



**PACIFIC CENTRE FOR  
PEACEBUILDING**

**PACIFIC PEACE  
CONFERENCE 2016**  
**“Strengthening the role of  
Peace in Nation Building”**  
**OFFICIAL  
PROGRAMME**

**Dates: 18th -21st September > Venue: Grand Pacific Hotel**

## Partnerships:

The PCP is grateful to its partners who have come on board to help us convene this Conference;

- The United Nations Development Programme
- Pacific Conference of Churches
- Eastern Mennonite University
- University of the South Pacific- School of Governance, Development and International Affairs

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The Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding (PCP) works with peacebuilders in the Pacific to transform, reduce and prevent conflict. PCP believes that by employing principles of just peace and working with conflict and violence through strategic non-violent approaches will create a more just and peaceful society in the Pacific Region. PCP seeks to increase knowledge in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and human security, to encourage and support peaceful and people-centered development in the Pacific region, and to work to resolve or prevent armed conflict in the region wherever it occurs. Additionally, PCP increases awareness and enhances capacities in gender sensitive peacebuilding

methods such as conflict analysis, mediation, negotiation, dialogue, counseling, trauma healing and restorative justice. The Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding seeks to work with and respect local and traditional knowledge base for peacebuilding and people-centered- development and to integrate new knowledge in this area.

### Vision:

Pacific communities embracing a culture of peace, justice and non-violence

### Mission:

We will work with all communities to reduce, prevent and transform violence and conflict.

### As an organization we value:

- Working for just peace using transformative peacebuilding approaches
- Respect for human rights and responsibilities
- Power and wisdom of local capacities, ideas, solutions
- Integrity, dignity, humility and trust
- Collaboration and inclusive participation as key to interactions that transform relationships.

### 1. Peacebuilding Principle

Our roles as peacebuilders are agents of change, assisting in the strengthening and development of local, national, regional capacities for peace to enhance human security.

## Introduction

The Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding (PCP) for the first time is hosting the Pacific Peace Conference in Suva, Fiji. The Conference targets Non-Governmental Organisations, Civil Societies Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, International and regional Organizations, Government Departments and Ministries, as well as individuals to a space where we can all dialogue, listen and collaborate. As a pioneer peacebuilding organisation in Fiji, PCP intends to make the Peace Conference a niche event for the organisation in recognition of the work carried out within the country and in the region. With this event PCP aims to increase visibility, improve accessibility of the organisation and of peacebuilding work locally and into the Pacific region.

The theme for this year's Pacific Peace Conference is "Strengthening the role of Peace in Nation Building"

The objectives of the Peace Conference are:

- To bring together individuals, communities, civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations to discuss, share and understand each other's work within the context of peacebuilding and related areas
- To bring together peace practitioners to share their peacebuilding work
- To recognize the work that people are doing in their communities to bring about peace

The event is scheduled to be held over four days from the 18th - 21st September 2016 at the Grand Pacific Hotel. The General Secretary of the Pacific Council of Churches, Reverend Francois Pihataae will open the Conference on the 18th September followed a vigil in remembrance of all peacekeepers who are serving and have served in peacekeeping duties. A keynote address will be given each day for the three days of the conference with paper presentations and panel discussions to ensue. There are five

panel sessions, which are based on the themes;

- Peace and Religion;
- Peace and Human Security;
- Peace and The Environment;
- Peace, Education and Multiculturalism; and
- Sustainable Development Goal-Building Blocks for Peace.

2. The event will end with a Public Peace Lecture to commemorate the International Day of Peace on the evening of September 21st. Peacebuilding practitioners, PCP partners, stakeholders and the general public are invited to attend.

PCP hopes that through this event the organisation and peacebuilding work will be widely recognized across the Pacific region and internationally and also contribute to our partners' and stakeholders' own work and research. This event will also provide opportunities for new partnerships, collaborations, ideas to inform future peacebuilding work.

# DAILY PROGRAMME

## Sunday, September 18

- 6.15 pm - Choir
- Welcome of Guests and general introduction
- Chairperson of the PCP Board of Trustees, Larry Thomas
- 6.30pm - Interfaith prayer service

- 6.50pm - Introduction of Keynote Speaker
- 7.00pm - 1st Keynote address and opening of conference  
Reverend Francois Pihaatae  
General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches

- 7.30pm - Vote of thanks
- 7.35pm - Remembrance service for all Fijian Peacekeepers
- Choir
- 8.15pm - End Refreshments

## Monday, September 19

- 9.00am - Introduction  
2nd Keynote address  
Katie Mansfield  
Director of the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) program, Eastern Mennonite University
- 10.00am - Vote of thanks  
Morning tea
- 10.30am - Presentation One  
The Sin of Disobedience and the Violence of Obedience  
Dr. Richard A. Davis  
Lecturer in Theology and Ethics, Pacific

- Theological College
- 11.15am - Presentation Two  
Talanoa - A Post Traumatic Tool in Peace Building – Dissecting the Narratives  
Waisale Ramoce  
Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific
- 12.00pm - Presentation Three  
Institutionalising a Lasting Peace  
Architecture: A Geo-Partnership Driven by the Individual  
Ruby Quantson  
Development Consultant, Ghana
- 1.15pm - Lunch

