



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 Asua (f.asua@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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