DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
Governance in Pacific States: reasessing roles and remedies

PROGRAM

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji
Tuesday 30 September - Thursday 2 October, 2003
MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

5.00 – 6.00  Arrival and Registration
6.00 – 7.00  Welcome Drinks

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

8.00 – 9.00  Registration (continued)

FIRST PLENARY: OPENING SESSION
Moderator: Beris Gwynne, FDC

9.00 – 9.20  Traditional Welcome
9.20 – 9.45  Official Welcome
教授 Rajesh Chandra, Acting Vice Chancellor, University of the South Pacific (Host)

9.45 - 10.00  Opening Remarks
Mr Noel Levi, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

10.00 – 10.15  Opening Remarks
Hon Christine Gallus, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Government of Australia

10.15 – 10.30  Questions/General Discussion

10.30 – 11.00  MORNING TEA

Panel Discussion: Governance In Pacific States
(each speaker to have 20-25 minutes)

Ms Thuy Mellor, Asian Development Bank
Mr John Velegrinis, General Manager, ANZ Fiji
Dr Jimmie Rodgers, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (TBC)

Questions/General discussion

12.30 – 1.30  LUNCH

SECOND PLENARY: GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY
Moderator: Professor Stewart Firth, Politics and History, USP

1.30 – 2.25  CDI Panel Discussion
Roland Rich: The elements of democracy
Krishan Datt MP (Fiji): The role of the constitution
Ofa Swann MP (Fiji): Governance and Democracy – the role of Parliament
TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

PARALLEL SESSIONS: GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY
Moderator: Beris Gwynne

2.30 – 3.30

SESSION A: RE-THINKING LEGITIMACY
Moderator: Beris Gwynne
✦ Vijay Naidu (Victoria University): Governance, Ethnicity and the State in Fiji: a case of diminishing legitimacy
✦ Alphonse Gelu (University of PNG): Legitimacy of Governments – a Case Study of Governments in Papua New Guinea
✦ George Dan Hoa’au (USP): "Naked Majority": When statistics become statues and leaders rule without a majority voice - the case of the Solomon Islands

SESSION B: CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Moderator: David Hegarty
✦ Ian Scales (ANU): The flourishing of local level governance after the coup in Solomon Islands: lessons for reform of the State
✦ Iris Wielders (University of Sydney): Conflict resolution and governance in Solomon Islands
✦ Materoa Dodd (University of Waikato): Governance and Legitimacy: Conflict and Independent Dispute Resolution

SESSION C: PARTICIPATION
Moderator: Brij Lal
✦ Margaret Palmer (Griffith University): Democracy in Fiji: a failure of Westminster?
✦ Jon Fraenkel and Bernie Grofman (USP/University of California): Preferential Voting and the Promotion of Moderation – Exploring the Theory and Practice

3.30 – 3.50

AFTERNOON TEA

3.50 – 5.00

SESSION D: PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES
Moderator: Michael Manning
✦ Michael Morgan (ANU): Overview: Vanuatu and Fiji parliaments
✦ Tarcisius Kabutaulaka (East West Center): Federalism And Governance In A Weak State: The Case Of Solomon Islands

SESSION E: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES
Moderator: Satish Chand
✦ Iutisone Salevao (ANU): Government Legitimacy and the Rule of Law in the South Pacific
✦ Alumita Durutalo (ANU): Re-thinking the Basis of “Legitimacy” in the Context of South Pacific Governments
✦ Robert Phillpot (Australian National University): Structural Adjustment and Civil Society
✦ Grant McCall (University of NSW): Oceania Good Governance: Some Tried and Tested Models
TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

SESSION F: WORKING TOGETHER
Moderator: Pamela Thomas
- Haidi Willmot (Pacific Legal Network): South Pacific Regionalism: a means of addressing ‘Pacific fragmentation’
- Julian McKinlay-King (University of Sydney): The Interface Between Globalisation and Decentralisation in Melanesia: the case of East Timor
- Neva Wendt (ACFOA): Governance in Pacific States: Cooperation between Australia and Pacific Civil Society Organisations

