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# ***Democracy, Sovereignty and Self-Determination in the Pacific Islands***

Tuesday 25 June – Thursday 27 June 2019

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## Monday 24 June

- 3pm onwards      **Registration**  
*Sigma*
- 5.30pm-7.30pm      **Welcome Function**  
*Sigma Library*

## Tuesday 25 June

- 8am-8.30am      **Registration – Tea and coffee**  
*Amphi 400 (Entry Hall)*
- 8.30am-10am      **Opening Session**  
*Amphi 400*  
8.30am-8.45am Welcome by UNC President, Gaël Lagadec  
8.45am-9am Welcome by PIPSA President, Stephanie Lawson  
9am-10am Keynote Address:  
Self Determination and Development in the Pacific Islands - who is driving the agenda?  
**Colin Tukuitonga**, Pacific Community Director-General
- 10.00am – 10.30am      Morning Tea  
*Amphi 400 (Entry Hall)*
- 10.30am – 12pm      **Parallel Sessions 1**  
Gender and Politics (Room L30)  
*Chair: Iati Iati (VUW)*  
Geejay Milli (UPNG) – Middle Class Women and Political Participation in Papua New Guinea  
Kerryn Baker (ANU) – Political Participation through Market Vendors' Associations: A Case Study from Luganville, Vanuatu  
Charles Hawksley (Wollongong) & Nichole Georgeou (Western Sydney) - Food security and asset creation in Solomon Islands: gender and the political economy of agricultural production for Honiara Central Market
- Les modèles expérimentaux d'auto-détermination kanak (Room L31)  
*Chair: Hamid Mokaddem (EXPRESSIONS)*  
Hamid Mokaddem - La forclusion systémique  
Luc Énoka Camoui - Modèle d'auto-détermination kanak à Pweevo. Pays kanak du Nord.  
Georges Waixen Wayewol - Modèle d'auto-détermination kanak à Nengone. Pays kanak des Îles Loyauté.



12pm – 1pm

Lunch

*Forum*

1pm – 3pm

**Parallel Sessions 2**

Politics of Western Melanesia (Room L30)

*Chair: Kerry Baker (ANU)*

Jerry Begg Siota (USP) - Re-thinking New Public Management: An inquiry into Public Service Reforms and service delivery in Solomon Islands

Elfira Rumkabu (Cenderawasih) - Revisiting Jokowi's Development Approach for Conflict Resolution in West Papua

Michael Kabuni (UPNG) - Do Policies Matter in PNG Politics? Assessing the 2017 post election coalitions

Julian McKinlay King (Univ. Wollongong) - Kanaky and West Papua: Independence derailed by global 'greed' and the emergent paradigm of 'indigenous anarchism'

Dealing with multiculturalism and universalism in the political and social context of Kanaky-New Caledonia (Room L31)

*Chair: Caroline Graille (Univ. Montpellier 3, UNC)*

Françoise Cayrol (UNC) - Nouvelle-Calédonie, la communauté de destin, cet « impensé » des « années accords »

Eddie Wadrawane (UNC) - À l'heure des revendications de souveraineté kanak, d'avenir partagé, et de définition d'une « identité pays », que reste-t-il de l'école de « Nos ancêtres les Gaulois » ?

Patrice Godin (UNC) - Universalisme et interdépendances : la souveraineté kanak selon Jean-Marie Tjibaou

Eddy Banare (UNC) - Dialogismes politiques dans les récits de Déwé Gorodé : une affirmation de la souveraineté

Caroline Graille (Univ. Montpellier 3, UNC) - Merging Kanak sovereignty together with Caledonian cultural diversity : a double bind

3pm-5pm

**Parallel Sessions 3**

Land, Development and Democracy (Room L30)

*Chair: Lorenz Gonschor ('Atenisi)*

Nathalie Angele-Halgand and Akila Nedjar-Guerre (UNC) - Public Action and Climate Change in the Pacific Islands: Post-New Public Management Based on Empowerment

Lili Song (Univ. Otago) - Who Owns the Minerva Reefs: History, Law and Politics

Iati Iati (VUW) - Development and democracy in the Pacific: Can land reforms in Samoa undermine its democratic system?

