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LIBRARY'S REACH OUT TO THE NATION

Fiji recently celebrated National Library Week (NLW) from 2-9 September, 2017 with the theme 'Ideas meet decisions@your library'.

Why celebrate? Because we believe in our important role and contribution that our public, special and academic libraries have made and continue to make to our personal and national development. Our libraries and archives protect "important narratives that tell us where we came from" (Vaka'uta, Tedx, 2017) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ce-MtUNc9i8>

Our history has been relayed to us through oral tradition and the complex role of graphics (Vaka'uta, Tedx, 2017) and the written word as we know it today. The documents and stories that libraries collect and protect and make accessible is what makes what we do valuable and to be celebrated.

The Library at the National Archives of Fiji and the USP Library's Pacific Collection hold many treasures that tell us about ourselves and our cultures – who and what we are; where we have come from, where we are and where we are going. There is the saying that in order to go forward one must understand the past. This is what our libraries provide and we have reason to celebrate.

'Nurture our knowledge' was the topic expounded upon by Opeta Alefaio, the National Archivist of Fiji in his presentation to the June 2, 2017 session of TEDX <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n58Kyqon64I>

In this, he speaks about the quality of information being 'the bedrock of all government services' and the need to harness information and to make it available for a range of purposes with emphasis on governance and accountability and the historical. Opeta spoke on how the preservation and access to the information generated by government and non-government organisations (regional, international etc.) in our nations can make a difference.

It is our responsibility to ensure that our obligations to those we serve are met and it is a big one. This week is a time for us to self-reflect as professionals and paraprofessionals on how we are harvesting information and contributing to the intellectual development of our people.

Sadly, as we know and reinforced by Opeta, there has been much said by leaders about the importance of libraries but this has not been matched on the ground as we review library collections, design, services and qualified library personnel. Never-the-less we have achieved much and as we celebrated these during the week, it was also an opportunity to alert and remind the authorities that libraries and librarians can 'make a difference.'

It is our responsibility to empower our people through well-developed libraries and archives.

Elizabeth C. Reade Fong

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

MORNING TEA FOR FRIENDLY NORTH FESTIVAL CONTESTANTS

USP Labasa Campus Director Dr. Samuela Bogitini and his staff hosted a morning tea for the Friendly North contestants on August 24th, 2017 as part of their community services programme. This awareness raising exercise allowed the contestants and festival committee members to tour the campus as well as its Library. During the library visit, the visitors learnt more about the services, resources and collections of the library.

Adapted from an article submitted by Mukesh Chand, Library Officer, USP Labasa campus



Contestants and Library staff pose for a photograph after the Library tour at USP Labasa Campus. Photo courtesy of Mukesh Chand



Mr. Subash Chandra - President of the Friendly North Festival and Dr. Samuela Bogitini - Campus Director with the vying contestants during their morning tea. Photo courtesy of Mukesh Chand

THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE

In tune with The USP Library's 50th anniversary theme of "Celebrating the Pacific, Shaping the Future @ USP Library", a display depicting the trends of development and makeover which the USP libraries network has undergone in the last 49 years was put up for all students and visitors to experience at the Main Library Laucala during the USP Open Day. A second display challenged future USP students to explore their curiosity by reading and using their library while a third display used a photo booth concept allowing visitors to take group or individual photographs and get a feel of how their future profession may be shaped by USP Library.

A total of 3105 secondary school students from 73 schools across the central division and wider visited the Library and thoroughly enjoyed the day with free entertainment from the Oceania Dance Theatre and the various cultural groups, and complimentary drinks from Coca-Cola Amatil.

Library staff attired in their kalavata also enjoyed the day and were presented the Special Commendation Award in the Support Services division for all their tireless work putting together the displays and taking the library tours.



Staff of the Technical Services section pose in front of their display



Students in awe of the library displays



Jamie Bloss, Librarian, middle with the Support Services award

USP OPEN DAY IN VANUA LEVU ATTRACTS STUDENTS FAR AND WIDE

Twenty three secondary schools from across three provinces; Bua, Macuata and Cakaudrove, made up a total of over 2000 visitors to the USP Labasa Campus and Savusavu Centre during the recent USP Open Day.

