



Australian-World Kava Movement of LO'AU UNIVERSITY

"Education for Thinking" & "Omnipresence-in-Ma'ananga"



***THE INTERNATIONAL KAVA CONFERENCE II IN CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA –
Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of September 2015, Venue of Theatre I at Hedley-
Bull Centre of the Australian National University, CANBERRA (Cnr Liversage Street and
Garren Road)***

By

***Australian-World Kava Movement of the Lo'au University with the generosity of the Pacific
History/Institute of the Australian National University***

THEME: "Kava is Controversial Worldwide"



***HM King Tupou VI of the Kingdom of Tonga drinking the Royal Kava Cup during His
Coronation in 2015***



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Overview/Media Release

Kava ceremony, as well as a product, is increasingly controversial worldwide than ever before in its entire history within the Moanan region, and between them and the Western capitalist market with its promotion of pharmaceutical industries, as well as, health concerns. On one hand, Moanan kava culture in the region, and among Moanans living in Western societies, is confronting the international complex and increasing encroachment of capitalism, pharmaceutical interests and health concerns. On the other hand, the issue of cultural and religious rights in kava is seen as opposed to the above international complex and increasing encroachment. So, the Conference will attempt to provide positive answers, ideas, solutions and strategies to the said complex and increasing controversy. The whole Conference will be videoed by the United Nesian Movement of Canberra for their own record, as well as, to present a copy to both the Australian Capital Territory and Federal Government of Australia. All papers from such a Conference will also be incorporated as Chapters of the upcoming book on kava deducing and developing from the First International Kava Conference by the Australian-World Kava Movement and Lo'au University in 2011 at the Australian National University.



HRH Princess Lātūfuipeka Tuku'a in the central tano'a mixing the Royal kava in the Coronation of HM King Tupou VI



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Samoan Chiefly 'Ava Ceremony

FRIDAY 4th OF SEPTEMBER:

8.30am - Registration of \$30 per participant (except pensioners and students with \$15 for the three days)

9.40am – Arrival of the Guest of Honor, HRH Princess Angelika Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho (High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Tonga to the Commonwealth of Australia)

9.50am – Prayer by Rev Semisi Kava of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga in Australia

10.00am - Official Opening by HRH Princess Angelika Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho

10.20am - Appreciation of the Official Opening and Welcome Speech by Professor Siosua Fonuakihehama Lafitani (Dean, One of the Founders and Board Members of Lo'au University; PhD Candidate in the School of Rational Studies at Lo'au University for his Second Doctorate; One of the Founders of Australian-World Kava Movement; and President of Pacific Island



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- **One Minute Silence for Penelope Hu'akau who passed away in early August 2015** (the beloved wife of the Chancellor of Lo'au University, Professor 'Inoke Hu'akau)

10.30am – MORNING TEA

With entertainment by the United Nesian Movement and Fofu'anga Kava Club Band (UNM is constituted by Moanan Students from the University of Canberra, Australian National University and High School and College students in the ACT). **Entertainment items are as follows:**

- **Fijian Meke Dance performed by United Nesian Movement;**
- **Tokelauan Solo Dance by Sālote Temu from the United Nesian Movement;**
- **Tongan Solo Dance to the Royal 'Hala-kuo-Papa (Road Well-Trodden)' Song/Maa'imoa by HM Queen Sālote Tupou III, sung by Fofu'anga Kava Club and United Nesian Movement, and danced by Sālote Tupoulahi of the United Nesian Movement and Pacific Island Showcase Association;**
- **More Royal Tongan Songs from HM Queen Sālote Tupou III's Compositions sung by Fofu'anga Kava Club**

11.30am – Opening Paper Presentation by Anthropologist & Ethnologist Kirk Huffman, "Listening to Kava: from Vanuatu, to Europe, to Australia" - (Anthropologist/Ethnologist; Research Associate, Australian Museum in Sydney; Honorary Curator, National Museum, Vanuatu Cultural Centre in Vanuatu; Member, Scientific Committee, Museum of Tahiti and the Islands in Tahiti; Trustee, PIMA Pacific Islands Museums Association, etc.; and One of the Founders of Australian-World Kava Movement and Lo'au University)



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Fijian Chiefly Kava

- **Chairperson by Dr Christopher Kavelin** (Researcher and Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne)

12.30am – Panel by Religious Leaders in Canberra and Interstates led by Rev Lesieli Tonga of the Tonga Methodist Church in Australia (Canberra Branch), “Is *kava* important to religion or churches overseas?”