- 2.30pm - Panel discussion One  
Peace and Religion  
Panelists
- 1. Reverend Dr. Tevita Banivanua- President of the Methodist Church of Fiji
- 2. Dr. Jacqueline Ryle- Senior Lecture, University of the South Pacific
- 3. Representative – Fiji Muslim League
- 4. Rev Dr. Mele'ana Puloka- President of the World Council of Churches for the Pacific  
Moderator: Ana Laqeretabua
- 4.00pm - End

## Tuesday, September 20

- 9.00am - Introduction  
3rd Keynote address  
Sister Lorraine Garasu  
Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth, Bougainville
- 10.00am - Vote of thanks  
Morning tea
- 10.30am - Presentation Four  
The Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement in Fiji  
Dr. Keri Mills  
Lecturer in History, University of the South Pacific
- 11.15am - Presentation Five  
Restorative Justice and Community Peacebuilding: PCP's Journey and Experience

- Justine Maravu and Veni Cakau  
Facilitators, Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding
- 12.00pm - Panel discussion Two  
Peace, Education and Multiculturalism  
Panelists
- 1. Simone Sevudredre- Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs
- 2. Jai Narayan - CEO, TISI Sangam
- 3. Rev Dr. Mele'ana Puloka- President of the World Council of Churches for the Pacific
- 4. Ken Cokanasiga- Programme Manager, Citizens Constitutional Forum  
Moderator: Dr. Steven Ratuva, University of Auckland (UC)
- 1.15pm - Lunch
- 2.15pm - Presentation Six

- Inserting Intercultural Understanding Consciously in the University Curriculum through Outdoor Education  
Dr. Jeremy Dorovolomo, University of the South Pacific
- 3.00pm - Panel Discussion Three  
Peace and the Environment  
Panelists
- 1. Professor Joeli Veitayaki- University of the South Pacific
- 2. Chantelle Khan- Coordinator, Social Empowerment Education Programme
- 3. Dr. Jone Hawea- Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development Fiji  
Moderator: Paulo Bale- Transcend Oceania
- 4.15pm - End

## Wednesday, September 21 – Grand Pacific Hotel

- 9.00am - Introduction  
4th Keynote address  
Professor Subramani,  
Professor in Language and Literature, Fiji National University
- 10.00am - Vote of thanks  
Morning tea
- 10.30am - Presentation Seven  
Youths In Peacebuilding: A Case Study  
Waisale Ramoce, University of the South Pacific
- 11.15am - Panel Discussion Four  
Peace and Human Security  
Panelists
- 1. Lopeti Senituli- Pacific Islands Forum  
Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism
- 2. Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls- Coordinator, femLINKpacific

- 3. Dr. Steven Ratuva- MacMillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, UC
- 4. Maureen Penjueli- Pacific Network on Globalisation  
Moderator: Dr. Nicola Baker
- 12.15pm - Presentation Eight  
Re-Examining Aspects of War and Peace in early 19th Century Fiji  
Dr. Robert Nicole,  
Senior Lecturer, University of the South Pacific
- 1.00pm - Lunch
- 2.15pm - Panel Discussion Five  
The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks of Peace  
Panelists
- 1. Chitralekha Massey- Regional Rep, United Nations Human Rights

- 2. Professor Vijay Naidu- Director of Development Studies, USP
- 3. Archbishop Peter Loy Chong  
Moderator: Sonia Bachmann- United Nations Development Programme
- 3.30pm - Break
- 5.30pm - Wednesday Program Resumes
- 5.45pm - Opening remarks  
- Cultural Item
- 6.00pm - Introduction of Chief Guest
- 6.10pm - Peace Address / Public Lecture  
Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi- Chief Justice of Nauru
- 7.00pm - Vote of thanks
- 7.00pm - End Refreshments

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES



**Rev. Francois Pihaatae**  
General Secretary  
Pacific Conference of Churches Suva, Fiji

Biography: Rev. Pihaatae is originally from Maohi Nui (French Polynesia), an ordained minister of the Etaretia Porotetani Maohi (Maohi Protestant Church). Rev. Pihaatae has extensive

pastoral experience in the Pacific as a former PTC graduated Bachelor Of Divinity student from 1989-1991. After his ordination in 1993 he served as parish minister until 2009 than he moved to Fiji to work at the Pacific Conference of Churches. In addition to his parish responsibilities Rev. Pihaatae was called on to take on broader leadership responsibilities when he was elected Chairman of a circuit of the church, a position he held for nearly 10 years. As Chairman he was also an active member of the Church Executive Committee and Synod where he initiated many programs to benefit churches of the region.

Rev. Pihaatae gained significant global leadership experience when he served as a member of the World Council of Churches Commission for World Mission

and Evangelism (CWME), 2000-2005. He represented the aspirations of the churches of the Pacific in many international forums.

Rev. Pihaatae brings significant pastoral and leadership experience to the Pacific churches as a member of the Commission of Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (CCIA) from 2013 - 2021. His knowledge and insights gained through his involvement with church affairs over the past two decades will inform discussions about challenges facing Pacific churches today.

