

INTRODUCTION

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Pacific and Maori Legal Issues Conference Programme 17 – 18 April 2009, Faculty of Law, University of Otago		
17 April	Session 1 Chair: Prof. John Dawson, Faculty of Law, Otago	<p>Conference opening <i>Judge Semi Epati, NZ District Court</i></p> <p>South Pacific legal systems: an introduction <i>Anita Jowitt, Lecturer, School of Law, USP</i></p> <p>The jury system in Tonga <i>Rose Kautoke, Law student, USP</i></p> <p>Rehabilitating Offenders? The yellow ribbon campaign in Fiji <i>Lili Vuiyasawa, Senior law student, USP</i></p>
	Session Two Chair: Prof. Nicola Peart, Faculty of Law, Otago	<p>Shortfalls of the Native Land Trust Board in Fiji <i>Vienna Macomber, Senior law student, USP</i></p> <p>The indigenisation of the Land and Titles Court of Samoa <i>Fanaafi Aiono-Le Tagaloa, PhD student, Faculty of Law, Otago</i></p> <p>The recent decision of the Court of Appeal on the constitutional position of the Fijian government <i>Anita Jowitt, Lecturer, School of Law, USP</i></p>
18 April	Session 3 Chair: Alex Latu, Senior law student, Otago	<p>Freedom of Religion and Pacific Jurisprudence <i>Judge Semi Epati, New Zealand District Court</i></p> <p>Gifting and treating in the 2008 Vanuatu national elections <i>Joseph Foukona, Associate lecturer, School of Law, USP</i></p> <p>The Great Council of Chiefs in Fiji <i>Varanisese Temo, Senior law student, USP</i></p>
	Session 4 Chair: Judge Epati, New Zealand District Court	<p>Resources, population and migration in the Pacific: connecting islands and rim <i>Prof. Brian Opeskin, Faculty of Law, Macquarie University, Sydney</i></p> <p>NZ law on co-management of natural resources: more than empty promises? <i>Natalie Coates, Senior law student, University of Otago</i></p> <p>Beyond <i>audi alterum partem</i>: the duty to consult aboriginal peoples in Canada and New Zealand <i>Anthony Wicks, Senior law student, University of Otago</i></p>
	Session 5 Chair: Maia Wikaira, Senior law student, Otago	<p>Beer wars: free trade in the Pacific <i>Ilan Kiloe, Senior law student, USP</i></p> <p>Notions of equality and rights in the NZ foreshore and seabed debate: four paradigm positions <i>Abby Suszko, PhD student, Faculty of Law, University of Otago</i></p>