Human Rights - The Pacific Island (Pasifika) Way

DATE: 3 OCTOBER 2023 (Tuesday)
TIME: 12:30pm - 1:30pm (HK Time)
MODE: IN-PERSON at CCT723, 7/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, HKU or via ZOOM

The ‘Pacific Islands’ are 14 islands in the Pacific ocean roughly between Hong Kong and New Zealand. They include some of the most ethnically and culturally diverse places on earth. Culture and custom sit alongside human rights and civil society, the legislature, the executive and the courts have strived to find a place for custom in the human rights discourse.

Participants at this seminar will discuss aspects of this discourse and explore a particular project that will highlight the place of custom within the Pasifika human rights framework.

Ana Tuiketei

Ana Tuiketei (2023 AsiaGlobal Fellow) is an international lawyer and arbitrator and the first Listed Pacific Counsel with the International Criminal Court (The Hague). She was also elected to the ICC Bar Association General Assembly’s Defense and Membership Committee - another first for the Pacific. She is also the only female Pacific Islander listed as an Arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne, Switzerland), the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (China), and the South China International Arbitration Centre (Hong Kong). She is admitted to the Tongan and Fijian Bar.

Ana is the Deputy Director of the Institute of Small and Micro States. She also volunteers at many charities and serves on several boards. She is passionate about law reform and comes with a wealth of experience, knowledge and extensive professional exposure. In 2017, she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Fiji for her work with Fijian women and youths.

Petra Butler

Petra Butler is a Professor at Victoria University of Wellington and the Director of the Institute of Small and Micro States. She is qualified as a lawyer in Germany and New Zealand, and is admitted as a barrister to the High Court of New Zealand.

Petra specialises in domestic and international human rights, public and private comparative law, and international commercial law with an emphasis on international commercial contracts and international dispute resolution.

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