Students from South Taveuni Secondary School attended their first USP Open Day, having left Taveuni at 2am by boat and safely arrived Savusavu Centre twelve hours later. They were enlightened, empowered and took back lovely memories of a vibrant event that not only gave them a fair share of fun but also ignited their dreams of higher education and infinite opportunities by studying at the USP.

Adapted from an article submitted by Mukesh Chand, Library Officer, USP Labasa campus

USP OPEN DAY IN ALAFUA CAMPUS LIBRARY

Library staff put up two displays, with the first display concentrating on E-resources and the second display focussing on the theme “Shape your future – Save your planet”. With approximately 300 visitors on the day, tours, quizzes and giveaway tee-shirts sponsored by Digicel Samoa were the highlights of the day. Library staff also took the opportunity to visit other sectional displays on the Campus including the IRETA farm.

Adapted from an article submitted by Shirley Devi, Librarian, USP Alafua campus



Alakalaine Alatise, Library Assistant, pointing out electronic books to a keen student. Photo courtesy of Shirley Devi



Cook Islands Language Week poster. Source: <http://www.mpp.govt.nz>

COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE WEEK

The Main Library of The USP recently put up a foyer display celebrating Cook Islands Language Week (31 July – 6 August 2017).

The theme for *Te 'Epetoma o te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani* (Cook Islands Language Week 2017) was:

'Ei rāvenga nāku i te tuatua i tōku reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani ka anoano au i te turuturu ā tōku ngutu'are tangata `ē te matakeinanga

An encouraging home and community environment is what I need to build my love and my confidence to speak my reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani

The month-long display showcased interesting facts about the language and associated materials kept in the Pacific Collection that are available to USP students and staff.

Cook Islands Māori language or Māori Kūki 'Āirani or Rarotongan is the country's official language. Whilst it is closely related to New Zealand Māori as it is an Eastern Polynesian language that belongs in the same language family as the languages of New Zealand Māori, Hawai'i and Tahiti, it is a distinct language in itself. There are six Cook Islands Māori dialects, namely Pukapuka, Aitutaki, Ngāpūturu (the dialects of Ātiu, Ma'uke and Miti`āro), Mangaia, Manihiki-Rakahanga and Penrhyn (Tongareva). Similar to the English language, there are five vowels (vowels) - a, e, i, o, u and these have the same pronunciation as other Pacific languages, including te reo Māori (NZ language).

The 2017 Pacific Language Weeks are:

Samoa	28 May – 3 June
Cook Islands	30 July – 5 Aug
Tonga	3 – 9 Sep
Tuvalu	1 - 7 October
Fiji	8 - 14 October
Niue	15 – 21 Oct
Tokelau	23 – 29 Oct

DEVELOPMENT

Plan a library display or function to celebrate your island nation's language week. Showcase your library collection in support of your native language thus encouraging the young people in your communities to speak your language and be proud of who they are and where they come from.

Language connects our people to our cultures, mana and basically to who we are. Whether through song, dance, chants, or family and community gatherings, the everyday use of our native languages helps us connect to our God, ancestors, land and people.



*Sofia Serevi, Library Assistant, and Laurel Stewart, Junior Library Assistant, in front of the library display they put together.
Photo courtesy of Laurel Stewart*



Lorin Pai, Librarian, Reserve Bank of Fiji, with children of Saint Andrews Primary School

LIBRARY WEEK ACROSS FIJI IN PICTURES

Library Week in Fiji was celebrated from 2 – 9 September 2017.

Here are some pictures to capture the excitement, joy and creativity of the occasion.



Photos courtesy of Yat Sen Primary School

NLW AT THE STELLA MARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUVA

I was the Chief Guest at Stella Maris Primary School's 2017 National Library Week celebrations on Wednesday 6 September. It was a special occasion for me as a former pupil of the School in the 1960s.

