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des participants non UPF (Australie et Nouvelle-Zélande)

Note: Pour ceux qui présentent aussi à Océanie convoitée (24-26 novembre), leur nom est suivi de “[OC]”

Nota: Some of the participants to SGPI also present at the symposium Oceania Coveted; their name is followed by “[OC]”

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Baker, Kerryn

Barbara, Julien

D’Arcy, Paul [OC]

Firth, Stewart [OC]

Haley, Nicole

Ng Shiu, Roannie

Opperman, Thiago [OC]

Robertson, Scott* [OC]

Zhang, Denghua* [OC in absentia]

Zubrinich, Kerry

Australia: Univ of Wollongong (Assoc. Prof)

Hannan, Kate [OC]

New Zealand: Univ of Otago (Senior Lecturer)

Iati, Iati [OC]

New Zealand: Univ of Waikato (Senior Lecturer)

Ryan, Thomas [OC]

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Note: malgré son intitulé, ce centre de recherches de l’ANU travaille sur le Pacifique entier, Polynésie incluse (études à Samoa, Nlle Zélande, etc.). Comprenant plus de 70 membres (voir le site web), il est la plus importante unité australienne de recherches en sciences politiques sur le Pacifique

In spite of its name, this ANU research centre works in the entire Pacific, Polynesia included (studies in Samoa, New Zealand etc.). Listing over 70 members (see their website), SSGM is the most important Australian unit of research in political sciences in the Pacific.

I---Presentation résumée / Summary presentation (2 pages)

(see Presentation expanded 18 pages for more information)

Baker, Kerryn

Parliamentary gender quotas in the Pacific Islands region, with case studies in Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Bougainville and the French Pacific territories. Electoral politics and electoral reform in Pacific Islands region, with a particular focus on women's political representation, legislative measures to increase women's representation, the campaign strategies of women candidates in elections.

Barbara, Julien

Professional background in international relations and development (DFAT, AusAID). Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). Post-conflict state-building and the evolving nature of development partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region, with a focus on democracy and governance issues. Transitions in Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

D'Arcy, Paul

Asian and Pacific History. The history of conflict and conflict resolution in the Asia Pacific region; Pacific maritime & naval history; environmental history; indigenous history; interdisciplinary methodology; comparative, regional history in the Asia Pacific region.

Firth, Stewart

Comparative Government And Politics Of Asia And The Pacific, recently focused on the small states and territories of the Pacific Islands. Regional Analysis And Development. International Relations. Pacific History and Postcolonial Studies : the historical legacy of the colonial period in the Pacific Islands, especially the legacy of the state itself.

Haley, Nicole

Government And Politics Of Asia And The Pacific. Public Policy. Contemporary Land Politics; Electoral Politics in PNG and in Samoa; Governance; Conflict and Armed Violence; Women and Conflict; Gender; HIV/AIDS; and Contemporary Masculinity in Melanesia.

Ng Shiu, Roannie

Human Geography. Public Health And Health Services. Pacific Peoples Education. Research projects including sports diplomacy and development; leadership in the Pacific; elections and politics in Samoa; and cross-cultural research for Pacific labour mobility.

Oppermann, Thiago

Anthropology Of Development. Pacific History (Excl. New Zealand And Maori) Melanesian anthropology, Bougainville, political anthropology, ethnography of the state, Melanesian social movements, Austronesian social organization, kinship and land tenure systems in Melanesia, anthropology of development, political economy.

Robertson, Scott

Honours thesis and Ph.D in progress examining the role of citizenship in the decolonisation process in New Caledonia. He then spent two years living in New Caledonia where he worked as an English language teacher at the University of New Caledonia in Noumea.

Zubrinich, Kerry

Aspects of social life in Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and West Papua. Ongoing examinations of the operations of governance in Australia: specifically the construction and treatment of mental illness and the relationship of police and indigenous Australians. At the forefront of her work is the relationship of differing world views and the effects this has on the way people live. Observations of PNG general elections.

Zhang, Denghua (Ph. D. candidate)

After being a diplomat for ten years, Denghua Zhang joined the Australian National University to pursue his PhD degree. His research and publications focuses on Chinese foreign aid, especially trilateral aid cooperation.

Australia: Univ of Wollongong**Hannan, Kate** (Assoc. Prof)

Research focuses on contemporary political and social change in China as well as the politics of small island states in the Pacific. Her current research focuses on the garment industry in China in a project funded by the Australian Research Council.

