Wednesday 22 September

9.00AM-9.25AM CANBERRA 11.00AM-11.25AM FIJI
Welcome and Keynote
Pal Ahluwalia Vice-Chancellor, The University of the South Pacific
Keynote TBC

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Politics and Regionalism
2022 PNG elections: Expectations, predictions, and concerns from participants • Michael Kabuni, Russel Kitau Jr, and Minetta Daniella Kakarere, The University of Papua New Guinea
Fault lines for unrest in the Pacific: Youth, livelihoods and land rights in driving and mitigating conflict • Aidan Craney, La Trobe University
Declaration on preserving maritime zones in the face of climate change-related sea-level rise • Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

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Pacific Arts Presentation
Cultural industries: Contemporary art in small island nations – followed by a virtual exhibition • Lingikoni Vaka’uta, Oceania Centre of Arts and Culture, The University of the South Pacific

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Break

12.30PM-1.30PM CANBERRA 2.30PM-3.30PM FIJI
Food Security and Supply Chains
Understanding changing land use patterns in response to disaster on the peri-urban fringe of Port Vila • Andrew MacKenzie, The University of the South Pacific – Vanuatu Campus
Factors affecting food choice and food environment during COVID-19 – A cross sectional study in Samoa • Ramona Boodoosingh, National University of Samoa, Sarah Burkhart and Dana Craven, Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research at University of the Sunshine Coast, Leslie Panapa, National University of Samoa
COVID-19, domestic agricultural supply chain and food security: The case of Fiji • Salesh Kumar, Fiji National University, and Neelesh Gounder, The University of the South Pacific
### Thursday 23 September

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Stephen Howes  
Director, Development Policy Centre

**9.30AM-10.30AM CANBERRA**

Voters’ perceptions of women as leaders in Tonga  
‘Ungatea Kata, Tupou Tertiary Institute, Vanessa Lolohea, Tonga National Youth Congress, and Mereani Rokotuabau, Balance of Power

**Leadership Matters: Benchmarking women’s business leadership in the Pacific**  
Sarah Boxall, Asian Development Bank, Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative

**Factors that instigate intimate partner violence in the National Capital District, PNG**  
Minetta Daniella Kakarere, The University of Papua New Guinea

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Representations of artists from the islands versus Pacific artists in the diaspora  
Lingikoni Vaka’uta, Oceania Centre of Arts and Culture, The University of the South Pacific

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The private sector in a pandemic – a Vanuatu case study  
Liz Pechan, International Finance Corporation

**Friday 24 September**

**9.00AM-9.25AM CANBERRA**

Meru Sheel  
Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University

**9.30AM-10.30AM CANBERRA**

Agri-food systems knowledge and skills exchange between Australia and the Pacific through circular migration: Experiences from Seasonal Worker Programme participants  
Federico Davila, Institute for Sustainable Futures at University of Technology Sydney, Olivia Dun, The University of Melbourne, Carol Farbotko, CSIRO, Brent Jacobs, Institute for Sustainable Futures at University of Technology Sydney, and Natascha Klocker, University of Wollongong

**Impact of COVID-19 on production and trade direction of high value ‘niche’ crop products in small island countries: A case study of Fiji**  
Nandakumar M. Desai, Abdul Kader, Sonny Lameta, The University of the South Pacific – Samoa Campus, Vinod Naik, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India, Leslie T. Ubaub and Irene R. Chand, The University of the South Pacific – Samoa Campus

**Local coalitions for economic recovery and food security – experiences from Vanuatu**  
Ellis Silas and Jilda Shem, Vanuatu Skills Partnership

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What is the inspiration of creativity in the islands and the notion of quality – followed by a virtual exhibition  
Lingikoni Vaka’uta, Oceania Centre of Arts and Culture, The University of the South Pacific

**10.45AM-12.30PM CANBERRA**

Strengthening fragile health systems: The case of Fiji  
Neil Sharma, Medical Practitioner, Suva

**COVID-19 in PNG**  
Shane Stockil and Natalie Gray, International SOS

**Reversing the NCD trend in the Pacific: Promising results from a three-year pilot, testing behaviour science applications and ‘edutainment’ to address Pacific’s most intractable problem**  
Simona Achitei, DT Global, and Aya Vang, Busara Centre for Behaviour Economics