



# Pacific Migration Research Workshop

17 June 2021

Molonglo Theatre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome remarks

Fiona Yap, Interim Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Julien Barbara, Head of Department of Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

9:15 am – 10:45 am **Future labour demand and skills**

Chair: Gabriela D'Souza, Senior Economist, Centre for Economic Development of Australia

*Labour mobility with vocational skill: Australian demand and Pacific supply*

Michael Clemens, Center for Global Development and IZA & Satish Chand, University of New South Wales

*Identifying the demand for middle-skill occupations in Fiji*

Richard Curtain, Australian National University

*Vocational qualification supply, demand, and returns: the case of the Australia Pacific Training Coalition*

Ryan Edwards & Tunye Qui, Australian National University

10:45 am – 11:15 am *Morning tea*

11:15 am – 12:45 pm **Contemporary Pacific migration and impacts**

Chair: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre

*COVID-19 border closures – impacts on Pacific seasonal worker wellbeing*

Rochelle Bailey & Charlotte Bedford, Australian National University

*Pacific Labour Scheme: Preliminary examination into the implications and impacts of family accompaniment*

Michelle Carnegie & Luke Jeffress, Pacific Labour Facility

*For the region yet to come: climate change and the decolonisation of mobility governance in the Pacific*

Samid Suliman, Griffith University





12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm **Pasifika diaspora and wellbeing**

Chair: Gemma Malungahu, Research Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

*Fiscal and non-fiscal ideas of responsibility amongst Samoan diaspora in Greater Brisbane*

Laura Simpson Reeves, University of Queensland

*Impact of PAC policy on Pacific women's health and wellbeing: The experiences of Kiribati migrants*

Rose Namoori-Sinclair, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

*Pasifika trans-Tasman migration, mobility and wellbeing*

Ruth Faleolo, La Trobe University

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Afternoon tea

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm **Pasifika diaspora and wellbeing (cont.)**

Chair: Gemma Malungahu, Research Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

*The production of precariousness and the racialisation of Pacific workers in the Australian horticultural industry*

**Makiko Nishitani**, Martina Boese & Helen Lee, La Trobe University

*Problematising criminal deportation and reintegration in the Pacific*

Henrietta McNeill, Australian National University

4:50 pm Closing remarks

Nigel Bruce, A/g Assistant Secretary, Pacific Economic and Labour Mobility Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ryan Edwards, Deputy Director and Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

5.00 pm Workshop close



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