- **Chairperson by ‘Eseta Finau** (Senior Health Officer in Auckland; President of Tongan Nurse Association in New Zealand; One of the Advisors and Founders of Lo’au University and Australian-World *Kava* Movement)

1.30pm – LUNCH

2.30pm - First Keynote Speech by Dr Apo Aporosa, “The (proposed) Australian *Kava* Ban: Legitimate government concern or a breach of human rights?” (Completed a PhD Thesis on *Kava*, currently Research Associate of the University of Waikato, Anthropology Program, New Zealand)

- **Chairperson by Lu’isa Latūkefu** (Former Senior Health Officer, and One of the Founders of Lo’au University and Australian *Kava*-World Movement)

3.30pm – Panel by Women in Canberra and Interstate led by ‘Eseta Finau from New Zealand, “Is *kava* important to women?”

- **Chairperson by Luseane Halaevalu Lafitani** (MA Candidate and Assistant Lecturer in social work at Lo’au University; and One of the Founders of Lo’au University, Australian-World *Kava* Movement and Pacific Island Showcase Association)



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4. 30pm – Afternoon TEA

4. 40pm - General Discussion by Conference Participants regarding the problem of continuing illegal trafficking of *kava* from Eastern Australia to the Northern Territory and beyond. For Federal Government, this is one of the main reasons for their late attempt and plan to ban *kava* totally.

- **Chairperson by Professor 'Inoke Fotu Hu'akau** (Chancellor, Board Member and One of the Founders of the Lo'au University; One of the Founders of Australian-World *Kava* Movement and Radio FM 2000)

7.00pm – Around the *tano'a* with *kava* drinkers from Fofu'anga and Felingiaki *Kava* Clubs, as well as, the United Nesian Movement, in the Glass House at the University of Canberra (Cnr Cooinda St & Telita St – on the right-side of Cooinda St when coming from College St)



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***Lo'au Maui Punopuna (Sosefo 'Otutaha) and Lo'au Maui Hopohopo (Vaopako Pongi) of
Lo'au University at 'Alofi 'Utu/Beach of Vaotu'u village***

SATURDAY 5th OF SEPTEMBER:

8.30am - Registration of \$30 per participant and \$15 for pensioners and students (Only for those who haven't paid their registration on Friday 4th)

9.00am - Daniel Hernandez, "A Poly-Indigenous perspective on *Kava* Spirituality: Wellbeing and balance in relation to cultural-historical practices and the Mormon discourse (PhD Candidate doing research on *kava* in Anthropology at the University of Auckland)"

- **Chairperson by Lavinia Toa Fulivai Takiari** (Vice-president of Pacific Island Showcase Association; One of the panelists for ACT Government's Multicultural Fund; and Broadcaster for Tongan Radio Program at CMS Radio 91.1FM)

10.00am - Professor Siosiu Lafitani, "*Kava* Culture and *Ha'a* Lo'au Lineage in ancient Tonga"

- **Chairperson by Fa'onetapu Takiari** (One of the Leaders and Founders of the United Nesian Movement; Secretary and One of the Founders of Pacific Island Showcase Association; Assistant Researcher at Pacific Institute of the Australian National University; and Youth Representative for Island Mix Program on CMS Radio 91.1FM)



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Kava Welcome in Vanuatu

11.00am – MORNING TEA

11.10pm - Panel by students of the United Nesian Movement of Canberra led by David Toefoki, “Is *kava* important to Moanan students in Australia or overseas”