New Zealand : Univ of Otago**Iati, Iati** (Senior Lecturer)

Department of Politics. Research: New Zealand foreign policy, and Pacific Geopolitics; currently co-editing a book on New Zealand foreign policy over the past 50 years; publications on Pacific regionalism and land law reform in Samoa. Research interests in good governance, land tenure reform, regionalism, and New Zealand foreign policy.

New Zealand : Univ of Waikato**Ryan, Tom** (Senior Lecturer)

Historical anthropology; cultural studies; mining and indigenous peoples; mythologies; work; Niue; Pacific Islands; Australia.

U of Montreal : Cleo Paskal

Visiting Fellowship to lead a multi-year research project based at the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'[Université de Montréal](#) (CÉRIUM) looking at strategic shifts in the Indo-Pacific. Geopolitical expert who specializes in the confluence of the geopolitical, geoeconomic, and geophysical. This includes the geopolitical, security, and economic implications of environmental change (including [climate change](#)), as well as Arctic and Pacific security.

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ANU-SSGM

Baker, Kerryn

Areas of expertise

- Government And Politics Of Asia And The Pacific

Research interests

Elections and Electoral Reform; Women's Political Representation; Politics in the Pacific Islands Region

Kerryn is a Research Fellow in Pacific Politics with SSGM. Her PhD thesis, submitted in 2014, examined campaigns for parliamentary gender quotas in the Pacific Islands region, with case studies in Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Bougainville and the French Pacific territories. Her main research interests are electoral politics and electoral reform in Melanesia and the broader Pacific Islands region. Her research has a particular focus on women's political representation, and she has conducted research on legislative measures to increase women's representation, as well as the campaign strategies of women candidates in elections.

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- [Baker, K 2016, IB 2016.16 A Watershed Moment, or Business as Usual? Female Candidates and Quota Implementation in the 2016 Samoan Election.](#)
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- [Baker, K & Oppermann, T 2015, IB 2015.49 The Election of Josephine Getsi - Making Political History in Bougainville.](#)
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Barbara, Julien

Dr Julien Barbara joined SSGM in July 2013 as a Research Fellow. He has a professional background in international relations and development and for most of the period since 2000 has worked in various policy roles in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). From 2010 to 2012 Julien was seconded to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) where he managed the Machinery of Government Program. Julien completed his PhD in 2001 in the Department of Management at the University of Melbourne.

Julien's research examines post-conflict state-building and the evolving nature of development partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region, with a focus on democracy and governance issues. He is interested in how donors can support positive processes of state-building, particularly in the context of recent development transitions in Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste where development relationships have moved from interventionary to partnership modes, and where prospects for effective partnership are complicated by ongoing processes of state formation, fluid politics, economic vulnerability and aid dependency. Julien is currently developing a research project that will look at the political economy of service delivery in Melanesia and what this means for effective state-building.

- [Barbara, J & Keen, M 2016, IB 2016.9 Urban Politics in Melanesia: Shallow Roots.](#)
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D'Arcy, Paul

Asian and Pacific History

Research interests

The history of conflict and conflict resolution in the Asia Pacific region; Pacific maritime & naval history; environmental history; indigenous history; interdisciplinary methodology; comparative, regional history in the Asia Pacific region.

Biography

After graduating in Pacific and African history from Otago University, I studied at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and worked as an archaeologist and for Television New Zealand, before completing my MA at Otago and PhD at ANU. I teach courses in Pacific, environmental, and Asia Pacific history, and taught at Otago, Victoria University of Wellington and James Cook University in Queensland before joining ANU. My current research focuses on the problems and benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration, Asia Pacific visions of history and development issues, and the history of conflict and conflict resolution in the Asia Pacific region, especially conflicts over natural resources with particular reference to the Pacific Ocean.

Recent: Paul D'Arcy teaches Pacific and environmental history at the Australian National University. His *An Environmental History of the Pacific* will be published in 2017 by Polity Press, Cambridge, as will his co-authored UN Report on traditional knowledge of and responses to climate change in the Pacific, *Te Hurihuri o te Ao: Cycles of Change*. Paul has written extensively on ocean governance, sustainable fisheries and seabed mining. He also works on interactions between Asian and Pacific Islander communities. His co-edited special issue on 'Asia's Pacific Frontier' will be published in *The Journal of Pacific History* in early 2017. Paul also researches eastern Polynesian traditional societies. His *Transforming Hawaii: Balancing Coercion and Consent in 18th c. Kānaka Maoli Statecraft* will be published in early 2017 by ANU Press.

