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Date: 7th October, 2020 | **Time:** 2.30pm - 4.00pm | **Venue:** Main Board Room, FNU Nasinu Campus

(The presentation will be made available via video conferencing at the Lautoka Campus – NWL; Derrick Campus - Samabula CEST Board Room; CAFF – Conference Room; Hoodless House Conference Rooms 1 and 2; and at Labasa Campus Room 3 level 3)



Dr Rup Singh

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Abstract:

Conducting research is an art to scientifically evaluate some phenomena of interest. Its purpose could vary (at times pre-designed) but would revolve around testing the theory, predicting human behaviour (in social sciences) or policy simulation. This seminar discusses how to conduct research, especially manage and deliver sponsored research activities. It also provides directions for attracting research funds and raising the quality and impact of academic research outputs.

Biodata - Dr Rup Singh

Dr Rup Singh has an extensive background in Economics, graduating with a PhD (in Growth Economics) from The University of the South Pacific (USP) in collaboration with the University of Western Sydney. He also holds a Master of Arts (in Economics) and two Postgraduate Diplomas from the USP. Dr. Singh started his career in 1999 as an Economist with the Reserve Bank of Fiji. He served in various internal/external committees of the department and currently serves as a member of various committees at USP. He is also an Advisory Board Member of a few international journals. Dr Singh joined the USP 2012, and since then has become an integral part of the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE). In February 2013, he assumed the role of Associate Dean Teaching and Learning in FBE and since 2016, he has actively contributed to managing the School of Economics.

To date he has published 37 international journal articles, and has successfully completed several externally funded projects mainly with international agencies.

In 2019, Dr .Singh completed the development of Fiji-CGE (Computable General Equilibrium) model (with Dr Sothea Oum) funded by the Asian Development Bank. He has also contributed to managing a United Nations project to develop academic curriculum in Official Statistics which is now fully implemented at USP. These activities have also received impressive reviews in the recent external programme review of School of Economics academic programmes.

Dr Singh provides technical support to various Pacific Statistics working groups which works in collaboration of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the United Nations Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (UNPFTAC), the World Bank, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Stats- New Zealand. Dr Singh has received various research awards (including gold medal for his work in Econometric modelling). His research focus are in areas of Economic Growth, Macroeconomic policy, Monetary Policy, Trade and Applied Econometrics. Dr Singh has successfully supervised 3 PhDs and 8 Master Thesis students to date. Currently he has two more active PhD students working under his supervision.

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