I had not addressed primary school children for a long while but as I have four grand-children I was reminded of the need to hold their attention for the 20 minutes I was given. I decided on an interactive approach and asked questions about the theme, how many wanted to come to the USP whilst telling them a little about the USP Library. My message to the children was that a library can take one from here in Fiji to another world where they could learn about other people, countries, nature and animals and cultures to better understand the world. For them the Library should be a place of fun and enjoyment.

To the teachers, I reinforced the important role they play in developing library collections in tandem with the Librarian who is studying the USP Diploma and the need to design projects and homework where children will find answers using the Library's collection.

I concluded by reading the story of Crow Boy by Taro Yashima. The story is about a boy from the Japanese countryside who had learning difficulties but who had the great talent of making sound of a crow expressing different feelings. Furthermore he demonstrated his commitment to school by attending each day despite his long walk to and fro and for which he was awarded the prize for best attendance. Of particular note was the new teacher who spent time with him and encouraged him. The book has wonderful lessons for both pupils and teachers.

One of the highlights of the day were the parades. The norm has been for children to dress up as their favourite character from a movie, book etc. I was particularly pleased to see that the pupils of Classes 7 and 8 had chosen to participate in a careers parade where they dressed in the uniform representing the career they wished to pursue later in life. There was a seamstress, pilot, lawyer, female and male army officers, engineer, architect, company executive, doctor, nurse and priest, to name a few. This was an excellent approach as they enter into secondary school.

Of particular note on the day was the wonderful support by parents and the head teacher and her team; school manager and staff and the Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM) for all planned activities in an atmosphere of fun.

Article submitted by *Elizabeth C Reade Fong*



Y8 "Career Parade" - Architect/Soldier/Seamstress

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PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY DIGITISED BY TROVE

The National Library of Australia recently completed the digitisation of the entire run of the Pacific Islands Monthly (PIM) magazine and all of the issues can either be browsed or the text fully searched on Trove.

PIM, founded by Robert (Robbie) William Robson, was first published in August 1930 in newspaper format which consisted 12 pages, and ran until June 2000. The number of pages gradually increased and by December 1931 in its 17th issue PIM had changed to a magazine style format. Later it evolved into a glossier coloured magazine. Early issues of PIM gave the reader a glimpse of the colonial style administration and governance of the islands with the magazine's focus shifting more to general news, politics, business and investigative journalism in later years. From 1987 till 2000, PIM was published in Suva, Fiji.

The magazine brings together information from all Pacific islands into a single publication and covers interesting news from across the Pacific region. It is a multi-disciplinary source of regional information with a coverage including current affairs, agriculture, transport, communications, local people and their life and customs, commodities, geography, climate, mining, sport and much more thus providing a vital avenue for islanders to communicate with each other about the latest happenings and developments within their region.

Check out this outstanding resource for pacific studies at <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-310385031>



The first page of the first issue of Pacific Islands Monthly, August 1930.



The house in the Lagoon, Menen District, Nauru



Samoan dancers in traditional dress dancing at a celebration for the inaugural flight of Pan Am from American Samoa to Sydney, December, 1962 - John Mulligan.

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LIBRARIES, DEVELOPMENT AND THE UN2030 AGENDA

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is an inclusive, integrated framework of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) spanning economic, environmental and social development with an aim that no-one is left behind.

Access to information has been recognised in the SDGs in Goal 16, Target 10 : Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.

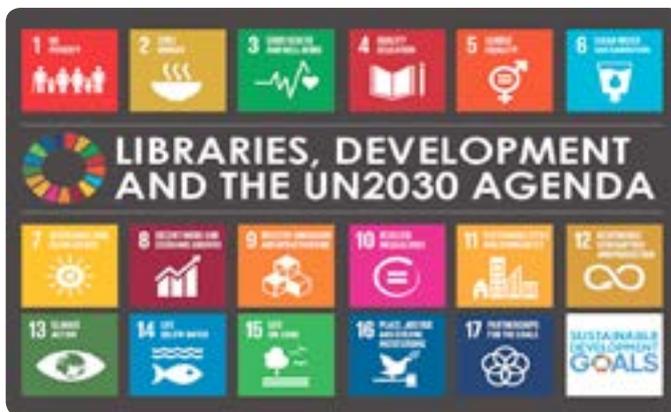
Libraries are in fact key institutions to help achieve these Goals. In this context, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) believes that increasing access to information and knowledge across society, assisted by the availability of information and communications technologies (ICTs), supports sustainable development and improves people's lives.