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Stewart Firth

Areas of expertise

- Comparative Government And Politics
- Regional Analysis And Development
- International Relations
- Pacific History (Excl. New Zealand And Maori)
- Postcolonial Studies
- Government And Politics Of Asia And The Pacific

Research interests

My recent research has focused on the small states and territories of the Pacific Islands. I am at present investigating the historical legacy of the colonial period in the Pacific Islands, especially the legacy of the state itself.

Biography

I have been interested in the Pacific Islands since teaching at the University of Papua New Guinea in its early years. I also taught at the University of Hawaii, and from 1998 to 2004 I was Professor of Politics at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. In between came a couple of decades teaching politics and international relations at Macquarie University. I co-edited *The 2006 Military Takeover in Fiji: a coup to end all coups?*, ANU E Press, Canberra, 2009, and wrote *Australia in International Politics: an introduction to Australian foreign policy*, 3rd edn, Allen & Unwin, Sydney, 2011. I teach POLS2055 Pacific Politics.

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Haley, Nicole (Assoc Prof)

Areas of expertise

- Social And Cultural Anthropology
- Government And Politics Of Asia And The Pacific
- Public Policy

Research interests

Contemporary Land Politics; Elections and Electoral Politics in PNG; Social Identity; Governance; Conflict and Armed Violence; Peace Building; Small Arms; Human Security; Security and Development; Women and Conflict; Gender; HIV/AIDS; and Contemporary Masculinity in Melanesia.

Biography

I have extensive research and consultancy experience, having undertaken long-term and short-term ethnographic research, both academic and applied, in Melanesia over the past 15 years. This has involved over 44 months field based research in the troubled Southern Highlands and Enga Provinces, Port Moresby and most recently in the Solomon Islands. My research to date has focused on aspects of political and social conflict including social identity and contemporary land politics, social identity and electoral politics, conflict and armed violence, gender and HIV/AIDS and the links between these and service delivery failure. In addition to my academic research I have undertaken extensive applied social research - much of which has involved undertaking baseline and community survey work, as well as social mapping and

program monitoring. This research has seen me engaged in various advisory and consultative capacities.

Publications under preparation include a monograph entitled Conflict, Resource Development and Contemporary Land Politics in the Southern Highlands, which is based on my PhD research and subsequent scholarship, and a series of papers concerning HIV/AIDS, violence and contemporary masculinity as well as a paper on electoral politics and local political cultures in PNG

Career highlights

I was awarded the 2002 ANU Crawford Prize for Academic Excellence for my doctoral thesis entitled *Ipakana Yakaiya: Mapping Landscapes, Mapping Lives - Contemporary Land Politics among the Duna*

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Ng Shiu, Roannie

Areas of expertise

- Human Geography
- Public Health And Health Services
- Pacific Peoples Health
- Pacific Peoples Education
- Pacific Cultural Studies

Biography

Dr Roannie Ng Shiu is a human geographer whose work focuses on Pacific health, education and sport in Australasia and the Pacific region. Her PhD focused on Pacific health workforce development by examining the health and education inequalities and inequities for Pacific communities in New Zealand.

As Convenor of Pacific Studies she provides academic leadership of Pacific Studies at the ANU and the ANU Pasifika Australia equity and outreach program. As a Research Fellow for SSGM Roannie has been involved in a range of research projects including sports diplomacy and development; leadership in the Pacific; elections and politics in Samoa; and cross-cultural research for Pacific labour mobility.

Her work involves developing collaborative partnerships with Pasifika communities, universities in the Pacific region and development partners focused on the Pacific.

Prior to coming to the ANU Roannie lectured at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland and was a research analyst for the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in New Zealand. She currently serves on the NRL Pasifika Advisory Board and the Lifeline Pasifika Reference Group.

