was undertaken and a high level of cleanliness in place

at all times to foster a pleasant learning environment for users.

With 46 years of work under his belt Tomu has seen the Library grow and develop from its location in a small humble building to a three storey library with all its technological advancements. He can also claim to have worked under all University Librarians to date and all the VC's of USP - a remarkable achievement indeed.

The most memorable experience he encountered during his years with the Library was when the Library had to have the entire Collection moved to the Suva Wharf in 50 containers for fumigating and Tomu had to change role from Janitor to security tending to library book containers at the Suva Wharf.

Tomu is married to Ana Sokidi and they have two girls and two boys and five grandchildren who he was eagerly looking forward to spending time with in his retirement and thus making up for family time lost during his years of work.

With an education up to class eight and parents, Jone and Rosa Vasiariu's stringent upbringing, Tomu Asio Eneriko has come a long way from his humble beginnings.

When asked about the advice he would give his successor he said 'the Library should always offer a clean work and study environment that is only possible if s/he works diligently.'



## KOROVOU PARETI, SENIOR LIBRARY ATTENDANT

by Sofie Kubuwai

One of our longest serving staff members at the USP Library, Mr. Korovou Pareti (Senior Library Attendant) who hails from Vanuabalavu in the Lau Group started work with the Library as a Library Attendant at the tender age of 22 in February 1974, whilst still a bachelor.

Forty one years later and with a family, he left the Library saying that he thoroughly enjoyed his many years of service and



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camaraderie with colleagues and the wonderful leadership in the library. He said “working here [at the Library] moulded me into a humble and trustworthy person.”

According to him, USP has gone through many changes in terms of the environment, buildings and infrastructure as well as an increase in staff and student numbers.

As a library attendant he took great pride in ensuring that the section of the Collection that he was responsible for was always well presented to enable students to easily locate reading items.

His appointment as Senior Library Attendant in 2012 saw him take a leadership role in which he guided a team of attendants in their work. The one challenge he faced in this position was organizing people in emergency situations which in the end were always successful.

His parting words to all his colleagues were “always perform your work to the best of your abilities and honesty is the best policy” all of which reflect his personal work ethic and performance with the Library. Vinaka vakalevu Pareti.



**ARUN SINGH, PHOTOCOPY ATTENDANT**

by Rajni Devi

Arun Singh, dedicated staff member after 35 years of service said ‘good bye’ to the University community on the 31st of March on reaching retirement age.

Arun started his career in 1974 with the University’s Printing Press as a printer when he was just 20 years old. A break from 1983 due to the closure of the USP Printing Press enabled Arun to explore other areas of employment including carpentry, plumbing and driving and his work experiences made him one of the more multi-skilled personnel to work in the Library when he re-joined the University and the Library in 1989 as photocopier technician

and library messenger.

Arun, through his sheer perseverance voluntarily embarked on tasks such as book repairing and binding before they became part of the duties of library attendants. His skills and knowledge of photocopier machine operations made him a most valuable member of staff and his willingness to train his colleagues has led to a complement of competent attendants working the internal MFDs.

Arun says that for the most part of his employment he worked with photocopier machines where he mastered the techniques so thoroughly that the turnaround time for large and complex jobs was marvelled at and appreciated, not only by the Library, but other sections such as Finance. Arun loved his work with machines.

He does not have definite plans for his retirement but is looking forward to spending quality time with his lovely wife, daughters and grandchildren but knowing Arun he will not be idle!

For his colleagues, Arun’s departing advice is ‘work hard without any expectation; the end result will be your inner satisfaction and fear no one but god.’ One big bowl of kava for you Arun!



**LILA NAIR, SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT**

by Jade Moore

It was a sad occasion on Tuesday the 31st of March when the library bid farewell to four members of its long serving staff. One of those members was Lila Nair, a Senior Library Assistant who worked with the Library for 21 years.

Lila’s career did not begin in a library but with a bank where she first worked as a bank officer in Lautoka where she hails from. It wasn’t until after her marriage and the birth of her two children, Gitesh and Upashna, that she became involved in library work.

Before coming to the USP, Lila worked at Gospel Primary School

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as a school librarian and teacher assistant for four years and it was there that she developed a deeper interest in library work and studied to attain a Certificate in Library and Information Studies.

Lila was appointed to the University Library in 1993 as a Temporary Library Assistant in the Serials Department and continued to study for a Diploma in Library and Information Studies which she obtained in 2000. She was later appointed to a permanent position and to the Senior Library Assistant position in 2004 which she held until her retirement.

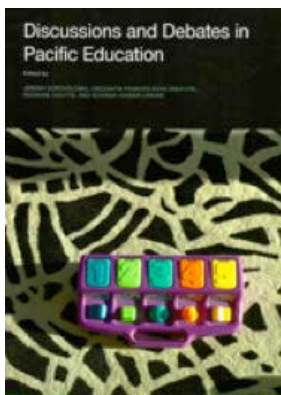
During her 21 years of service Lila worked in Serials, Pacific Information Centre (PIC), Acquisitions, Gifts and Exchange, Reader Services and Pacific Collection and during her career at the USP Library she feels “she developed as a person and was

always learning new things.”

Lila described her time as a Senior Library Assistant in Reader Services “as the most challenging and exciting experience of her career, as she was responsible for the Issue desk staff and the smooth running of its services for students.”