Public access to information enables people to make informed decisions that can improve their lives. Communities that have access to timely and relevant information for all are better positioned to eradicate poverty and inequality, improve agriculture, provide

quality education, and support people's health, culture, research, and innovation.

- **LIBRARIES SUPPORT ALL THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
- **LIBRARIES DRIVE PROGRESS ACROSS THE ENTIRE UN 2030 AGENDA**

Source: www.ifla.org/libraries-development



CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

LIANZA BID TO HOST IFLA WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS (WLIC) 2020

There is an exciting possibility of IFLA coming to the Pacific region.

At the recent 83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Wrocław, Poland in August 2017, LIANZA President Louise LaHatte and Executive Director Joanna Matthew submitted a strong bid for Aotearoa to host the Congress in 2020. The decision by the IFLA Governing Board will be announced in August 2018. If successful, this will be the first time that New Zealand will host the congress providing the opportunity to bring IFLA to the Pacific region.

This will present a once in a lifetime occasion for many librarians and library staff in the Pacific region, together with many of our counterparts from Australia and New Zealand, to attend such an event allowing us extraordinary opportunity for professional development and exposure in every sector and field of library work. Attendees will be able to experience innovative library services, stunning library buildings and extraordinary special collections of both international and local content and provide the prospect to network and share ideas with library and information professionals from all over the world.

The closest the Congress has attempted to reach our shores was in 2007 when Brisbane, Australia was nominated as the location for the 2010 IFLA (WLIC) though regrettably the Congress was

relocated to Gothenburg, Sweden where only a handful of young professionals from the Pacific region were offered attendance grants through funding by Walter de Gruyter Stiftung Foundation.

IFLA GLOBAL VISION - TOGETHER WE CREATE THE FUTURE

Beginning in Athens, Greece in April 2017, IFLA facilitated a Global Vision discussion through a series of high-level meetings and workshops in different parts of the world.

In the case of IFLA Global Vision Asia Oceania, the regional workshop took place on 28 - 29 June 2017 in the National Library of Singapore. One of the 32 participants from 27 countries in the Asia Oceania region that convened to discuss together how a united and connected library field would look like in the future was Liviana Tabalala, Vice President of the Fiji Library Association and Head of College of Arts and Humanities at USP's Pacific TAFE.

After two days of motivating and thought-provoking discussions, our colleagues from the Asia Oceania region asked IFLA Secretary General Gerald Leitner to convey the following messages to our colleagues in Europe, thus passing the IFLA Global Vision discussion torch from Singapore to the final workshop in Madrid, Spain:

Connect with Asia Oceania! It is an opportunity for you to work with us and an opportunity for us to work with Europe.

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More often than not, the Oceania region is left to fend for ourselves and compete for limited assistance and funding with our more technologically superior and populous counterparts from Asia as well as Europe. The IFLA Asia Oceania Global Vision message pleads for increasing collaboration and consultation in our everyday library and information profession activities.

Part of the agreement of attending IFLA was for Liviana to share the Global Vision message with fellow library workers in Fiji. This was carried out on Thursday 31st August at the Fiji National Archives in Suva. 25 people attended the workshop from academic, public, school, and special libraries. Participants were divided into small groups where they shared their ideas on 6 main issues:

- 1) The core value of libraries
- 2) What libraries are exceptionally good at
- 3) What libraries should do more of
- 4) What libraries should do less of
- 5) Main challenges to society, and
- 6) Main challenges to libraries

The IFLA Global Vision powerpoint presentation has been shared with those that requested it and they have been asked to further hold workshops with other library staff in the hope that the idea and practical approach of working towards a Global United Library Field will be implemented in the local Fiji Library Association and further developed to tackle the challenges and opportunities the library field would face in the future.

