

# 2017 School Seminar Series

School of Government, Development and International Affairs (SGDIA)

## Semester I – 2017

Date	Presenter	Topic
Week 1	No seminar scheduled	
Week 2 – Feb 16	Ass. Prof. Paul Carnegie	Induction: SGDIA postgraduate research program
Week 3 – Feb 23	<b>Dr Simon Bradshaw</b>	<b><i>Friend or Foe? Australian climate policy post-Paris and implications for the Pacific</i></b>
Week 4 – Feb 28	Tony Hiriasia [Tuesday]	The Politics of Fiscal Decentralisation: The Case of the Rural Constituency Development Fund (RCDF) in the Solomon Islands
Week 4 – March 2	Dr Jolynna Sinanan	Non-activism: Political engagement and Facebook through ethnography in Trinidad
Week 5 – March 9	Lucas Watt	Navigating Identity in an informal settlement in Suva
Week 6 – March 16	Jason Titifanue	The Digital Renaissance of Bottom-Up Regionalism in the Pacific
<b>Week 7 – March 23</b>	<b>Ashlie Denton</b>	<b><i>The ties that bind: Networked actors in Pacific islands climate diplomacy</i></b>
Week 8 – March 30	<i>Mid-semester break</i>	<i>No seminar scheduled</i>
Week 9 – April 4	Professor Chalapan Kaluwin	Challenges in Ocean and Coastal Governance: Achieving Sustainable Development Policy – A PNG Case Study
Week 9 – April 6	Dr Hugh Govan	Prospects for a Blue Economy in the Pacific Ocean: Are there any?
Week 10 – April 13	Dr Matthew Allen	Economies of Violence: The political ecology of extractive resource conflict in Melanesia
Week 11 – April 20	Brooke Takala, Danity Laukon [Marshall Islands Students Association]	Addressing radioactive contaminants in our ocean: A message from the Marshall Islands
<b>Week 12 – April 25</b>	<b><i>Matisse Walkden-Brown and Fenton Lutunatabua [Tuesday]</i></b>	<b><i>Building a strategy. Raising a peaceful army. [Presentation by Greenpeace and 350.org]</i></b>
Week 12 – April 27	Tait Brimacombe	Digital Feminism: Online activism in Fiji
<b>Week 13 – May 2</b>	<b><i>Taholo Kami [Tuesday]</i></b>	<b><i>Blue economies, climate change and sustainable Pacific Ocean states</i></b>
Week 14 – May 11	Dr Chris Bird	Human rights and Christian Theology: A view from Oceania
Week 16 – May 25	Professor Vijay Naidu and Dr Claire Slatter	Unfinished Business: Protecting the Pacific Ocean from a legacy of nuclear testing
Week 19 – June 15	Dr Steven Ratuva	Indexology and Knowledge: Pseudo-science and human ranking in contemporary social science

## Semester 2 – 2017

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Week 1	No seminar scheduled	

Week 2 – July 20	Dr Transform Aqorau	Prognosis of the UN Oceans conference: Where to from here for the Pacific Islands?
<b>Week 3 – July 27</b>	<b>Dr Wes Morgan</b>	<b>Pivotal players: Pacific islands and the end of the fossil fuel era</b>
Week 4 – Aug 3	Prof. Robert Foster	People as Infrastructure: The (In)formal Economy of Mobile Phones in Papua New Guinea
Week 4 – Aug 10	Kate Scheutze	Pacific Grim? Human rights violations across the region and opportunities for change
Week 4 – Aug 10	Dr John Cox, Glenn Finau, Romitesh Kant, Jason Titifanue and Jope Tarai	Disaster and Divine Judgement: Contemporary Christian Interpretations of Climate Change in Fiji
Week 5 – Aug 17	Dr Milla Vaha	Small Island States and the Right to Continuous Recognition
Week 6 – Aug 22	<b>Dr Linda Siegele</b>	<b>COP23: Climate change priorities in the Pacific</b>
Week 7 – Aug 30	<b>Prof Edvard Hviding</b>	<b>Mare Nullius? Climate change, Oceanic sovereignties and maritime contestations in the Pacific</b>
Week 7 – Aug 31	Scott Robertson	Defining citizenship and the political community in decolonising New Caledonia
Week 8 – Sept 7		<b>No seminar –Mid semester break</b>
Week 9 – Sept 14		Seminar cancelled
Week 10 – Sept 21	<b>Dr Mahendra Kumar</b>	<b>Enhanced Transparency under the Paris Agreement: An update on the status of negotiations</b>
Week 11 – Sept 28	<b>Francois Martel</b>	<b>Coal phase-out: A reality check for the 1.5 degree target – going beyond the Suva Declaration</b>
Week 12 – Oct 5	Hassan Khan	Fiji's community of the elderly
Week 13 – Oct 12	Tom White	The contronymic use of 'secularism' in Fiji's 2012 Constitutional Drafting Process
<b>Week 15 – Oct 26</b>	Dr Heather Horst	Creating Consumer-Citizens: Competition, Tradition and the Moral Order of the Mobile Telecommunications Industry in Fiji