

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1 | THURSDAY 4 JULY

- 8.00am:** Registration.
- 8.45am:** Welcome and Introduction, Associate Professor Shailendra Bahadur Singh, USP Journalism.
- 8.50am:** Opening Remarks by Dr Matthew Hayward, Acting Head of School of Pacific Arts, Communication and Education, USP.
- 8.55am:** Introduction of Chief Guest by Professor Gurmeet Singh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and innovation, USP.
- 9.00am:** Address by Chief Guest, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica.
- 9.20am:** Address by major sponsor: Mr John Degory – Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy in Fiji.
- 9.30am:** Address by major sponsor: Ms Irene Jay Liu - Regional Director, Asia & the Pacific, International Fund for Public Interest Media.
- 9.40am-10.30am — Group photo, morning tea, networking.**
- 10.30am:** Keynote address – Professor Cherian George, Baptist University of Hong Kong. Cracks in the Mirror: When Media Representations Sharpen Social Divisions.
Moderator: Dr David Robie
- 11.00am:** Panel Discussion — Media, Community, Social Cohesion and Conflict-Prevention.
Speakers: Dr Usha Harris, Ms Khairiah A Rahman, Dr Avinash Kumar, Dr Robert York
Moderator: Mr Nilesh Lal.
- 12.00pm-1.15pm — Lunch.**
- 1.30pm:** Keynote address — Dr David Robie New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM), Asia Pacific Media Network. Frontline Media Faultlines: How Critical Journalism Can Survive Against the Odds.
Moderator: Professor Cherian George.
- 2.00pm:** Parallel session 1-A— Social Media, Digital Disruption and Artificial Intelligence.
Speakers: Ms Nitika Nand, Dr Fiona Willans, Mr Mochamad Achir, Mr Joep Tarai.
Moderator: Professor Emily Drew.
- 2.00pm:** Parallel session 1-B — Pacific Media, Geopolitics and Regional Reporting.
Speakers: Ms LICE Movono, Ms Marsali Mackinnon/Mr Kalafi Moala, Mr Nic Maclellan, Dr Nicholas Hoare.
Moderator: Dr Shailendra Singh.
- 3.00pm-3.30pm — Afternoon tea.**
- 3.40pm:** Parallel session 2-A— Navigating Media Law, Ethics, and Practice in Pacific Democracies.
Speakers: Professor Mark Pearson, Dr Amanda Watson, Mr Joep Tarai.
Moderator: Dr Usha Harris.
- 3.40pm:** Parallel session 2-B—Media, Democracy, Human Rights and Governance:
Speakers: Dr Mosmi Bhim, Ms Lara Anwar, Professor Emily Drew.
Moderator: Ms Khairiah A Rahman.
- 4.40pm:** End of presentations and discussions.
- 6.00-9.00pm — Conference dinner, book launch & 30th anniversary celebration of PJR**
Chief Guest: PNG Minister for Information & Communication Technology, Hon. Timothy Masiu.
Keynote Speaker: Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Finance Hon. Professor Biman Prasad.

