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U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the waiting list.

7 Aug Explaining the Human Colonisation of the Pacific *Ass. Prof. Tim Thomas*

The human colonisation of the Pacific hemisphere is an enduring topic of academic enquiry. Archaeologists have employed a wide variety of perspectives and evidence to gain insight into questions of timing, geographical pattern, and strategies of voyaging and island discovery. I review some of these approaches and discuss the most recent findings. In the wider view, colonisation is a long-term phenomenon encompassing most aspects of human-environment interactions, and the Pacific is an exemplary case that teaches us much about migration and how historical relationships are established between people and place.

14 Aug NZ-China Relationship: Increasing Geopolitical Tension *Dr Nick Smith*

This talk will discuss the NZ-China relationship and how New Zealand has crafted a unique relationship with China by embracing a relational view of international relations. This is distinct from other "Anglosphere" countries like Australia. However, maintaining this mature relationship with China is becoming more difficult as the geopolitical climate becomes more tense.

21 Aug Pacific Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change

Dr Christina Laalaai-Tausa

Pacific Indigenous knowledge of climate change is based on centuries of knowledge production, daily experience, and observation. This study gives voice to Pacific Indigenous Knowledge systems and how they can work in harmony with western scientific approaches. The data will strengthen policy framing for Pacific governments as well as be useful for global negotiations to promote the unique Pacific voices and experiences, which is often subdued by the more technologically dominant countries.

2023 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 13, 20, 27

SERIES 2: Apr 3, 17

SERIES 3: May 8, 15, 22

SERIES 4: Jun 12, 19, 26

SERIES 5: Jul 10, 17

SERIES 6: Aug 7, 14, 21

SERIES 7: Sep 4, 11, 18

SERIES 8: Oct 2, 9, 16

SERIES 9: Nov 6, 13, 20

Meetings

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Lectures may start a few minutes before 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

As a courtesy to our speakers and other members, please

Be seated by 1.20 pm.

Turn your cell phone off.

Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.

Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone.

Wear your name tag.

No talking during lectures.

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