Researcher's projects

2016 Samoan General Elections Observation Project with Associate Professor Nicole Haley. In collaboration with the National University of Samoa (NUS) and the Samoa Office of the Electoral Commission, a team of 14 SSGM staff and students participated in the 2016 Samoa General Elections research election observation project. The election was held on Friday 4 March 2016. The project involved 45 local observers, principally from NUS and civil society (Leadership Samoa, Samoa Umbrella of Non-governmental Organisations and Samoa Association of Women Graduates). This research observation builds upon highly successful observations of the PNG National General Elections (2007 and 2012) and the Solomon Islands National Elections (2014). This project is the most comprehensive study of Samoa elections to date.

ANU - NRL Partnership. Since 2012 the National Rugby League (NRL) Welfare and Education department has collaborated with SSGM in delivering the NRL Pasifika Cultural Engagement program. Pasifika athletes represent over 40% of the NRL elite competition and therefore are in a unique position to highlight Pacific issues both in Australia and in the region.

Communities fighting sugar in soft drinks. This project is based at the University of Auckland. The lead researcher is Dr Gerhard Sundborn and the research team includes Prof Boyd Swinburn, Dr Matire Harwood, Prof Rod Jackson and Dr Bodo Lang all from the University of Auckland. The project aims to determine the effectiveness of a school and community-based intervention to reduce the intake of sugar sweetened based soft drinks and the unhealthy weight gain of Maori and Pacific youth.

Dr Ng Shiu will lead the qualitative component of this four year study that is funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand.

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- [Baker, K, Ng Shiu, R & Corbett, J 2013, IB 2013.11 Women MPs in Samoa and Kiribati.](#)

Oppermann, Thiago

Areas of expertise

- Anthropology Of Development
- Social And Cultural Anthropology
- Pacific History (Excl. New Zealand And Maori)
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Research interests

Melanesian anthropology, Bougainville, political anthropology, ethnography of the state, Melanesian social movements, Austronesian social organization, kinship and land tenure systems in Melanesia, anthropology of development, political economy.

Biography

My PhD, completed in 2011, examined transformations in the kinship and customary authority systems amongst Halia-speakers in Buka, Autonomous Region of Bougainville, as these traditions have become enmeshed with the market economy and the state. An important part of this research is the characterisation of Melanesian states as they appear from a village perspective, and of the stark choices faced by villagers faced with a unfavourable point of entry in contemporary Bougainvillean and Papua New Guinean political economy.

Previously, in my masters' research I investigated the efforts by the Australian colonial government and anthropologists to understand and attempt to control religio-political social movements often referred to as 'cargo cults'. This history is especially significant in terms of understanding the origins of certain features of the post-colonial political system in Papua New Guinea, notably the lack of 'horizontal' social movements and the 'vertical' integration of communities into networks of patronage.

Thiago Oppermann joined SSGM in 2013 as a Research Fellow. His principal research focuses on the interactions between villagers and the state in Bougainville. Core aspects of this program include characterising the transformation of indigenous kin-political and land tenure systems in response to state institutions and the cash economy; the nature and extent of villager's participation in state institutions, especially local-level government and village courts; and the dynamics of clientelistic politics in Melanesian societies. Dr. Oppermann approaches this research using historical and ethnographic methods emphasizing in-depth field-based observation, and using analytical frameworks drawn from anthropological theory and political economy. He completed a PhD entitled *Tuhana: Processes of Order and Disorder in Halia* at the University of Sydney. This project, which drew on extended ethnographic fieldwork amongst Halia language speakers in Bougainville, outlined the subtle but very deep transformation that has taken place in Halia practices of kinship and village-level political organization over a century of colonial and post-colonial impact. Dr. Oppermann has also substantial experience as an applied anthropologist working amongst Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people in Central Australia. He is currently preparing several articles for publication.

- [Regan, A & Oppermann, T 2013, 'Workshop Convening | Bougainville Workshop | 3-4 OCT 2013'](#).

Robertson, Scott

Scott's undergraduate degree saw a considerable engagement with the French world, notably through a short language program at the University of New Caledonia and a six-month exchange at the University of Pau in France. In 2010, Scott completed an honours thesis examining the role of citizenship in the decolonisation process in New Caledonia. He then spent two years living in New Caledonia where he worked as an English language teacher at the University of New Caledonia in Noumea. Scott commenced his doctoral research with SSGM in March of 2013 where he is building on his honours research on New Caledonia.