Lila has been described by her colleagues in the library as soft spoken, kind and considerate and was known to go out of her way to help others. To quote the Deputy University Librarian, Libby Fong the first word that comes to mind when you think of Lila is ‘respect’. During the farewell Lila’s message to her colleagues was ‘to be honest and dedicated and to work as a team’. Enjoy your movie-going hobby Lila!

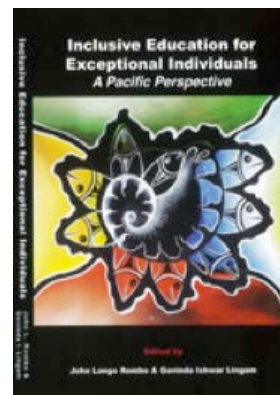
## RECENT PUBLICATIONS



### DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES IN PACIFIC EDUCATION

/ Jeremy Dorovolomo [...  
et al.]. Il., USA : Common  
Ground Publishing, 2014.  
ISBN: 9781612295343. 184 p.  
USD80.00

“This book is a collection of papers presented on the School of Education Seminar Series of the University of the South Pacific. It is a bricolage of discussions, conversations and debates. Discussions and Debates in Pacific Education is designed to illuminate various educational issues that may often be overlooked in the Pacific Islands, such as art education, the importance of recess, the value of after-school programs for students. Attrition in higher education, and critical need for improved school libraries, to name a few. The book is divided into educational issues in K-12 schools and higher education and its environment. This book will be of interest to a variety of readers, including postgraduate students, teacher educators, and policy makers.”

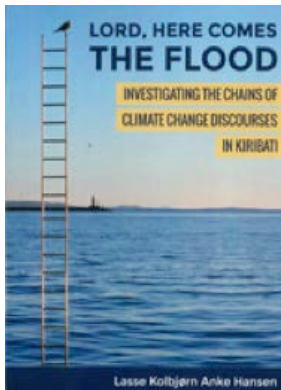


### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS: A PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

/ John Longo Rombo & Govinda  
Ishwar Lingam. Fiji : USP Press,  
2015. ISBN: 9789820109353  
266 p. USD19.95

“This book is a contribution to the growing body of international literature on inclusive education. Featuring a diverse range of accomplished scholars from the Pacific region, the text illustrates how various communities develop educational practices to create inclusive experiences for children and youth. As such, this text holds a universal appeal for educators interested in creating and sustaining accessible classrooms for all. This book will prove very useful in the overall pursuit of social justice for those currently marginalized by the discursive dominance of neo-colonialism in the Pacific. This important book challenges these practices and instead develops analysis that attend to the significant contributions offered by Pasifika knowledge and communities of practice in shaping emancipatory local and global responses to inclusion.”

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS



## LORD HERE COMES THE FLOOD : INVESTIGATING THE CHAINS OF CLIMATE CHANGE DISCOURSE IN KIRIBATI

/ Lasse Kolbjørn Anke Hansen.  
Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2014.  
ISBN: 9789820109155 120 p.  
USD17.95

“This thesis is aimed at uncovering the chains of climate change discourses in Kiribati. Building a theoretical and analytical framework from literature on accountability and responsiveness.”



## THE CROWN OF WISDOM

/ Josaia McNamara. Suva,  
Fiji : USP Press, 2014. ISBN:  
9789820109346. 54 p. USD19.95

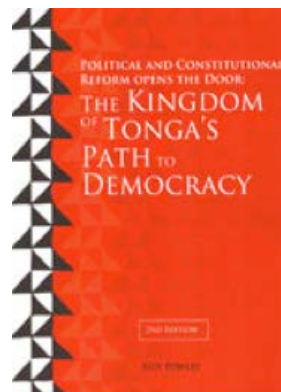
“Art and Commentaries by Josaia McNamara.”



## THE THIRD SPACE

/ John Forrest... [at al.]. Fiji  
: USP Press, 2014. ISBN:  
9789820109186 104 p.  
USD25.00

“The Poetry of Sudesh Mishra & The Paintings of John Forrest.”



## POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM OPENS THE DOOR: THE KINGDOM OF TONGA'S PATH TO DEMOCRACY

/ Guy Powles. Suva, Fiji :  
USP Press, 2013. ISBN:  
9789820109049 128 p.  
USD20.00

“This book gives an up-to-date account of Tonga’s new political and constitutional regime, while offering insights into the thinking and decision-making that contributed to its development. The author, a constitutional lawyer with a long association with Tonga, reviews the main constitutional reforms of 2009-10, together with subsequent developments during three years of the term of the first elected government. After a century of stable government by a royal dynasty under one of the world’s oldest living constitutions, the need for change became apparent. Agents for change included pro-democracy activists, the late King Tupou V and Prime Minister Sevele, leading to the introduction of reforms that dramatically opened the door to the development of a Tongan model of parliamentary democracy. This publication illustrates the importance of becoming familiar with the detail of a Constitution that charts key institutions such as the Monarch, the Cabinet, the Legislative Assembly and the Judiciary, together with the relationships between each. Appended to the book is the only accessible consolidation of the Constitution with its changes. The book explores many areas of reform that require clear understanding of the Constitution. These include the extent of the King’s remaining powers, the Noble class who continue to exercise key constitutional roles and control of land, the concept of un-elected Ministers, motions of no-confidence, appointment and independence of the judiciary – to name only some. Above all, attention is drawn to the significance of Tongan values that guide thinking and decision-making throughout.”

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