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Pacific policy roundtable: Parliaments, politics and development

Thursday 6 September 9.15am – 12pm

Acton Theatre Level 1 JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU



The inaugural conference of the Asia and the Pacific Policy Society will be held on the 6 and 7 September at the Crawford School of Public Policy. The conference will include events that focus exclusively on development and policy issues facing the Pacific.

As part of the conference, there will be a roundtable discussion in which Pacific policy makers, analysts and academics will consider some of the implications of political processes and institutions for development.

The roundtable will take the form of a conversation among invited Pacific politicians, leaders and thinkers from civil society and the private sector and researchers and academics who will explore the role and effect of aid that targets governance.

An Invited audience of conference participants will be joined by officials from Australian agencies with a direct interest in developments in the Pacific.

The roundtable will feature opening remarks by Mr James Batley, Deputy Director General, AusAID, and it will be chaired by Mr Bob Warner, Director, Pacific Research Partnership, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU.

Panelists include:

- > Ms Brenda Heather-Latu, Former Attorney General, Samoa
- > Hon Rick Houenipwela, Minister of Finance and Treasury, Solomon Islands
- > Hon Bart Philemon, Former Minister of Finance, Papua New Guinea
- > Professor Biman Prasad, Professor of Economics, University of the South Pacific, Fiji
- > Dr Steven Ratuva, Senior Lecturer in Pacific Studies, Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Auckland
- > Ms Serena Sasingian, Executive Director, The Voice, Papua New Guinea
- > Dr Orovu Sepoe, Pacific Islands Research Fellow; State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, ANU
- > Mr Nikunj Soni, Senior PFM Adviser, Government of Timor-Leste; Chairman, Pacific Institute of Public Policy, Vanuatu
- > Dr Ila Temu, President, Papua New Guinea Chamber of Mines and Petroleum; Country Manager, Barrick PNG
- > Hon Siosua 'Utoikamanu, Former Finance Minister, Tonga; Director, Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration, The University of the South Pacific

Further information: asiaandthepacificpolicystudies.crawford.anu.edu.au/partnerships/

You may also be interested in the Pacific Update hosted by the Development Policy Centre at the Crawford School on the afternoon of 6 September. The Pacific Update is open to all and will focus on PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu, Timor Leste, Tonga and Samoa.

Presented by

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Registration required by 31 August

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