

Restoring the human to climate change in the Pacific

An ECOPAS Pacific Connections event to accompany MOANA: The Rising of the Sea

The Byre Theatre Studio, 2-5pm, June 12th 2015
beginning with Oceania Exhibition

Free Event - All welcome

MOANA: The Rising of the Sea was produced with the support of the European Union and in dialogue with Pacific Island countries. Moana uses traditional dance and music to dramatise a modern story about the contemporary Pacific in which the effects of climate change are now a part of daily life.

Climate change is the most severe challenge faced today by the Pacific Islands region. Sea level rise, droughts and new patterns of extreme weather, ocean acidification and related processes combine with other forms of environmental change to pose threats to the future viability of local lifestyles and national economies that rely on the biodiversity of coastal environments and inland rain forests.

Understanding the nature and consequences of these changes for better policy and development planning requires knowledge about the cultural and social dimensions of climate change.

This event looks at the ways in which researchers at the University of St Andrews and the University of the South Pacific are working in different ways towards restoring the human to climate change in the Pacific.

Speakers:

Dr Tony Crook, Director, Centre for Pacific Studies, University of St Andrews

Dr Craig Lind, Research Fellow, Centre for Pacific Studies, University of St Andrews

Dr Joeli Veitayaki, School of Marine Studies, University of the South Pacific

Professor James Leach, CREDO, University of Aix Marseille

Mr Peter Espiritu, OCACPCS, Oceania Dance Theatre, University of the South Pacific

Mr Igelese Ete, OCACPCS, Pasifika Voices, University of the South Pacific

Mr Philippe Keraudren, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation

His Excellency, Ambassador Dr Pa'olelei Luteru, Independent State of Samoa