



AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PACIFIC STUDIES

**Annual General Meeting
10 May 2013**

McDonald room in Menzies library, 12.00-5.00pm

Australian National University

Guest Presentation followed by lunch (12:00 – 2:00pm).

Dr. Keith Camacho (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Militarized Incarceration: The U.S. Military Tribunals of Guam, 1945-1949”

Abstract:

In the aftermath of World War II, colonial governments often solicited the assistance of military tribunals for two general reasons: to apprehend individuals accused of war crimes and to assert claims to borders, resources, and labor. The formerly Japanese-occupied areas of Micronesia, a region comprised of several Pacific Islander communities, were likewise subjected to this colonial brand of justice. That is to say, as the Japanese garrisons surrendered to the invading U.S. Armed Forces, questions regarding the nature of atrocities committed against Americans and others in Micronesia began to surface. What, for one, constituted war criminality? Testimony? Sovereignty? To address these issues, the U.S. Navy established the War Crimes Tribunals Program in Guam, a wartime Japanese colony and presently a U.S. territory, from 1945-1949. This talk examines the making of this American military tribunal and the ways in which it rendered Asians and Pacific Islanders as carceral and colonial subjects of modernity. The objective is to situate the tribunal not as an exceptional frame of justice, but as a normative assertion of U.S. conquest, punishment, and racism in the Pacific.

Annual General Meeting (2:00 – 5:00pm).

1. Formal Business:

-Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne, 2 November 2012 – to be confirmed.

-Annual Report on AAAPS activities since last AGM – to be presented for discussion and acceptance.

-Report on meeting with ESfO board December 2012, Bergen, Norway.

-AAAPS financial accounts for the six months ended 31 December 2012 with auditor's report, presented by the Treasurer for discussion and acceptance

2. AAAPS name and vision.

Notice is given of the following special resolution that arises from the decision of the 2 November 2012 AGM to ask the Committee "to put to members for their approval that the Association's name be changed to the Australian Association for Pacific Studies." This decision was moved by John Taylor, seconded by Margaret Jolly, and carried unanimously. The special resolution, which requires a majority vote of $\frac{3}{4}$, is –

that the name of this Association shall be changed to the "**Australian Association for Pacific Studies**" and **that** the Constitution of the Association shall be amended by substituting this name for the former name "Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies" wherever it appears in the Constitution.

3. 5th AAAPS Conference, Sydney 2014.

4. Membership and recruitment.

5. Activities including newsletter and e-journal.

6. AAAPS website and FaceBook page.

7. Other business.