DAY 2 | THURSDAY 4 JULY

- 9.00am:** Keynote speaker— Ms Agatha Ferei, Chairperson, Fiji Media Council. Navigating the Post-Fiji Media Industry Development Act Landscape: The Role of the Fiji Media Council.
Moderator: Ms LICE Movono.
- 9.30am:** Panel discussion— Pacific Assistance Media Scheme Pacific Editors' Forum: The State of the Pacific Media and Future Directions.
Speakers: Ms Georgina Kekea, Mr Indra Singh, Mr Kora Nou, Mr Alexander Reeney, Mr Felix Chaudhary, Mr Vijay Narayan, Mr Rashneel Kumar, Mr Reginald Chandar.
Moderator: Dr Shailendra Singh.
- 10.40am-11.00am — Morning tea.**
- 11.00am:** Keynote address—Professor Emily Drew, US Embassy in Fiji invited speaker. Investigative Journalism in the Age of Newsroom Burnout: Causes, Symptoms, and Strategies.
Moderator: Dr Amanda Watson.
- 11.30am:** Roundtable discussion —International Fund for Public Interest Media. Media sustainability in the Pacific: The role of government, industry and funders. A roundtable hosted by the International Fund for Public Interest Media, which is launching a grant program to support Pacific media. An opportunity for media representatives and other stakeholders to meet the fund's representatives to explore opportunities for support and collaboration.
Facilitator: Ms Irene J Liu.
- 12.30pm-1.30pm — Lunch.**
- 1.40pm:** Roundtable discussion —New Zealand Science Media Centre. Talanoa session on Experts on deadline: enriching news reporting on complex topics in the Pacific through science — Climate change, natural hazards, health crises, food security.
Facilitators: Ms Dacia Herbulock, Ms Indira Stewart, Ms Lyndal Byford.
- 2.40pm:** Panel discussion —Asia Pacific Media Network: Publish or perish? Challenges of Journalism Journals for the Global South/Asia Pacific.
Speakers: Professor Mark Pearson, Dr Philip Cass, Dr David Robie – New APMN strategy
Moderator: Professor Vijay Naidu.
- 3.40pm-4.00pm — Afternoon tea.**
- 4.00pm:** Panel discussion—Covering Climate from a Solutions Journalism Lens.
Speakers: Ms LICE Movono, Ms Moera Tuilaepa-Taylor, Ms Samantha Magick.
Moderator: Dr Kalinga Seneviratne.
- 5.00pm** Reception.
Hosted by the United States Embassy Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu.
Venue: Albert Park Pavilion (Opposite the Grand Pacific Hotel).

DAY 3 | THURSDAY 4 JULY

- 9.00am:** Keynote Address—Ms Nalini Singh, Executive Director, Fiji Women's Rights Movement. It is my Workplace too! Stop Sexual Harassment!
Moderator: Dr Rajni Chand.
- 9.25am:** Panel discussion — Gender and Media in the Pacific: Examining Violence that Women Face with Media.
Speakers: Ms Laisa Bulatale, Ms Georgina Kekea, Ms Jacqui Berrell, Ms LICE Movono, Dr Shailendra Bahadur Singh.
Moderator: Ms Nalini Singh.
- 10.40am-11.00am — Morning tea.**
- 11.00am:** Parallel session 1-A—Assessing Pacific Media Landscape: from Columnists to Coverage.
Speakers: Dr Jeremy Dorovolomo, Dr Philip Cass, Dr Subhas Appana.
Moderator: Dr Amanda Watson
- 11.00am:** Parallel session 1-B— Why Pacific Media need to look more towards Asia.
Speakers: Ms Samanmale Swarnalatha, Nauzab Fareed.
Moderator: Dr Kalinga Seneviratne.
- 12.00pm-1.15pm — Lunch.**
- 1.15pm:** Parallel session 2-A—COVID-19 Pandemic and Mental Health in Journalism.
Speakers: Dr Ravindra Prajapati/Mr Sarvesh Chand/Dennis Sen; Ms Asinate Korocowiri.
Moderator: Dr Jeremy Dorovolomo.
- 1.15pm:** Parallel session 2-B—Media Sustainability; Indigenous and Vernacular Media.
Speakers: Dr Amit Sarwal, Ms Karol Ilagan, Mr Rajendra Prasad, Dr Ravindra Prajapati/Nilesh Kumar.
Moderator: Dr Frank Thomas.
- 2.15pm:** Vote of Thanks and Closing of Conference.
- 2.45pm-3.20pm — Afternoon tea.**

Conference Committee:

Chairperson: Associate Professor Shailendra Bahadur Singh, USP Journalism

Deputy Chairperson: Dr Rosiana Lagi

Committee Members:

Dr Baljeet Singh	Dr Kalinga Seneviratne
Ms Monika Singh	Dr Amit Sarwal.
Mr Kora Nou	Mr Rajendra Prasad
Dr David Robie	Dr Kaylie Navuku

SIDE CULTURAL MEDIA EVENT:

“Connecting Diaspora: Pacific Prana” Exhibition.

Venue: Oceania Arts Centre, The University of the South Pacific.

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