Re-Thinking Gender in the Pacific

Centre for Pacific Studies, University of St Andrews

Bergen Pacific Studies Research Group, University of Bergen

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The Bistro, St Andrews Golf Hotel, The Scores, St Andrews

Re-Thinking Gender in the Pacific will be held as part of our on-going ‘North Sea-South Seas’ annual exchange involving the St Andrews Centre for Pacific Studies (CPS) and the Bergen Pacific Studies Research Group (BPSRG). This will be a unique gathering of expertise, and by working together to unpick the thinking behind current gender policy in the Pacific and by drawing this into dialogue with research evidence of real-life practices and challenges, the workshop has the objective of delineating the shape and possibilities for an alternative research-policy agenda in this area.

The focus will be on how a range of gender issues are conceptualized in the Pacific, and how one might go about discovering the dynamics and the terms in which these issues are conceived in local terms. The aim here is to better identify the problems from within, so to speak, such that solutions can be more effectively formulated and addressed.

9.00  Coffee & Welcome

9.30  Introduction

Tony Crook  CPS
Gosia Lachut  European External Action Service
Fiona Hukula  CPS/Papua New Guinea National Research Institute

Setting the Scene

Katalaina Sapolu  Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group
Lissant Bolton  British Museum
Lillian Leuelu  Tuvalu Embassy

Research Evidence One

Christina Toren  CPS
Tammy Tabe  BPSRG
Michelle McCarthy  BPSRG
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Discussion

James Leach
University of Aberdeen

Coffee

11.30 Research Evidence Two

Tom Mountjoy
BPSRG

Adam Reed
CPS

Knut Rio
BPSRG

Discussion

Lissant Bolton
British Museum

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Roundtable

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Wrap-up

2.30 Close

4.00 Visit to St Salvator’s Chapel and Bell Tower