Zubrinich, Kerry

Dr Kerry Zubrinich is a researcher with the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program. For the past 25 years her research has centred on aspects of social life in Melanesia

with the peoples of Papua New Guinea and the indigenous peoples of West Papua her key research focus. She has allied these interests with ongoing examinations of the operations of governance in Australia: specifically the construction and treatment of mental illness and the relationship of police and indigenous Australians. At the forefront of her work is the relationship of differing world views and the effects this has on the way people live. Specifically she focussed on cosmological underpinnings of the political (including but not solely focussing on, gender politics) and subsistence (economic) life of the people. Since completing her PhD entitled *Cosmology and Colonisation: History and Culture of the Asmat of Irian Jaya*, Dr Zubrinich has held visiting fellowships to the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka Japan, and the Anthropology Department at Bergen in Norway, and has been an affiliate of the Research Centre for Applied Philosophy and Practical Ethics (CSU, University of Melbourne and ANU). Since joining SSGM she has undertaken several collaborative research projects including *Experiencing the Public Sector: Pacific Women's Perspective* (Zubrinich and Haley 2009) and co-authored several research reports with Dr Nicole Haley (the most recent being the Papua New Guinea National General Elections Domestic Observation Report 2013) after mentoring the local observation team in Kairuku-Hiri during the 2012 PNG general elections and has embarked on two new research projects.

- [Haley, N & Zubrinich, D 2015, IB 2015.6 Election Observation In Solomon Islands.](#)
- [Haley, N & Zubrinich, D 2015, IB 2015.30b Assessing the Shift to Limited Preferential Voting in Papua New Guinea: Money Politics.](#)
- [Haley, N & Zubrinich, D 2015, IB 2015.28 Mobile Phones and the 2014 Solomon Islands National Elections.](#)
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- [Zubrinich, K & morris, b 2013, 'Police Testimony and the Brewarrina Riot Trial', in Barry Morris \(ed.\), *Protests Land Rights and Riots*, Aboriginal Studies Press, Canberra, pp. 128-153.](#)
- [Haley, N & Zubrinich, D 2013, *The Papua New Guinea National General Elections Domestic Observation*.](#)
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Zhang, Denghua

Denghua Zhang, PhD candidate, State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Countries, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University.

After being a diplomat for ten years, Denghua Zhang joined the Australian National University to pursue his PhD degree. He is about to complete his PhD at the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs of the Australian National University. His research focuses on Chinese foreign aid, especially trilateral aid cooperation. He has published widely on Chinese foreign aid and trilateral aid cooperation at *East Asia Forum*, ANU's *Devpolicy blog*, SSGM's *In-Brief* series, and the *Annual report on Development of Oceania*. He has also been frequently invited by the Asian Foundation, the Korean Development Institute and the European Union to present on Chinese aid cooperation."

University of Wollongong.

Hannan, Kate

Kate Hannan is an Associate Professor in Politics in the School of History and Politics, University of Wollongong.

She taught previously at the University of the South Pacific, and her research focuses on contemporary political and social change in China as well as the politics of small island states in the Pacific. She is the author of *Industrial Change in China: Economic Restructuring and Conflicting Interests*, London, 1998, and co-edited the governance issue of *Fijian Studies: A Journal of Contemporary Fiji*, 2, 2, November 2004. Her current research focuses on the garment industry in China in a project funded by the Australian Research Council.

**University of Otago
Iati, Iati**

I am a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics, at the University of Otago, New Zealand. I teach New Zealand foreign policy, and Pacific Geopolitics, and am currently co-editing a book on New Zealand foreign policy over the past 50 years, and writing/submitting journal articles on various topics, including Pacific regionalism and land law reform in Samoa. My research interests are in good governance, land tenure reform, regionalism, and New Zealand foreign policy.

(a) Edited Books

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(b) Book Chapters

(2016). 'Understanding the Role of Traditional Institutions in Fostering Peace and Conflict in Samoa'. Accepted for publication in a forthcoming edited volume on 'Peace-building in the Asia Pacific', James Ockey (ed.), Department of Political Science, University of Canterbury.

(2016). 'Samoa', in S. Levine (ed.). *Pacific Ways: Government and Politics in the Pacific Islands – Vol. 2*. Wellington: Victoria University.

(2016). 'China in the Pacific: Alternative Perspectives', in Michael Powles (ed.), *China and the Pacific: The View From Oceania*. Wellington: Victoria University Press.

