

Speakers' Biographies

Guest Speakers

1. **Hon Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi**, Prime Minister of Samoa
Born at Lepa, Samoa, Malielegaoi is an economist by profession. He attended high school at St Joseph's College in Lotopa; he then obtained a master's from the University of Auckland, becoming the first Samoan to receive a master's degree in commerce.

Tuilaepa first won election to represent his Lepa district in 1980, after the death of the previous representative. He has been re-elected for Lepa since that time. He served as finance minister in the Tofilau government of 1991 and 1996. In 1996, he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister. In 1998, Tofilau retired from parliament (and hence the prime ministership) due to ill health. Tuilaepa then became the 6th Prime Minister of Samoa. He has successfully led his HRPP party to re-election in the 2001, 2006 and 2011 general elections.

Malielegaoi lost two relatives in the 2009 Samoan earthquake and tsunami, including the daughter of one of his nieces. Most of Malielegaoi's hometown of Lepa, Samoa, was destroyed in the tsunami, leaving just the church and the village's welcome sign standing.



2. **H. E. Mme Li Yanduan**, Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China, Apia
Ambassador Li took up her three-year posting in Apia at the beginning of 2013 after extensive experience in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

Madame Li started her diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China as desk officer in the Translation and Interpretation department. She then became an Attaché, a Third and Second Secretary to the Director and Counsellor of the Department of Treaty and Law.

Madame Li served as Second and First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and as Counsellor of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in the Hong Kong Special Administration Region. She also served as the Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of China in Sydney.



Presenters and Chairs *in Order of Appearance*

3. Fui Le'apai Tu'ua 'Ilaoa Professor Asofou So'o



Professor Asofou So'o became the fourth president and Vice Chancellor of NUS on April 6th 2009. In 1989 he graduated with a Master of Arts with Honours from Waikato University and his Doctor of Philosophy was completed in 1997 from the Australian National University. He is a former Director of the Institute of Samoan Studies, which later became the Centre for Samoan Studies from 2001 to 2008. Following the merger of the Samoan Polytechnic and NUS in 2006, he was appointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor until 2009. Professor So'o hails from the villages of Savaia Lefaga where he holds the high chief title 'Le'apai'. He also has the titles Fui, Lau, & Ilaoa.

4. Tony Browne



Tony Browne is Executive Chair of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington. He was New Zealand Ambassador to China from 2004 to 2009 and Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2009-2011. He is a member of the Executive Board of the New Zealand China Council, Chair of the VUW Confucius Institute and a Senior Consultant to Confucius Institute HQ in Beijing. Earlier in his career in the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade he had been Official Secretary at the Office for Tokelau Affairs in Apia (from 1983-85), High Commissioner to Vanuatu (1987-1990) and Director of the New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei from 1994-1997.

5. Michael Powles, Conference Organiser



Michael Powles has served as Ambassador to China and to Indonesia and as High Commissioner to Fiji. He was Deputy Secretary of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade before being appointed New Zealand's Ambassador and Permanent representative to the United Nations in New York (1996-2001). Michael served for five years (2001-2006) as a New Zealand Human Rights Commissioner and has written and spoken widely on human rights issues, including in both China and the Pacific. Michael was the Founding Chairman of the Pacific Cooperation Foundation and is currently a Senior Fellow with the New Zealand Centre for Strategic Studies. He has lectured and written on China's relations with New Zealand and its role in the Pacific including co-editing *New Flags Flying*.

6. Leasiolagi Professor Malama Meleisea

Dr Malama Meleisea is currently the Director of the Center for Samoan Studies at the National University of Samoa (NUS). Before establishing the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch and then becoming Director of Pacific Studies at the University of Auckland, Malama taught history at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. In the late 1990s, Malama joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as the Regional Advisor for Social and Human Sciences for Asia and the Pacific, actively promoting human rights, ethics, social transformations, poverty and philosophy. In 2011, Malama was appointed as a judge for the Land and Titles Court before assuming his position at the NUS.