Rev. Pihaatae was newly appointed as General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches in March 2013 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

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**Katie Mansfield**  
Director, STAR Program  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Biography: Katie Mansfield is the Director of the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) program within Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding.

Before joining STAR, Katie worked with Mennonite Central Committee Kenya for three years as peacebuilding coordinator. Previously she was an apprentice with John Paul Lederach at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute, researching, writing, planning and network building with initiatives in Colombia, Argentina, Thailand and Nepal and linking Kroc's alumni network. She also worked with

CDA Collaborative Learning Projects' Listening Project and engaged in peace education work in Davao (Mindanao), Boston, and Delhi. Prior to working in peacebuilding, she worked for eight years with a major multi-national bank in New York and London.

Katie is a PhD candidate in Expressive Arts and Conflict Transformation with the European Graduate School in Switzerland. She completed her M.A. in International Peace Studies (Kroc Institute) in 2008 and her AB in History at Harvard University in 1996. She has also completed teacher trainings in yoga and healing dance.



**Sister Lorraine Garasu**  
Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth  
Bougainville

Biography: Sister Lorraine Garasu is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth and Coordinator for the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation. She is also the founder of the Nazarene Rehabilitation Centre on Bougainville. She has participated in peace negotiations in Bougainville and overseas. In 2009 she was honoured as the Papua New Guinea winner of the US State Department's International Women of Courage Award, and in 2011 received the Order of Australia

in recognition of her work assisting displaced families, sexually abused youth and victims of domestic violence, as well as trauma counseling, rehabilitation and agricultural programmes.

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**Professor Subramani**  
Professor in Language and Literature  
Fiji National University, Lautoka Campus, Fiji

Biography: Subramani is currently Professor in Language and Literature at the Fiji National University. He worked at University of the South Pacific for a number of years where he served as

Professor, Dean, Pro Vice Chancellor, and acted as Vice Chancellor. Before joining the Fiji National University, he taught in India and Australia. He has travelled widely as an invited writer and scholar to Japan, the United States, England, India, Mauritius, the West Indies and many other places.

He was educated in schools in Labasa and Suva, and studied at universities in New Zealand, Canada, and Hawaii.

Subramani likes to be known essentially as a writer. As a writer he has won awards and commendations. He writes his books both in English and Hindi. Just to highlight a few: after the 1987 coup, he used to be invited by various organizations, both local and overseas, to speak on Fiji's situation after the early coups; the speeches, and other essays,

are published in a book called *Altering Imagination*. A book on human values education is used as a reference text in Fiji's secondary schools.

He wrote a book of plays on the life of Shri Sathya Sai Baba. The first major novel in Fiji Hindi called *Dauka Puraan* was written by him and subsequently he received an Australia Arts Council grant to create a novel about women in Fiji that he has recently completed, *Fiji Maa; Mother of a Thousand*, a work of some 700 pages, awaiting publication. A small book by him called *Reclaiming the Nation* was recently launched in Lautoka, Fiji that is generating discussion on education, the idea of a university, decolonizing curriculum, reading and new illiteracy and making narratives about the nation.



**Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi**  
Chief Justice of Nauru

Biography: Ratu Madraiwiwi has a Law degree from the University of Adelaide, Australia, and a master's degree in Law from McGill University, Canada. After working for the Attorney General from 1983 to 1991, he went on to serve as a permanent arbitrator until 1997, when he was appointed as a judge of the High Court. He resigned from the bench in 2000 in protest against the coup d'état that saw the elected government toppled, the constitution abrogated, and the judiciary reorganized by decree. Thereafter, he practiced law privately as

a partner of Howards, besides serving as a director of Fiji Times Limited and as a trustee of the Fijian Trust Fund. He is also a human rights commissioner, former chairman of the Citizens Constitutional Forum, a pro-democracy and human rights organisation and a former board member of the Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding. Ratu Joni is a former Vice-President of Fiji.





**Dr. Jeremy Dorovolomo**  
Lecturer, School of Education

**University of the South Pacific Suva, Fiji**  
**INSERTING INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING  
CONSCIOUSLY INTO THE UNIVERSITY  
CURRICULUM THROUGH OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

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Abstract: The implementation and design of any curriculum that seeks to promote peace should allow maximal interaction and exchange between students of diverse backgrounds. Intercultural understanding cannot occur on paper but through the design of activities and assessments that provides opportunity for diverse

participants to work together towards group goals. This presentation will be based on the study of 126 students at the University of the South Pacific on their experiences of an outdoor education curriculum, which culminated into a camping trip. The study found that two of the top outcomes for participating in the outdoor, camping trip were: getting to know and understand others of different cultures, ethnicity, language, religion, and race; and the second relates to the teamwork and cooperation within the group. With an outdoor education program, which emphasized cooperation and physical challenge, it enabled the development of interpersonal relationships and interdependence. Intentional mixing of students in camp groups and activities influenced the possibility of cultural interaction and understanding. Course objectives of the outdoor education program is consistent with the goals of multicultural education, which encompasses teaching students to respect one another's cultures and values, and learning to function successfully in a multicultural society.

