



Pacific Connections

Restoring the human to climate change in the Pacific

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ECOPAS (European Consortium for Pacific Studies) is a multidisciplinary project designed to provide coordination and support to research and policy communities on issues connected to climate change and related processes in the Pacific Islands region, in order to define better options for sustainable development.

The Pacific is notable for the discrepancy between the contribution of its small economies to global climate change, and the severity of climate change effects experienced by its peoples. Linkages between research networks and policy interfaces will contribute to more context-sensitive EU external action, and will set a future research agenda for social science and humanities in the Pacific.

It is the first-ever network to develop extensive, durable collaboration between European and Pacific scholarly institutions, as well as between research institutions and local, national and international political agencies. While the emphasis of ECOPAS is on developing a long-term strategy for SSH research on the Pacific, strong links are also forged with climate research in the natural sciences.

ECOPAS is hosted by four European university centres of excellence on Pacific research, in Norway, France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (BPS – Bergen, CREDO – Aix-Marseille, CPS – St. Andrews and CPAS – Nijmegen), and by two major Pacific institutions (the University of the South Pacific – Fiji and the National Research Institute – Papua New Guinea).

Schedule

10.00 - 10.15	Welcome , w/ water & tea & coffee available
10.15 – 10.25 Introduction	Dr Tony Crook , Centre for Pacific Studies, University of St Andrews
10.25 – 10.35 Pacific partners	Dr Joeli Veitayaki , University of the South Pacific, Fiji Ms Fiona Hukula , National Research Institute, Papua New Guinea
10.35 - 10.45 ECOPAS overview	Prof. Edvard Hviding , Bergen Pacific Research Group, University of Bergen ECOPAS Co-ordinator
10.45 - 10.55	Comments & Discussion
10.55 – 11.10 Restoring the human to climate change	Prof. Edvard Hviding , Bergen Pacific Research Group, University of Bergen Prof. Toon van Meijl , Centre for Pacific and Asian Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen Q&A
11.10 - 11.25 Widening understanding of gender	Prof. Christina Toren , Centre for Pacific Studies, University of St Andrews Ass. Prof. Laurent Dousset , Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l'Océanie (CREDO) in Marseille, Q&A
11.25 – 11.40 The promise of natural resources	Prof. Thomas Widlok , Centre for Pacific and Asian Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen Prof. Edvard Hviding , Bergen Pacific Research Group, University of Bergen Q&A
11.40 – 11.45 Wrap-up	Mr Stefan Forester , European External Action Service