



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON COVID-19 AND SOCIAL PROTECTION RETHINKING NEW STRATEGIES FOR PACIFIC COMMUNITIES

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Collaborating institutions:

- University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
- Fiji National University, Suva, Fiji
- International Labour Organization (Pacific, Caribbean, and Thailand Offices)
- University of Otago, New Zealand
- Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA
- The University of the South Pacific, Suva Fiji
- Fiji Council of Social Services, Suva, Fiji
- University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

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Workshop format

- 2-day panel presentations from 3 locations
- Zoom-in participants
- Two sessions; morning and afternoon
- 3 presenters per session per location
- Q&A and discussions session

Day 1, Wednesday 02 December

OPENING SESSION

9:00 - 9:10	Introduction of Workshop
9:10 - 9:15	Opening Statement by Acting Vice Chancellor, Fiji National University, Dr. William May
9:15 - 9:25	Statement by Mr. Rupeni Fatiaki, Director for Social Welfare - Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation
9:25 - 9:30	Statement by Mr. Matin Karimli, Director, International Labour Organization Office for Pacific Island Countries
9:30 - 9:35	Statement by Dean CHE, Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba
9:35 - 10:00	Break

MORNING SESSION

Panel Chair: Professor Nii-K Plange,
Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies and Sustainable Development, College of Humanities and Education, Fiji National University

20 -30 minutes per presentation followed by Q and A and comments.

10:00 - 10:30	Mr. Markus Ruck, Social Protection Specialist, Decent Work Technical Team, International Labour Organization, Bangkok, Thailand Mr. Ariel Pino, Specialist, Social Protection and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), International Labour Organization, Pacific Regional/ Caribbean Office Employment and Social Protection challenges in a Pandemic
10:30 - 11:00	Special Presentation: (Monday 01 December 1700 hrs. Caribbean Time) Dr. Heather Ricketts, Faculty of Social Sciences and Mr. Jeremy Collimore, Honorary Fellow Institute of Sustainable Development University of The West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica The Caribbean experience: Social protection in a national Disaster context: Lessons learned
11:00 - 11:30	Dr. Rohit Kishore: Acting Dean, College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies. Fiji National University Re-thinking the Economics of Social protection in a Small economy under Pandemic conditions

11:30 - 12:00	Professor Vijay Naidu, Former Head of School of Government, International Relations and Development, University of the South Pacific, Suva Poverty, Social Protection, and the COVID-19 pandemic in Fiji
12:00 - 12:30	Summary of key issues and Q&A
12:45 - 1:45	Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 - 2:30	Dr. Litea Meo-Sewabu, Co-Ordinator Social Welfare and Social Policy Programme, University of the South Pacific Vulnerabilities of Children and Social Protection in a Pandemic context - the case of Fiji
2:30 - 3:00	Ms. Vani Catanasiga: Director, Fiji Council of Social Services: The COVID-19 Pandemic, Grassroots issues in Social protection in Fiji: What is missing?
3:00 - 3:30	Dr. Amelia Turagabeci: School of Public Health, College of Medicine, Nursing and the Health Sciences, Fiji National University Researching aspects of livelihood for Social protection under the COVID-19
3:45 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:00	Summary of key issues and Q&A

Day 2, Thursday 03 December (New Zealand Hosting)

MORNING SESSION

Panel Chair: Professor Steven Ratuva
Director McMillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

9:00 - 9:30	(17 hrs. USA Time) Professor Benjamin Reese, Duke University COVID-19, inequality, and social protection - the case of the US.
9:30 - 10:00	Dr. Yvonne Crichton-Hill, University of Canterbury COVID-19, family violence, and social protection responses
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:30	Associate Professor Arindam Basu, University of Canterbury. Measuring intervention - The Social Protection Index
11:30 - 12:00	Associate Professor Patrick Vakaoti, University of Otago Youth, COVID-19 and social protection
12:00 - 12:30	Dr. Tara Ross, University of Canterbury Rethinking media and communication in the COVID-19 context
12:30 - 1:45	Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 - 2:30	Dr. Rosemarie Martin, University of Canterbury COVID-19, Food insecurity and social protection
2:30 - 3:30	Sum up and Question and Answers.
3:30 - 4:30	Discussion on emerging critical issues and way forward

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