- **Chairperson by Valerie Bichard** (PhD Candidate in Pacific History of the Australian National University, and One of the Founders of Australian-World *Kava* Movement and Lo’au University)

12.10pm - Second Keynote Speech by Professor ‘Inoke Fotu Hu’akau, “Profile of a Civilization”

- **Chairperson by Professor Sitaleki ‘Ata’ata Finau** (Former Director of *Pasifika* Centre of Massey University in Auckland; Editor and Manager of Pacific Heal Dialog; Health General Practitioner in New Zealand; Founder of Masilamea Press; Vice-Chancellor, Board Member and One of the Founders of Lo’au University; One of the Founders of Australian-World *Kava* Movement; PhD Candidate in the School of Rational Studies at Lo’au University for his Second Doctorate)

1.10pm - LUNCH

2.10pm - Panel by *Kava* Drinkers in Canberra and Interstate led by Fofu’anga *Kava* Club, “*Kava* brings unity and enables Moanans to help others”



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***Pangai Lahi Oval in Nuku'alofa the Capital of the Kingdom of Tonga: Royal Kava Ceremony
in the Coronation of HM King Tupou VI of Tonga***

- **Chairperson by Professor Malakai Koloamatangi** (Director of *Pasifika* Centre of Massey University in Auckland; Board Member and One of the Founders of Lo'au University; and One of the Founders of the Australian-World *Kava* Movement) (Musician; and Religious and Community Leader in Canberra)

3.10pm – Dr Chris Kavelin, “Status and Value of Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom”

- **Chairperson by Dr Sione Vaka** (Lecturer, School of Nursing, Massey University, Auckland)

4.10pm – AFTERNOON TEA

4.20pm – Third Keynote Speech by Professor Malakai Koloamatangi and Dr Sione Vaka, “*Kava* strengthens sociopolitical structure and mental health”

- **Chairperson by Sikāhema 'Aholelei** (Registered Accountant and Auditor; and Steward of the Tonga Parish Church and Community Leader in Canberra)

7.00pm – Dinner with Entertainment by the United Nesian Movement and Fofu'anga *Kava* Club around the *tano'a* with other *kava* drinkers in the International House at the University of Canberra (Close to Crn Cooida St & Telita St – on left-side of Telita St when turning right from Cooida St)



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Pangai Lahi Oval in Nuku'alofa the Capital of the Kingdom of Tonga: Royal Kava Ceremony in the Coronation of HM King Tupou V in 2008

SUNDAY 6th OF SEPTEMBER:

8.30 – Registration of \$30 per participant but \$15 for pensioners and students (Only for those who haven't paid their registration on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th)

9.00am - Professor Siosua Lafitani, "KAVA CONTROVERSY WORLDWIDE: Its nature in Western Societies and beyond (A case study in Australia, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji and Vanuatu by Lo'au University and Australian Catholic University)"

- **Chairperson by Lavinia Naufahu Tunitau** (President of Tongan Weekly Radio Program, Secretary of Tongan Association of Canberra and Queanbeyan and Member of the Board of the Radio Canberra Multicultural Services 91.1Fm)

10.00pm - **Fourth Keynote Speech by Fesola'i, Ape, Toleafoa, Aleni Sofara**, "The **Consequences of Consuming 'Ava: "More Pros than Cons"** (Dip Theo, LLB, PDLP, LLM, Lecturer/Course Coordinator, Law/Commercial Law, Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship, National University of Samoa)



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- **Chairperson by Elena Sione** (Leader of the Samoan Community and One of the Founders of the Pacific Island United Council)

11.00am – MORNING TEA

11.10pm – Rev Dr Ma'afu-'o-Tu'i-Tonga Palu, "The Legend of *Kava* as a Metanarrative for Understanding the Tongan Characteristic of Giving" (Theologian and Lecturer at Si'atoutai Theological College in the Kingdom of Tonga) & Rev Semisi Kava, "*Kava* among Tongans and Aboriginals in Australia from a Christian perspective" (Minister of Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga in Australia; and Master in Theology)

