This is an invitation for expression of interest and call for papers for the next biennial conference of the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association (PIPSA) in Tahiti. The conference theme is: Political, economic and legal governance in Pacific states and territories. The theme covers a broad range of issues relating to the Pacific and presenters may choose to focus on a theoretical aspect, policy approach, comparative study of countries and territories, individual case studies or a broad regional approach.

The conference will be collaboratively organized in tandem with GDI (Gouvernance et Développement Insulaire), a research group affiliated with the University of French Polynesia as well as the University of Hawaii and the Australian National University.

As in the past, the PIPSA Secretariat at the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia project (SSGM) at the Australian National University is likely to be able to offer funding for selected emerging scholars from around the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand. This offer will most likely include meeting some if not all costs associated with travel and accommodation. The deadline for the 300 word abstract is November 1, 2013 and the deadline for the paper is 30 April 2014. The abstract and paper in word format must be sent to Kerryn Baker, PIPSA Secretariat, Australian National University (Kerryn.Baker@anu.edu.au).

If you are applying for the emerging scholar award, please state the following in your expression of interest letter: full name, qualification, professional status, institutional affiliation, current research and number of years as a researcher.

An important development in PIPSA’s new approach is that, in addition to our biennial PIPSA conferences, we plan to have more focused symposiums in between. This year (2013) we will host a symposium at the University of Macquarie in Sydney in September. We will send out information on the PIPSA @ Macquarie symposium shortly.

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