It is important to enable students to experience both the differences and similarities of culturally diverse people in positive ways, and encourages them to experience people of diverse cultures working together as unique parts to a group through praxis than merely in theory.

Biography: Dr. Jeremy Dorovolomo teaches physical education at the School of Education, University of the South Pacific (USP), Suva, Fiji. Jeremy has been a physical educator at Solomon Islands high schools and the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education prior to joining USP. As coach, he has mostly coached in soccer and table tennis, alternating between community coaching and elite coaching. Jeremy's research interests are in the areas of the physical education curriculum, health and physical activity, sport education, outdoor education, higher education, and Solomon Islands educational issues. He has spoken in several conferences, seminars and symposiums, published two books, several book chapters and journal articles



**Ruby Quantson**  
Development Consultant  
Ghana, West Africa

**INSTITUTIONALISING A LASTING PEACE  
ARCHITECTURE: A GEO-PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN BY  
THE INDIVIDUAL**

*"...Shall we keep silent or shall we speak?  
And if we speak, what shall we say?" -  
(Dorothy Day: 1949)*

Abstract: This paper explores practices around sustainable peace and security that revolves strongly around individual transformation, empowerment and knowledge exchange. Security was previously conceptualised as safety of

the regime or the government. Peace was therefore interpreted to mean situations in which the regime was not threatened. As global challenges such as poverty and inequality intensified, and civil and political unrest increased, security was gradually understood as the wellbeing of the people, the community and the individual. It cannot be left solely to the State. The quest for human security therefore opened up the space for several non-state peace initiatives and voices. But what, how and where do they speak or act to promote lasting peace?

The challenge is that the call for collective action towards global peace and security has downplayed the individual basis of peace work. Yet security and for that matter peace is about the human being. This paper argues that it is the collective practices at the level of the individual person that can coalesce at the group or community levels and across borders for lasting global peace and security. Such investments prepare the individual to transform conflicts they encounter. Experiences and practices of peace can

then be passed on to generations in a lasting manner. This failing, we pay lip service to peace and still leave the responsibility to "the other".

This paper explores the construction of peace architectures beyond manuals, publications, legislations, norms or even activism to one that is based on individual transformations and commitments. The paper will draw on diverse international examples to demonstrate how we may go beyond rhetoric and 'pledges of peace lovers', to a look at the bolts and nuts of every individual as a peace worker. This way we do not just give voice but determine when to voice, what and how to voice to advance peace every day.

Biography: Ruby Quantson is a Development Practitioner, from Ghana, with over 13 years' international experience in policy research and advocacy. With a focus on political governance and development in Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific South, Quantson designs and delivers courses in peace-building and conflict prevention, negotiation and mediation,

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deliberation and dialogues for groups in countries affected by conflict and other development challenges. These include NGOs, government agencies, parliaments, diplomats, the military, police, as well as traditional leaders, women, youth, faith –based organisations, small scale farmers and professional groups.

She consults regularly with the Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG) in Ghana, the Kettering Foundation in the USA and the Citizens' Accord Forum in Israel; the Institute for Research and Advocacy (INSRAT) in Ghana and Trust Africa in Senegal. Other partners have been Bread for the World, the Ecumenical Centre

for Research Education and Advocacy and the Pacific Theological College, in Fiji; the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu Education Authority; the German International Cooperation (GIZ), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria; the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) and the West Africa Network for Peace-building (WANEP).

She has authored and co-authored research papers, fact sheets and briefs for policy advocacy. Among these are "Dialogue and Mediation: processes and lessons for participatory dialogue and mediation" and "The Changing Roles of CSOs in Public Policy Making in Ghana". Quantson has also developed

several training modules and courses on 'Conflict Prevention', 'the Nature of African states', 'Citizens, Government and Conflict', 'Public Deliberation and Dialogue' 'the Context of Education in Oceania among others.

Ruby Quantson serves as an International Faculty member of the summer Deliberative Democracy Exchange, hosted by the Kettering Foundation in the USA. She also serves on several Boards and civil society platforms including the Civic Forum Initiative. She speaks English, French and several Ghanaian languages.



**Waisale Ramoce**  
Pacific Studies  
University of the South Pacific Suva, Fiji

## TALANOA- A POST TRAUMATIC TOOL IN PEACEBUILDING- DISSECTING THE NARRATIVES

Abstract: Natural Disasters apart from Conflicts and Wars are equally devastating and they disturb the peace at both macro and micro levels of societies. This paper examines Talanoa, a widely available and acceptable tool in the Pacific that is often dismissed, shallowly written

off, and a sidetracked cultural nuance. Though the paper may be a far flung from offering solutions to post traumatic experiences, however, it aims

to give Talanoa, its rightful place and space as not only a cultural means for communication, and research but one of the best tools that a peace practitioner can be engaged with in immediate post traumatic situations. Talanoa is more than what it is often taken for. It is about creating open spaces; it's about leveling platforms, in colloquial expressions it's about "offloading" and not surprisingly "gossiping". Taking all these into considerations, it also aims at exploring the nature and the value of the narratives out of which Talanoa situates itself. It argues that clear, concise and a more focused approach needs to be considered to the narratives during Talanoa, for in the narratives, lie emotions, feelings, attitudes, and the "self".

