Call for papers

12th Pacific Islands Political Studies Association (PIPSA) Conference

Hosted by The University of the South Pacific, Alafua Campus, Apia, Samoa,

December 8-9, 2011

Pacific politics, Pacific communities

This is a general call for papers for the 12th PIPSA conference to be held in Apia, Samoa, hosted by the University of the South Pacific, Alafua Campus. The conference aims to explore a range of issues pertaining to the relationship between politics and community in the Pacific. The broad theme Pacific politics, Pacific communities attempts to capture the complex relationships between communities and politics at the local, national, regional and international levels. It covers a range of issues and individual papers may focus on any of these specific areas:

...participatory democracy; community and grassroots governance; sustainable development; regime change; media and democracy; migration and development; conflict and conflict resolution; regional geo-politics; regional intervention; human rights; law enforcement; land and indigenous rights; youth participation; sovereignty and autonomy; sea-level rise; poverty and marginalization; gender and participation; aid and development; cultural identity; citizenship; religion and politics; human security; regional security; globalization and free trade; community violence; intra-regional challenges; nation-building; constitutional and legal reform; electoral democracy; civil society engagement; cultural and ethnic diversity; political mobilization through virtual social networks...

The 100 word abstract should be sent to Sue Rider (sue.Rider@anu.edu.au), Australian National University or Folole Asaua (f.asaua@auckland.ac.nz), University of Auckland, by 30 April 2011 and the 4,000 word paper by October 30 2011. Other details of the conference will be sent out later.

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