Adapted from an article submitted by Liviana Tabalala, VP of FLA



Group photo of IFLA Global Vision Asia Oceania.
Photo courtesy of Liviana Tabalala



Liviana Tabalala presenting during the FLA Host Evening held on 31 August 2017 at the Fiji National Archives. Photo courtesy of Liviana Tabalala

PARBICA 17

The Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (PARBICA) held its biennial conference in Suva, Fiji from 4 – 7 September 2017 with the theme Archives Engaged: personal, professional, political.

“The archives and recordkeeping professions in the Oceanic region face exciting times. Whilst fundamental activities such as preservation, description and disaster preparedness continue to be ongoing concerns, it is an organization’s ability to face outward and engage with external parties that has the greatest potential for generating growth and increasing sustainability. There is a need to draw more allies to our cause by looking for ways to engage, whether through public and stakeholder engagement, or adding value through strategic engagement” (Source: <http://www.parbica.org/conferences-and-events/>)

Participants from various member countries of the South Pacific were fortunate to mingle, share ideas and listen to a panel of expert speakers from Palau, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Fiji, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and America.

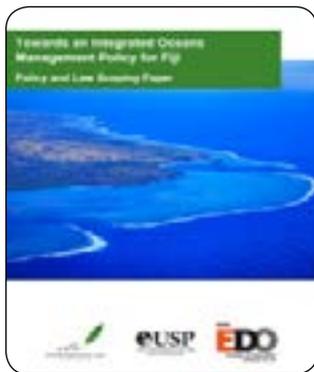


Group photo of PARBICA 17. Photo courtesy of PARBICA.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

World Library and Information Congress
84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly
24 – 30 August 2018
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

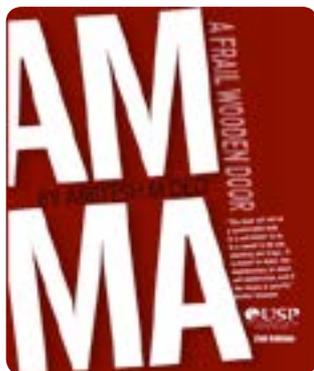
PUBLICATIONS



TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED OCEANS MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR FIJI / Fiji Environmental Law Association (FELA). Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2017. ISBN: 9789823610061 65 p. : ill. (col.) ; 29 cm. FJD15.00

The primary objective of FELA is to promote sustainable resource management and the protection of the environment through law and policy and legal analysis to improve coastal and fisheries management.

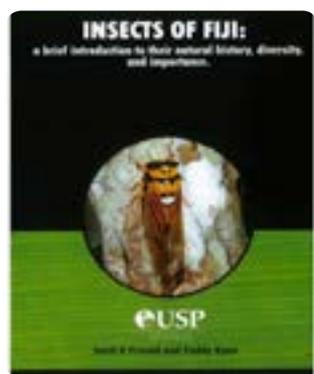
Without sustainable use and conservation of Fiji's natural resources and the protection of its marine and terrestrial environment, future generations will be deprived of the fish, clean water, fertile soils and all nature's gifts that our generation and forefathers have taken for granted and have supported communities' livelihoods and the nation's economic development. FELA is dedicated to supporting laws and policies that promote sustainable use and conservation of Fiji's natural capital and build Fiji's resilience to global environmental threats particularly climate change.



AMMA: A FRAIL WOODEN DOOR / Amitesh Deo. 2nd ed. Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2017. ISBN: 89820109612116 p. ; 21 cm. Price: FJD \$10.00

Amma a tale that is so ordinary in Fiji that it tends to be ignored. It is an account of hardship lashed out at those regarded as weak in our society. The story has emotion, scandals and a sense of frankness. The journey of Savitri is similar to many living amongst us.