THIRD PLENARY: GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY
Moderator: Professor Stewart Firth, Politics and History, USP
5.00 – 6.00 Moderators of Parallel Sessions to report back for general discussion, with closing comments from Session Moderator

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

FOURTH PLENARY: GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY
Moderator: Dr David Hegarty, Director, SSGM, ANU
8.30 – 10.00 Keynote Speaker: Civil Society – Comparative Framework
Professor James Manor, IDS, Sussex
“Civil Society: The Global Environment”

10.00 – 10.30 MORNING TEA

10.30 – 12.30 Panel Discussion: Civil Society in the Pacific – Key Issues
Moderator: Dr Steven Ratuva
Panelists and Topics: 12 minutes for each presentation
- Kate Hannan (USP): Dr Jekyll – Yes: Mr Hyde – No: Donors and Civil Society
- Sinclair Dinnen (ANU): Civil Society and the Maintenance of Peace and Good Order in PNG
- Koila Costello-Olson (Ecumenical Centre for Research Education and Advocacy, Fiji): Conflict Resolution and Social Reconstruction
- Tupou Vere (Pacific Concerns Resource Center): Civil Society and Pacific Development

12.30 – 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 – 2.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS A, B & C: RESEARCH & COMMENTARY PAPERS
Panelists: 10 minutes for each presentation

SESSION A: CIVIL SOCIETY CHALLENGES
Moderator: Steven Ratuva
- Steven Ratuva (ANU): From homo civicus to homo politicus: Civil society and Civic Education in Fiji
- Penisimani Fifita (Civil Society Forum of Tonga): Role and Challenges of Civil Society in Tonga
- Lionel Gibson (Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International): Taking Government out of Governance: role of NGOs
Wednesday 1st October

**Session B: Media Control**
Moderator: Emele Duituturaga
- Peter John Aitsi (PNG): Media Control and Regulation
- Linda Crowl (USP, Fiji): Messages from the Periphery: non-government publishing
- Barbara-Ann Butler (Transparency international Australia): Fighting Corruption in the Pacific: Public Affairs, Public Education and Investigative Journalism

**Session C: Community Governance**
Moderator: Sandra Tarte
- Aisake Kasimira (ECREA, Fiji): Churches and Civil Society
- Vicki Luker (ANU): Civil Society, Social Capital and the Churches: HIV/AIDS in PNG
- Eci Nabalarua (University of Waikato): Enhancing Community Governance through Community Groups: a requisite for Pacific sustainability

2.30 – 3.30

**Parallel Sessions D, E & F: Research & Commentary Papers**
Panelists: 10 minutes for each presentation

**Session D: Managing Strategic Alliances**
Moderator: Ropate Qalo
- John Naitoro (Solomon Islands/Australia): State and Kin in the Solomons
- David Kavanamur (UPNG): Cultural Aspects of Managing Strategic Alliances in PNG
- Marcus Pangerl (ANU): Notions of ‘Insecurity’ and an Emerging Anti-Political Attitude among Indo-Fijians

**Session E: Peace and Conflict**
Moderator: Stewart Firth
- Anthony Regan (ANU): Civil Society Emerging from Conflict – Bougainville
- Joseph Hasiau (Maru Leaders Council, Solomon Islands): From War to Peace: towards rebuilding a community through people’s choices/voices
- Donovan Storey and John Overton (Massey University): Peri-urban Governance

**Session F: Media and Institutions**
Moderator: Vijay Naidu
- Abby McLeod (ANU): Women and the Legal Justice System in Papua New Guinea
- Hank Nelson (ANU): “Dear Sir…”: evidence of civil society in the media of PNG
- Rodney Kameata (Anthrosearch PNG): Civil society in PNG: its evolution, capacity building and institutional strengthening challenges

3.30 – 4.00

**Afternoon Tea**

4.00 – 5.00

**Fifth Plenary: Themes and Summation**
Rapporteurs: James Manor and Steven Ratuva
**Wednesday 1st October**

5.00 – 6.30  **GDN Oceania Development Network Business Meeting**  
Convenors: Beris Gwynne and Mahendra Reddy  