The paper is presented in a form of a "flashback" using the very Talanoa mechanism to "re-live" the experiences of the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Winston that ravaged the Fiji Group in March this year. Set against a backdrop of restlessness, hopelessness and fear amongst the survivors of the terrible disaster, it raises the question of how does one PRESENT, REACT, and

RESPOND at moments of first CONTACT with the victims of such calamities. Conclusively it wishes to celebrate in the power of Talanoa as not only a relevant and appropriate mechanisms but moreso a Pacific wide culturally befitting tool for Community based Peace Building Work.

Biography: Waisale Ramoce is a teaching Staff of Pacific Studies in the Faculty of Arts Law and Education at the University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus here in Fiji. Prior to joining USP, he spent a few years coordinating the Peace and Development Programme for ECREA (NGO) which was a Programme targeting Youths in the area of Inter ethnic relationship and Peace Building. His interest and passion for Peace and Social Justice has paved the way to connecting and working with young people, informal settlements and as well as community based research programmes in the outer rural areas of Fiji. Apart from teaching Pacific World at USP, he lists his hobbies as working with youths, the underprivileged and networking with people who have similar interest in Pacific Culture.

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**Dr. Richard A. Davis**  
Lecturer in Theology and Ethics Pacific  
Theological College  
Suva, Fiji Islands

## THE SIN OF DISOBEDIENCE AND THE VIOLENCE OF OBEDIENCE

Abstract: In this paper, I shall examine the so-called “virtue” of obedience, which is promoted by both Christianity and culture in the Pacific. Obedience is promoted as a virtue in many aspects

of society, from the home to church and state. Children are expected to obey their elders, wives are expected to obey their husbands, parishioners are expected to obey their ministers or priests, and citizens are expected to obey the government. Reinforcing these power dynamics is an understanding of disobedience as sinful, it being a sin to disobey people in authority.

By this logic, obedience is considered a virtue by many, while disobedience is a sin. The paper will outline the case for obedience based on Pacific culture and religion. Then the paper will outline why blind obedience is a source of violence, having seriously negative effects for building a non-violent peaceful society. Firstly, women and children often suffer domestic violence because of patriarchal enforcement of perceived disobedience. In national politics, obedience and compliance encourage state violence in which the state threatens or enacts

violence against those whom it deems to be disobedient. Finally, the paper will make the case for recasting the doctrine of sin, so that sin is not understood as disobedience, but is cast in relational terms that offer more hope for developing a peaceful, less violent society. A better understanding of proper obedience to God and legitimate authority will also be able to be outlined. By doing so, this will help to address the acceptability of domestic violence in the Pacific region. It will also open up space for more expression of legitimate opposition to government through the expression of dissent, which is essential to a functioning peaceful democracy.

Biography: Dr. Richard A. Davis, a New Zealander, is a Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at the Pacific Theological College (PTC), where he teaches political theology and Christian ethics. Richard earned his PhD in theological ethics at New College, Edinburgh.



**Dr. Keri Mills**  
Lecturer in History  
University of the South Pacific

## THE NUCLEAR FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC MOVEMENT IN FIJI

Abstract: The Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement (NFIP) was a loose alliance of environmental and political activists who campaigned hard through the 70s, 80s and 90s for the security and self-determination of the Pacific region against overseas exploitation. To date there has been little academic inquiry into this important movement in a critical period of Pacific history. This paper presents a brief literature review and some preliminary analysis from research on the goals and achievements of NFIP in Fiji.

Biography: Dr. Keri Mills is a lecturer

in history at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. Her research specialties are in indigenous-settler relationships in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the history of environmentalism. Her PhD on the history of Tongariro National Park was awarded by the Australian National University. She has previously worked as a lecturer at the University of Auckland and a historian at the Office of Treaty Settlements in Wellington.



**Dr. Robert Nicole**  
Senior Lecturer  
School of Government, Development, and  
International Affairs  
University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

## RE-EXAMINING ASPECTS OF WAR AND PEACE IN EARLY 19TH CENTURY IN FIJI

Abstract: This paper presents a return to Fiji's post-contact historical archive (1800-1850s) to re-examine aspects of war and peace. It reviews the dominant representation of i Taukei as “warlike” “cannibals” and explores the complex array of cultural mechanisms that existed to variously avoid war, limit the loss of life when wars broke out, and prolong periods of peace. My intention is not to create a romantic revision of Fijian history. Rather, it is an attempt to explore the past and use it to extract ideas that

can inform current conversations and continuing efforts at creating a viable and peaceful nation. I'm also interested in looking at the role of the historian – as an intellectual and as an agent of change – in this process. A possible title for this paper could be “War and peace in early 19th Century Fiji: How can we use the past to build a peaceful future”.

Biography: Robert Nicole is senior lecturer in the School of Government, Development, and International Affairs at the University of the South Pacific in Suva. He teaches Politics and has research interests in Fiji History.