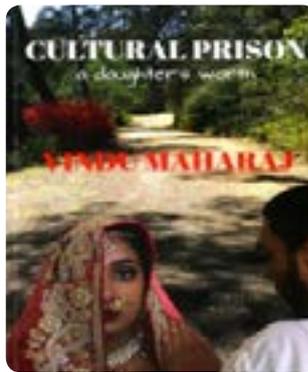
abuse that her children face, breeds in a culture and is slowly getting acceptance as a common happening. The book although a fiction, depicts the ugly truth of the civilization we live in.



INSECTS OF FIJI : A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THEIR NATURAL HISTORY, DIVERSITY, AND IMPORTANCE / Sunil R Prasad and Paddy Ryan. Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2017. ISBN: 9789823610061 100 p. : ill (col.) ; 21 cm. FJD37.00

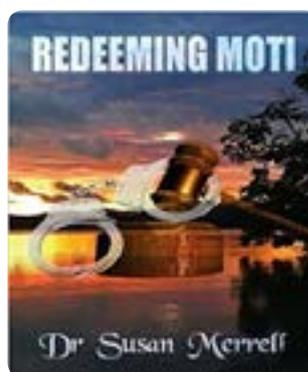
"Insects of Fiji" is an insight to the rich insect biodiversity found in these enchanting islands. With 4942 described species, insects

constitute the bulk of the biodiversity. They are responsible for maintaining essential ecosystem processes and services. This book highlights the main insect orders, examines their distinguishing features and investigates their unique ecological and cultural roles.



CULTURAL PRISON : A DAUGHTER'S WORTH / Vindu Maharaj. Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2017. ISBN: 9780987616906 390 p. ; 21 cm. F\$26.00

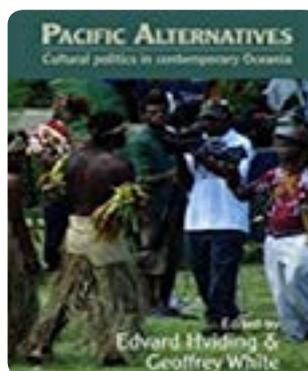
Fiji was a new world for many Indians who migrated there as indentured labourers from 1879 to 1916; overtime nothing much changed. It is the seventies. Sara's parents have arranged her marriage and she prepares to leave her job and the comforts of the city and move to her husband's village. There is no way she could have known then, that her life would change in such a drastic and permanent way, as it intertwines with Priya's life, touching two generations.



REDEEMING MOTI / Dr Susan Merrell. [Dawes Point, N.S.W.] : Pacific Perspectives P/L, 2017. ISBN: 9780648044604 iv, 281 p ; 21 cm. FJD56.00

Based on a true story, Redeeming Moti is about political scandal in the Pacific that caused regional diplomatic relations to plummet to an all-time low. Set against a backdrop of riots and civil unrest in the Solomon Islands, the action culminates in Australia's High

Court amidst allegations of sexual misconduct against Julian Moti, Attorney General of the Isles whose antagonistic, anti-Australian political influence Australia sought to neutralize. This is the story as told and lived to the author by Julian Moti.



PACIFIC ALTERNATIVES: CULTURAL POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY OCEANIA / by Edvard Hviding (Editor), Geoffrey White (Editor). Herefordshire, UK : Sean Kingston Publishing, 2017. ISBN: 978-190777487429 6 p. : ill. ; 22 cm. FJD120.00

'At the centre of this collection are the actors and processes referred to by the distinguished Oceania thinker and visionary Epeli Hau'ofa

as 'ordinary people ... who, because of the poor flows of benefits from the top, scepticism about stated policies and the like, tend to plan and make decisions about their lives independently, sometimes with surprising and dramatic results that go unnoticed or ignored at the top.' 'Pacific Alternatives provides fresh perspectives on the ways that cultural heritage serves as a unique source of engaging the modern state and global non-state actors. The volume showcases two of the strongest features of contemporary Pacific Studies scholarship: the ability to find new insights in experience-near analyses of Islander life that have world enlarging potentials, and the foregrounding of Indigenous voices in the evolving dialogue around land, politics, culture, tradition, custom, and identity.'

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