Ponipate Rokolekutu (SFSU) - Articulating a politics of the dispossessed, the Excluded and the Marginalized: The Case of Land Dispossession in Fiji



Décolonisation et citoyenneté de la Nouvelle-Calédonie (Room L31)

*Chair: Nic Maclellan (Islands Business)*

Caroline Gravelat (UNC) - Le droit international au service du processus d'émancipation de la Nouvelle-Calédonie

Stéphanie Graff (UNC) - Décolonisation et droit de vote en Nouvelle-Calédonie

Etienne Cornut (UNC) – La transformation de la citoyenneté calédonienne selon l'issue du processus référendaire prévu par l'accord de Nouméa

Hugues Fulchiron (Univ. Lyon) – Citoyenneté calédonienne, nationalité française et citoyenneté européenne : quels équilibres pour quels droits ?

5pm-5.30pm

Afternoon tea

*Amphi 400 (Entry Hall)*

5.30pm-7pm

**Plenary Session**

*Amphi 400*

Rétrospective des échéances de l'Accord de Nouméa

***This session will be translated into English***

*Chair: Caroline Gravelat*

Isabelle Leblic (CNRS) - Colonisation, souveraineté et auto-détermination en Nouvelle-Calédonie? Lignes de fractures et déséquilibres toujours flagrants.

Pierre-Christophe Pantz (UNC) - Auto-détermination et géographie électorale en Nouvelle-Calédonie : cristallisation politique ou indépendance ?

Sylvain Brouard (Sc Po Paris), Samuel Gorohouna (UNC) - Déterminants du comportement électoral au referendum de 2018.

**Wednesday 26 June**

8am-8.30am

**Registration – Tea and coffee**

*Room L33*

8.30am-10am

**Parallel Sessions 4**

New Models of Governance (Room L30)

*Chair: Karin von Strokirch (UNE)*

Lorenz Gonschor ('Atenisi) - Norfolk Island: Model for a neo-colonial Oceanian dystopia?

Ron Levy (ANU) - Designing Referendums for Peacemaking: The Case of Bougainville

Stephanie Lawson (Macquarie/ANU) - Contending Security Interests in Oceania

Politics of the French Pacific (Room L31)

*Chair: Jeanne Adrian (UNC)*

Jean-Marc Regnault (UPF) - La démocratie en Polynésie française



Florence Mury (UPF) - L'affirmation d'une autochtonie macro-régionale en Océanie : l'exemple ambivalent de la Polynésie française

Adrian Muckle (VUW) - Words, Values and Actions: Reading the Lives of Kanak Leaders

10am – 10.30am

Morning Tea

*Room L20*

10.30am – 12pm

**Parallel Sessions 5**

Sovereignty in the Pacific (*Room L30*)

*Chair: Jack Corbett (Southampton)*

Melania Napa'a (Univ. Otago) - Influences of Tongan Sovereignty within Tongan Government and the Function of the Royal Prerogative

Karin von Strokirch (UNE) - Implications of climate change for sovereignty in Pacific Island states

Min Yen Ong (Univ. Nottingham) - "Where are My Brothers?": Promoting Sovereignty Through Hawaiian Online Collaborative Music Videos

The Political Economy of Resources (*Room L31*)

*Chair: Nathalie Angele-Halgand (UNC)*

Jeanne Adrian (UNC) - Le nickel, vecteur d'indépendance ou de dépendances ?