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**Waisale Ramoce**  
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## YOUTHS IN PEACEBUILDING- A CASE STUDY

Abstract: Consisting of about 45% of the total population of this country, they are the most active, diverse and energetic group of the population trend, that needs to be activated. Youths in Fiji and elsewhere in the Pacific are making significant changes at both national and community spheres. Although efforts to build a unified nation are hampered by corruption among leaders, scarcity of resources, a "culture of silence" in which people acquiesce to those in authority, differing cultural assumptions, and an inability to practically accommodate diversity,

Youths, I-Tabagone, Navayavaka-1 are breaking ethnic barriers, they contribute positively to nation building and active participants to community developments As challenging as it may be, this study approaches Youth Work from a very positive and optimistic facet of Sustainable Development Theory towards youth Participation in Fiji

The paper explores Youth work in the Area of Development and Peace Building through LIVED, EXPERIENCES and SHARED moments with young people. In light of this, the paper therefore is centered on two case studies with varying experiences and totally different spheres of Youth Work in Fiji. The first case study revolves around a Multicultural dimensions of Interethnic

Peace Building work with young people in a centralized, Urban and diverse locality while the second encompasses youth work in a more enclosed, mono cultural rural setting. While the former is governed by the principles of multiculturalism and diversities, the later focuses on cultural and traditional mechanisms of Youth participation in Peace Building and Development in communities. It is also hoped that the paper will pave its way into illuminating a more focused and efficient approaches to Youth Work and Participation in Fiji, especially in the area of Peace building, and in doing so, soliciting a firm platform for Young people's CREATIVITY, DIVERSITY and ENERGY in Nation Building



**Justine Maravu**  
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## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & COMMUNITY PEACEBUILDING: PCP'S JOURNEY AND EXPERIENCE

Abstract: This paper is a compilation of the Outcomes of PCP's Restorative Justice Process and how PCP has employed the use of its RJ model with the victim and offender process in RJ Conferencing /Mediation which will highlight a case study as well as Community Peacebuilding.

Human life grows out of a web of relationship. Relationships shape and support us but they can also cause pain. Family, friends and others let us down, abuse us and ignore us. When left unattended, these broken relationships distort the web, forcing it out of balance. To the extent if the victim and victims family does not accept the traditional forms of forgiveness – "bulubulu" the relationships becomes more distorted. Rehabilitation of offenders without

dialogue with their victims is problematic: victims may feel unready to make amends with the offender out of fear, anger or loss of dignity. The re-appearance of an ex- offender in the community can re-traumatize the victim of violence and also traumatize the offender if a community support system is not established and operational. The lack of dialogue between victim and offender can split communities, exacerbate levels of domestic violence with a community and otherwise present obstacles to the reintegration of the offender into the society. Therefore, the aim of the 'Restorative Justice in Prisons' Program at the Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding is to reduce violence by working with victims, offenders, their families and communities within a Restorative Justice framework, to transform aggressive and violent behavior, promote personal responsibility for crimes, support the individual healing process of victims and offenders and support community action to prevent re-offending and violence.

A reflective activity of the past and present work experience in conducting Conflict Analysis in most indigenous communities and their existing Conflict Management System and practices, a way of maintaining Peace.

Biography: Justine Maravu is as a Project Officer/ Facilitator at Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding under the DUA (Democracy- Understanding & Action) project. She was participant for Womens Peacebuilding Leadership Program and has graduated with a graduate certificate in Peacebuilding and Leadership from Eastern Mennonite University. She has

background in Business Customs and Community Education after joining SPC community Education Training Centre with other Pacific Women. This was where she started her journey as a young I-Taukei woman living in Fiji and advocating on Womens issues, through empowerment & small business initiatives. Justine has been a Facilitator/ Project Officer for the past eight years and implementing Projects that addresses thematic areas of Democracy, Income generating projects and Resource Utilization and believes that Womens issues are common in most communities that could mean that the needs of women are the same across. Justine has the interest to advocate on Womens Issues ever since she joined the CSO. Community Peacebuilding needs to be strengthen now and she believes that PCP's peacebuilding work would empower and enable community leaders to resolve conflict non-violently and empower women to better manage conflict within their homes and also in the communities that create just Peace

Biography: Veni Cakau is a Project Officer/ Facilitator for the Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding and has been for the past three year. He works under the Restorative Justice program in PCP. As a University student he founded and was the President of the Phycology Student Association and interned at the Fiji Corrections Service as a counselor and UNDP. He has been part of many peacebuilding trainings like Pacific Peacebuilding Training Intensive. Veni is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology.