(2015). 'New Zealand in the World', in Janine Hayward (ed.), *New Zealand Government and Politics 6th Edition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(2009). 'China and Samoa Relations', in Terence Wesley-Smith & Edgar Porter (eds.), *China in Oceania: Reshaping the Pacific?* New York, U.S.: Berghahn Books.

(2008). 'The Potential of Civil Society in Climate Change Adaptation Strategies', in Bronwyn Haywood (Ed.), *Special Issue of Political Science: The Politics of Climate Change*. Wellington: Dunmore Publishing Ltd.

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(2013). 'The Price for Two Decades of Political Stability in Samoa', *The Journal of Pacific History*. Vol. 48, Issue 4.

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(2009). *Civil Society, Political Accountability, and Foreign Aid: A Samoan Case Study*. Wellington, New Zealand: Pacific Cooperation Foundation.

University of Waikato

Tom Ryan

Administration

- Helped establish three successful Academic Programmes: Anthropology, Labour Studies, Pacific Studies.
- Served in a range of School-level leadership roles: Centre Director, Programme Convenor, Department Head.
- Member of key University committees: Academic Board, Academic Promotions, Finance, University Council.

Expertise

Historical anthropology; cultural studies; mining and indigenous peoples; mythologies; work; Niue; Pacific Islands; Australia.

Research Interests

Current Research Projects

- *Imagaries of New Zealand Nationhood*. The working title for a book applying anthropological analysis to large-scale multi-cultural society; to be submitted to an academic publisher in late 2016.
- 'Manners and Customs of the First "Australians": The Fantastic Anthropology of Gabriel de Foigny, 1676'. Invited seminar to be given at Université d'Aix-Marseilles, Jan 2016, then submitted to an academic journal.

Featured Publications

- 2016. 'Hiapo Faka-Niue: A Genealogy of Barkcloth on Niue', in *Tapa: Southeast Asia to Eastern Polynesia*, Michel Charleux (ed). Aux Vent des Îles, Papeete/Paris. [In press]
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- 2014. 'Island That Stands Alone: Social Transformation on Niue'. Invited presentation to First Conference of Pacific Islands Research Network (PIURN), Université de Nouvelle-Calédonie, Nouméa, 6 November.

Recent Publications

- Ryan, T. (2014). Islands that stands alone: Social transformation on Niue. In *First Conference of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network*. Conference held at University of New Caledonia, Noumea.
- Cunningham, S. J., Hinze, A. M., Bainbridge, D., Taube-Schock, C., & Ryan, T. (2014). Building heritage document collections for Pacific Island nations using semantic-enriched search. In *Proceedings of the Samoa Conference III*. Sāmoa: National University of Sāmoa. Retrieved from <http://samoanstudies.ws/publications/proceedings-of-the-samoa-conference-iii/>
- Omura, S., Te Awekotuku, N., Ryan, T. F., & Nikora, L. W. (2013). The Treaty of Waitangi and Asian immigrants in New Zealand: Theoretical implication of indigenous culture and history on ethnic migrants acculturation. In *Critical Ethnic Studies Conference: Decolonizing Future Intellectual Legacies and Activist Practices*. Conference held at The University of Illinois, Chicago, USA.
- Ryan, T. (2012). Nuiean Cricket: Kilikiki faka-Nuie. In *Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania (ASAO) Annual Meeting*. Conference held at Portland, Oregon.

Université de Montreal and [Chatham House](#), aka [Royal Institute of International Affairs](#)

Cleo Paskal

Cleo Paskal is an Associate Fellow at [Chatham House](#), (aka [Royal Institute of International Affairs](#)), Adjunct Faculty in the Department of [Geopolitics](#), [Manipal University](#), [India](#) and Adjunct Professor of Global Change, [School of Communication and Management Studies](#), [Kochi, India](#).

In September 2015, she was awarded a [Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation](#) Visiting Fellowship to lead a multi-year research project based at the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'[Université de Montréal](#) (CÉRIUM) looking at strategic shifts in the Indo-Pacific.^[1]

Her book, *Global Warring: How Environmental, Economic and Political Crises Will Redraw the World Map* ([Palgrave Macmillan](#), 2010) won a US\$5000 Awards of Merit in the 2010 [Grantham Prize for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment](#) awards as well as the 2010 [Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction](#). She also co-authored the bestseller *Spielball Erde: Machtkämpfe im Klimawandel* ([Random House](#), 2012), with German TV news anchor [Claus Kleber](#).

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