



Draft Agenda
Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific Island States

DATES:	Wednesday 7 May 2008
TIME:	11.00am-13.00pm (Aust EST)
LOCAL TIMES:	Fiji: Wednesday 7 May, 13.00pm-15.00pm (Suva local time) Timor Leste: Wednesday 7 May, 10.00am-12.00am (Dili local time) Papua New Guinea: Wednesday 7 May, 11.00am-13.00pm (Port Moresby local time) Vanuatu: Wednesday 7 May, 12.00pm-14.00pm (Port Vila local time) Solomon Island: Wednesday 7 May, 12.00pm-14.00pm (Honiara local time)
VENUE IN AUSTRALIA:	
Canberra:	GDLN-Australia, Crawford Building, GDLN room
VENUES IN FIJI:	University of South Pacific
TIMOR LESTE:	Dili Distance Learning Centre
PAPUA NEW GUINEA:	PNG Distance Learning Centre
VANUATU:	University of South Pacific, Port Vila
SOLOMON ISLAND:	University of South Pacific, Honiara

CONTENT:

The aim of this seminar, delivered in five sessions each of two hours, is for participants to understand the deep and underlying causes of conflict in the region, some of the consequences of conflict, and how conflict can be resolved and the causes of conflict addressed. The focus of discussion will be on examples of conflict, conflict-resolution and peace-building from the region, notably from Timor Leste, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Presenters of the sessions are all persons with extensive experience in the region, who have undertaken conflict analysis and conflict resolution work of various kinds in the countries in question.

The first session, on Wednesday 7th May, will deal with **The Causes of Conflict and Consequences of Conflict** (including the negative impacts of conflict, and the role of conflict in development and change). The session will begin with a short discussion of theories of conflict and the uses that can be made of such theories. The focus of discussion will be on sources and types of conflict in the region, with particular reference to the case studies already mentioned.

PRINCIPAL PRESENTERS:

Jon Fraenkel

Jon Fraenkel is an Economic Historian and Political Scientist and now a Research Fellow with the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program at the Australian National University. Prior to coming to ANU, he spent 11 years in Fiji at the University of the South Pacific first in the History Politics Department and then with the Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development & Governance (PIAS-DG). He is author of *the Manipulation of Custom; from Uprising to Intervention in the Solomon Islands* (2004), and has researched widely on conflict, electoral systems and political economy in the Pacific Islands. Other members of staff of the SSGM Program, all with extensive experience in the region, are participating in this seminar series, including David Hegarty (PNG and Solomon Islands), Nicole Haley (Southern Highlands, PNG), Sinclair Dinnen (PNG and Solomon Islands) and Ron May (PNG) .

Matthew Allen

Matthew Allen is a Postdoctoral Fellow, Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program, The Australian National University. Dr Allen has a long-standing interest in resource management issues in Melanesia where he has lived and worked extensively since 1997. He holds a masters degree in human geography based on fieldwork in Vanuatu and a Ph.D. in political anthropology based on fieldwork in Solomon Islands. He has also worked as a long-term adviser on a development aid project in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea and has completed a number of short-term consultancy assignments in Solomon Islands. He is currently working on a book stemming from his doctoral research about the conflict that took place in Solomon Islands between 1998 and 2003 (the so-called 'Ethnic Tension').

RUNNING ORDER:**Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific Island States**

Session 1, Wednesday 7 May, 2008

The Causes of Conflict and Consequences of Conflict

Time Timor Leste	Time Aust (Canberra) PNG	Time Fiji (Suva)	Time in Vanuatu and Solomon Island	(Mins)	Speaker	Activity	Site
10.00-10.10	11.00-11.10	13.00-13.10	12.00-12.10	10	Jon Fraenkel &	Introduction of speakers (Jon Fraenkel) INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
10.10-10.25	11.10-11.25	13.10-13.25	12.10-12.25	15	Jon Fraenkel & Matt Allen	Theories of conflict and their uses	Canberra
10.25-10.40	11.25-11.40	13.25-13.40	12.25-12.40	15	Jon Fraenkel	Q & A time	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
10.40-10.55	11.40-11.55	13.40-13.55	12.40-12.55	15	Jon Fraenkel & Matt Allen	Sources of conflict in the region and consequences of conflict	Canberra
10.55-11.10	11.55-12.10	13.55-14.10	12.55-13.10	15	Jon Fraenkel	Q & A time	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
11.10-11.25	12.10-12.25	14.10-14.25	13.10-13.25	15	Jon Fraenkel & Matt Allen	Types of conflict in the region	Canberra
11.25-11.35	12.25-12.35	14.25-14.35	13.25-13.35	10	Jon Fraenkel	Q and A Time	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
11.35-11.45	12.35-12.45	14.35-14.45	13.35-13.45	10	Jon Fraenkel & Matt Allen	Conflict prevention – if sources of conflict are known, can policies be designed to prevent conflict occurring?	Canberra
11.45-11.55	12.45-12.55	14.45-14.55	13.45-13.55	10	Jon Fraenkel	General discussion	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
11.55-12.00	12.55-13.00	14.55-15.00	13.55-14.00	5	Jon Fraenkel	Wrap up	Canberra
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