**Special Presentations:**  
- Dr Lyn Squire, Executive Director, Global Development Network  
- Ms Hiromi Okada, Deputy Director, Int. Network Division, JBICI (GDN-Japan)

**Symposium Dinner Hosted by Global Development Network**

6.30 – 7.00  **Pre-Dinner Drinks (USP Gymnasium)**  
7.00 – 8.00  **Welcome - Dr Lyn Squire, Director, GDN**  
**Message from GDN-Japan - Ms Hiromi Okada**  
**Cultural Entertainment (USP Gymnasium Forecourt)**  
8.00  **Traditional Lovo Dinner**

Bookings essential - Limited spaces available  
See Elaine or Kesaia by 4.00pm Tuesday 30 September

**Thursday 2nd October**

8.30 – 9.30  **Understanding Reform**

Lead presenter: Professor Jose Fanelli, GDN  
Contributors: Michael Manning and Mahendra Reddy  
Respondents: Leong Liew, Satish Chand and Brij Lal

**Sixth Plenary: Governance, Economic Growth & Sustainable Development**

Moderator: Dr Mahendra Reddy  

9.30 – 10.30  **Lead Speaker:**  
- Professor Ron Duncan, USP  
**Respondents:**  
- Mr John Velegrinis, General Manager, ANZ Fiji  
- Mr Frank Youn, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council

10.30 – 10.50  **MORNING TEA**

10.50 – 12.30  **Parallel Sessions: Governance, Economic Growth & Sustainable Development**

**Session A: Structures and Institutions**  
Moderator: Dr Biman Prasad (USP)  
- Teuea Toatu (ANU): Getting the Governance Structures Right  
- TK Jayaraman/Filimone Waqabaca: Financial Institutions and Governance in Fiji Past Trends and Future Directions  
- Pramendra Sharma/Mahendra Reddy: Governance-Growth Nexus: Some examples from Fiji's Financial Sector
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

SESSION B: INVESTMENT
Moderator: Professor Arvind Patel (USP)
- Paresh Narayan (Monash University): Democracy, Investment and Economic Growth in Fiji
- Parmod Chand/Michael White (USP): Regulation through Global Pressure and Professional Interests
- Mayadutta Sharma/Uriam Timiti (USP): Good Governance and the Issue of subsidization

SESSION C: ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Moderator: Dr Helen Leslie (USP)
- Leota Lamositele-Sio (LA Consult, Samoa): The Role of the Private Sector – Micro and Small Enterprises
- Robert Soakai (University of Auckland): Alternative Cultural theories and practices: an understanding of Tongan indigenous values and governance
- Samuel Koyama (Dept of Petroleum & Energy, PNG): Are incorporated land groups immune from rent-seekers and ‘elite’ capture?

12.30 – 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 – 3.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS: GOVERNANCE, ECONOMIC GROWTH & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SESSION D: ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKS
Moderator: Mr Ben Coutman
- Reginald Sanday (SOPAC): Good Governance the Key to Sustainable Development: A Conceptual Framework
- Arvind Patel/Veer Verma (USP): An Evaluation of the Varies Structural Alternatives for Audit Committees within the Corporate Governance Framework
- Nathan Kwasam (UPNG): State Sovereignty versus Global Governance in the age of the Internet

SESSION E: CORRUPTION
Moderator: Sunil Kumar (USP)
- Elise Huffer (USP): Governance, corruption and ethics in the Pacific
- Albert Ayius (National Research Institute, PNG): Cultural Aspects of Development and Corruption in Papua New Guinea
- David Evans (Westpac, Suva): Criteria for Corporate Governance Standards when Funding Major Projects

SESSION F: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Moderator: Dr Manoranjan Mohanty (USP)
- Jane Turnbull (University of Canterbury): International Environmental Governance: Reinterpreting the Benefits for Pacific Islands
- Sevanaia Dakaica: Sustainable Development and Land Management
- Nancy Pollock (Victoria University): Governance and Sustainable Development in the Marshall Islands
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