# PANEL SESSIONS & PANELISTS

## Panel Discussion One: Peace and Religion

### Panelists

1. Reverend Dr. Tevita Banivanua- President of the Methodist Church of Fiji
2. Dr. Jacqueline Ryle- Senior Lecture, University of the South Pacific
3. Fiji Muslim League
4. Rev Dr. Mele'ana Puloka- President of the World Council of Churches for the Pacific

Moderator: Ana Laqeretabua

## Panel Discussion Two: Peace, Education and Multiculturalism

### Panelists

1. Simone Sevudredre Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs
2. Jai Narayan - CEO, TISI Sangam
3. Rev Dr. Mele'ana Puloka- President of the World Council of Churches for the Pacific
4. Ken Cokanasiga- Programme Manager, Citizens

Constitutional Forum  
Moderator: Dr. Steven Ratuva- Macmillan Brown Centre, University of Auckland

## Panel Discussion Three: Peace and the Environment

### Panelists

1. Professor Joeli Veitayaki- University of the South Pacific
2. Chantelle Khan- Coordinator, Social Empowerment Education Programme
3. Dr. Jone Hawea- Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development Fiji

Moderator: Paulo Bale- Transcend Oceania

## Panel Discussion Four: Peace and Human Security

### Panelists

1. Lopeti Senituli- Pacific Islands Forum Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism

2. Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls- Coordinator, femLINKpacific
3. Dr. Steven Ratuva- Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, UC
4. Maureen Penjueli- Pacific Network on Globalisation

Moderator: Dr. Nicola Baker

## Panel Discussion Five: The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks of Peace

### Panelists

1. Chitrakleha Massey- Regional Rep, United Nations Human Rights
2. Professor Vijay Naidu- Director of Development Studies, USP
3. Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

Moderator: Sonia Bachmann- United Nations Development Programme

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**Reverend Dr. Tevita Nawadra Banivanua**  
President of the Methodist Church of Fiji

Biography: Rev. Dr. Tevita Banivanua is the President of the Methodist Church in Fiji, the largest religious community in Fiji. He is also the President of the Fiji Council of Churches.

Rev. Dr. Banivanua holds Diploma in Theology from Davuilevu Theological College (1977), Bachelor of Divinity from the Pacific Theological College (1980) and gained a Masters of Arts in from Lancaster University's Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion the United Kingdom (1997). He was awarded an Honorary PhD from the Pacific Theological College in 2015.

Rev. Dr. Banivanua has served as chaplain of Richmond High School in Kadavu, Hospital Chaplain,

Secretary for Christian Citizenship and Social Services and a lecturer at the Davuilevu Theological College. He has served as a minister in the Methodist Church of Great Britain and was the General Secretary of the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools for over a decade, before taking up the position of Deputy General Secretary in 2009, during a difficult time for the Church in the midst of Fiji's political crisis. He began his appointment as General Secretary of the Church in 2013 and was elected President in 2014, taking up office in 2015.

Rev. Dr. Banivanua is married to Jiajana Bale Banivanua and they have six children.



**Dr. Jacqueline Ryle**  
Senior Lecturer, School of Social Sciences

Biography: Dr. Jacqueline Ryle is a social anthropologist and senior lecturer in sociology at The University of the South Pacific, teaching, among other topics, anthropological and sociological perspectives on religion. Since 1993 she has researched into Christianity, tradition, politics and reconciliation in Fiji, conducting extensive fieldwork among clergy and lay people in Methodist, Pentecostal, Catholic and Anglican churches and communities in rural and urban settings, and on Interfaith Search Fiji. Her publications include My God, My Land – Interwoven Paths of Christianity and Tradition in Fiji (Ashgate 2010). Between 2008 and 2013, within the National Council of Churches in Denmark and the Roman Catholic Church in Denmark, she was engaged in ecumenical relations and faith-based responses to climate change. Her current research includes a USP-funded multidisciplinary project in Fiji on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and marine resources in relation to climate change and sustainable development.



**Reverend Dr. Mele'ana Puloka**  
President of Education  
Free Wesleyan Church Education Department.

Biography: Reverend Dr. Mele'ana Puloka currently serves as the President of Education in the Free Wesleyan Church Education Department. Dr. Puloka is an ordained minister of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga and has been involved in the church's education system for many years. She is a former principal of the Queen Salote College and involved in developing Curriculum for the Tongan education system. She is a past area president of the Pacific to the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting World Women. She is also the World Council of Churches President of the Pacific Region and Member of Pacific Council of Churches (current)

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**Simione Sevudredre**  
Acting Principal Administration Officer  
Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs

Biography: As an Acting Principal Administration Officer Mr. Simione Sevudredre responsibilities are to facilitate research on different aspects of the Indigenous iTaukei language and culture of Fiji to enable the Institute to preserve, safeguard and revitalize them.

Professional Qualifications: Master of Arts in Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific Postgraduate

Diploma in Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, 2012; Bachelor Arts Linguistics & English Literature, University of the South Pacific, 1996 Teaching Certificate, Fiji College of Advanced Education 1998

Professional Career: Acting Principal Administration Officer Research, iTaukei Institute of Language and Culture, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Suva, Fiji, a former Documentary Producer in the iTaukei Language, Fiji Television Limited and a former Teacher of English as Second Language in Secondary School, Ministry of Education.



**Jai Narayan**  
Chief Executive Officer  
TISI Sangam Fiji

Biography: Mr. Narayan was Born and bred in the District of Nadogo where he attended the Navoalevu Primary school and then went on to complete his Secondary education at the All Saints secondary school and then his Form Six University Entrance Examination at Labasa college.