Romain Lebreuilly and Nicolas Rigaux (Univ. Lorraine) - Analyse discursive d'un conflit de représentations sociales au secours d'une identité de lieux : la forêt de Kouaoua

Rudy Bessard (UPF/Bordeaux) - Democracy through Environmental Stakes in French Oceania

12pm – 1pm

Lunch

*Forum*

1pm – 2.30pm

**Parallel Sessions 6**

Diplomacy and Transnationalism in the Pacific (*Room L30*)

*Chair: Stephanie Lawson (Macquarie/ANU)*

Paul Charles Wea (La Trobe) - L'indépendance de la NC, Bougainville et West Papua constitue une nouvelle renaissance du Groupe Fer de Lance Mélanésien

Mililani Ganivet (UH) - Mapping the /s/Pacific n/oceans between us: the struggling political legacies of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement

Rieko Hayakawa (Univ. Otago) - Self-Determination of SIDS creates Transnational Crime and Global Disorder

Everyday Politics (*Room L31*)

*Chair: Kerry Baker (ANU)*

Andrew Murray (Sydney College of Divinity) – Principles of Pacific Life

Roannie Ng Shiu (ANU) - "No thanks, not for me": Young Pacific women and political aspirations

Dion Enari (Bond Univ.) - Fa'a Saymore from promised land to dreamland. Perceptions of Fa'a Samoa by New Zealand born Samoans in Brisbane, Australia



2.30pm – 4pm

**Parallel Sessions 7**

Small Island States in International Organisations (Room L30)

*Chair: Mathias Chauchat (UNC)*

William Waqavakatoga (USP) - Evaluating the New Pacific Diplomacy: A case study of West Papua

Jack Corbett (Southampton), Patrick Weller (Griffith) & Xu Yi-Chong (Griffith) – Small States and the ‘Throughput’ Legitimacy of International Organisations

Jack Corbett (Southampton), Patrick Weller (Griffith) & Xu Yi-Chong (Griffith) – Norm entrepreneurship and diffusion ‘from below’ in international organisations: How the competent performance of vulnerability generates benefits for small states

Pathways to Resilience: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (Room L31)

*Chair: Elatiana Razafi (UNC)*

Thierry Xozame (Department of Work & Employment, New Caledonia) - The plurality of the Custom pathways in the field of law

Anne-Laure Dotte, Elatiana Razafi & Fabrice Wacalie (UNC) - From Insecurity to Empowerment: Languages as a Pathway to Resilience

Sylvia C Frain (Univ Otago & Univ Guam) - Art as Self-Determination and the Art of Self-Determination

Thierry Bain & Véronique Bain (MAADO) - Dancing pathways as the cultural expression of both diversity and community

Mathurin Derel (Demain en Nouvelle-Calédonie) - Decolonizing the media in a process of decolonization

4pm-4.30pm

Afternoon tea / PIPSA General Meeting

*Room L20*

4.30pm-5.15pm

**PIPSA Closing Session**

*Amphi 400*

Panel of Young Scholars on the Key Issues of the Contemporary Pacific

*Chair: Roannie Ng Shiu (ANU)*

Geejay Milli (UPNG)

Elvira Rumkabu (Cenderawasih)

Michael Kabuni (UPNG)

William Waqavakatoga (USP)

5.30pm-7pm

**Plenary Session**

*Amphi 400*

Prospective sur la sortie de l’Accord de Nouméa

***This session will be translated into English***

*Chair: Catherine Ris (UNC)*

Séverine Blaise (UNC), Carine David (UFA) et Gerard Prinsen (Massey University) - For a re-appraisal of the triptych "decolonization, independence, sovereignty" to the prism of the New Caledonian experience

Mathias Chauchat (UNC) - Quel avenir institutionnel partagé pour la Nouvelle-Calédonie ?



Nic Maclellan (Islands Business) – Colonialism français et souveraineté partagée dans le Pacifique

### **Thursday 27 June**

10am-12pm **Writing Workshop – Early Career Researchers & Higher-Degree Research Students**

*Room L30*

10.30am-12pm **Discussion of Conference Publications** *PIPSA Committee*

1pm-4pm **Visit to Tjibaou Cultural Centre** (please register)