- **Chairperson by Shiara Astle** (Ballet and Contemporary Dancer/Choreographer for Lo'au University Arts Foundation and Pacific Island Showcase Association; Treasurer and One of the Founders of Pacific Island Showcase Association; and Cabinet Maker)

12.10pm - LUNCH

1.10pm – Lafi-'o-Tākai, "*Mahu'inga 'o e kava he 'Ulungaanga Faka-Tonga*/"The Importance of *Kava* in Tongan culture" (Ceremonial Spokesman, *matapule*, for the Noble Lavaka of Pea village in Tonga - Lavaka Title is now belonged to HM King Tupou VI)

- **Chairperson by Professor Siosiu Lafitani**

2.10pm - Closing Paper Presentation by Professor Sitaleki 'Ata'ata Finau, "*Kava* Science and Utility Darken with the Art of Racism"

- **Chairperson Kinitoni Mafi** (PhD Candidate of Brisbane University, and One of the Founders of Australian-World *Kava* and Lo'au University)



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Samoan chiefly 'Ava

3.10pm – AFTERNOON TEA

3.20pm - General Meeting of Australian-World Kava Movement and Lo'au University chaired by its Chancellor Professor 'Inoke Fotu Hu'akau (All Members and participants are most welcome)

4.30pm – DISMISS.....MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON YOUR WAY HOME....FA'AFETAI TELE, MALO 'AUPITO, VINA KANAKA LEVU.....



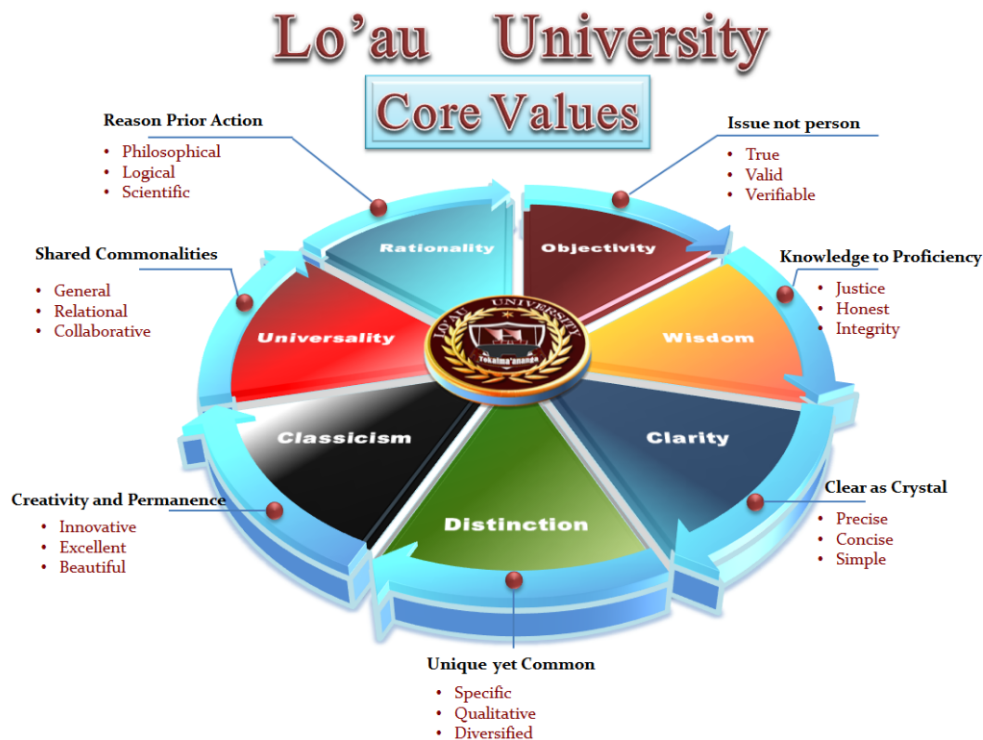
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