He attained his Diploma in Education in Social Science & English in 1981 from the USP. In 1985 he completed a Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language from the Massey University in New Zealand and in 1993 completed the Bachelor of Arts majoring in Educational Administration from USP. He completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Education in 2001 from USP; completed a Certificate in Educational Leadership from UNITEC New Zealand in 2006 and also graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Management from UNITEC NZ in 2008.

He completed Post Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management in 2009 from USP while pursuing with the MBA from USP. He has further completed his Professional Diploma in Business Leadership from USP in 2013 and Induction Course for Foreign Diplomatic Service from USP in June 2014.

Mr. Narayan has served in various schools around the country in different capacities, starting as an Assistant Teacher at Nadogo Secondary School in

1982. In 1983 he was appointed HOD Social Science and he served on that position till 1989. In 1990 he was appointed Vice-Principal of Nadogo Secondary School and in 1997 became the Principal of Nadogo secondary school.

In 1998 was transferred to Vunimoli Secondary School as Principal and in 2000 was transferred to Tabia College as the Principal of that school. In 2002 Mr. Narayan was promoted as Principal of Penang Sangam High school where he served as Principal till the end of 2009. In 2010 he was promoted as Principal of Nadi Sangam SKM College and in May 2011 was promoted as the Divisional Education Officer Western. In June in the same year was transferred to the Central Division as the Divisional Education Officer Central. In August 2012 was appointed as the Director Secondary Ministry of Education and remained in that position till his retirement on the 7th of July, 2015. From 13th July to date he is the CEO of Then India Sanmarga Ikya Sangam, Fiji.



**Ken Cokanasiga**  
Programme Manager  
Citizens Constitutional Forum

Biography: Ken Cokanasiga is the Programme Manager for Citizens Constitutional Forum. For the past eight years Mr Cokanasiga has been working on climate change projects with organisations such as Live & Learn Environment Education, Ra Provincial Council Office and the Mamanuca Environment Society. Mr. Cokanasiga is graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a BA Physical Geography and Tourism, Post Grad Development Studies and Governance”.



**Joeli Veitayaki**  
Associate Professor  
School of Marine Studies  
University of the South Pacific

Biography: Joeli Veitayaki is the Associate Professor and Head of the School of Marine Studies; Director for the International Ocean Institute Pacific Islands based at the USP and is leader of the University Research Cluster on Pacific Ocean and Fisheries Management. Joeli is a trained teacher who did his Bachelors and Masters studies at USP. He obtained his PhD in Environment and Development from Australian National University. Apart from teaching, Joeli works closely with researchers and communities to promote the management of marine resources. He has written articles on the importance of subsistence and artisanal fisheries, indigenous knowledge, capacity building issues, environment, sustainable development and regional cooperation in the South Pacific.

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**Maureen Penjueli**  
Coordinator  
Pacific Network on Globalisation



**Chitralekha Massey**  
Regional Representative



**Archbishop Peter Loy Chong**

Biography: Archbishop Peter Loy Chong graduated from Pacific Regional Seminary with Bachelor of Divinity (Honors) 1990. He was ordained a Priest in January 11, 1992. He was ordained the Archbishop of Suva in June 8, 2013

2007 Licentiate in Sacred Theology at Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University. (Cum Laude)

2013 Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University (Magna Cum Laude).

Biography: Prior to her arrival in Suva, Fiji as Regional Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Pacific, Chitralekha Massey was working in Tanzania as Senior Human Rights Adviser; working closely with the Government, National Institutions and Civil Society while supporting the UN Delivering as One Country Team.

Prior to that she was leading the Human Rights Office in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. She was also the Deputy Director for the Iraq Wide Human Rights Office of UNAMI. She has also worked in OHCHR Nepal, the biggest country office globally from 2006 – 2010 first as the head of the Capacity-building, Training and Best Practices Section and the then new team of Discrimination and Economic, Social, Cultural Rights. She was the elected Staff Representative for this Office. She has also worked for a number of years in OHCHR-Geneva.

Ms. Massey has worked for a number of years on a range of human rights issues, which include street children, torture, business and human rights, countering discrimination, strengthening National Institutions ability to work with human rights including police, military and armed forces and judiciary, establishing national human rights commissions, working with civil society and non-governmental organisations.

The holder of a PhD in International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, she remains involved with youth at academic institutions, schools and currently with the CEO Forum of India where she provides advise to business houses on the integration of human rights into their policies and programs.

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## List of all presenters:

1. Archbishop Peter Loy Chong
2. Chitralekha Massey
3. Dr. Jacqueline Ryle
4. Dr. Jeremy Dorovolomo
5. Dr. Jone Hawea
6. Dr. Keri Mills
7. Dr. Robert Nicole
8. Justine Maravu
9. Joeli Veitayaki
10. Katie Mansfield
11. Ken Cokanasiga
12. Leo Nainoka
13. Lopeti Senituli
14. Maureen Penjueli
15. Professor Subramani
16. Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi
17. Reverend Francois Pihaatae
18. Reverend Dr. Tevita Banivanua
19. Reverend Dr. Mele'ana Puloka
20. Richard A. Davis
21. Ruby Quantson
22. Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls
23. Simione Sevudredre
24. Sister Lorraine Garasu
25. Veni Cakau
26. Waisale Ramoce

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