7. Dame Meg Taylor

Pacific leaders have for the first time chosen a woman to head the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat as Secretary-General. Papua New Guinea's Dame Meg Taylor, is a former senior World Bank official. In nominating her for the role in May, PNG Prime Minister Peter O'Neill said Dame Meg had "a wealth of experience and knowledge that spanned 20 years in active service to the Government of Papua New Guinea". Prior to heading the Office of the Compliance Advisory Ombudsman in the World Bank Group, Dame Meg Taylor was PNG's Ambassador to the United States, Mexico and Canada from 1989 to 1994. Dame Meg Taylor officially commenced as Secretary General on 4 December 2014.



8. Associate Professor Dr Paul D'Arcy

Dr Paul D'Arcy is Associate Professor in the School of Culture, History and Language at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific in Canberra. After graduating in Pacific and African history from Otago University, he studied at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and worked as an archaeologist and for Television New Zealand, before completing an MA at Otago and PhD at ANU. Paul taught at Otago, Victoria University of Wellington and James Cook University in Queensland before joining ANU. His current research focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration, Asia Pacific visions of history and development issues, and the history of conflict and conflict resolution in the Asia Pacific region, especially conflicts over natural resources with particular reference to the Pacific Ocean.





9. Professor LIU Shusen

Dr Liu Shusen is Professor of English literature and Translation Studies in the English Department of the School of Foreign Languages, Peking University, and Deputy Dean, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University. His other positions include Director of the Centre of Oceanian Studies, Secretary General of the Center for Australian Studies, and Director of the Center for New Zealand Studies, Peking University, in addition to Vice President, Translation Theory and Translation Teaching Committee, China Translator's Association, Deputy Director, Foreign Literature Teaching Association, China Higher Education Academy, and Member, the Review Committee of China National Fund for Social Sciences and Humanities. His research areas include early modern history of Chinese translation and the history of Australian and New Zealand literature.



10. Ms Fekita Utoikamanu

Ms Fekita Utoikamanu is Deputy Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea and Suva. From 2005 to 2009 she was Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Government of Tonga accredited to The United Nations, USA, Canada, Cuba, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Prior to that she was Secretary for Foreign Affairs & the European Commission's National Authorizing Officer for Tonga, Government of Tonga. Ms Utoikamanu is a Government Representative and Ambassador with considerable achievements gained over an illustrious career in international diplomacy, governance and sustainable development. Ms Utoikamanu possesses expertise in the Millennium Development Goals, Human Rights, Civil Society, Human Development, Gender Empowerment, Administration, Management, Change management, and Economics.



11. Professor BO Zhiyue

Professor BO Zhiyue, a leading authority on Chinese elite politics in the world, is Director of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and Professor of Political Science at Victoria University of Wellington. Professor BO obtained his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He has published more than 130 Book chapters and articles and is the author of a trilogy on China's elite politics, including *Chinese Provincial Leaders: Economic Performance and Political Mobility since 1949* (2002), *China's Elite Politics: Political Transition and Power Balancing* (2007), and *China's Elite Politics: Governance and Democratization* (2010). He is the winner of the "most quoted by Western media prize" on China's leadership transition in 2012 and contributes to the Diplomat regularly.

12. Tuatagaloa Aumua Ming Leung Wai

Tuatagaloa Aumua Ming Leung Wai is Attorney-General of Samoa. He is the Samoa Government's principal legal adviser. He is of both Samoan and Chinese descent and also has German ancestry. His education took place in Samoa and he then attended the University of Waikato in New Zealand where he completed his law degree. He returned to Samoa and worked in several legal roles in government departments. In 2001 he joined the family law firm in Apia. He was appointed Attorney-General of Samoa in 2006 and has held the position since. He sits on the Board of Trustees of his Church and holds two matai titles – Tuatagaloa from the village of Poutasi and Aumua from the village of Sapunaoa.



13. Associate Professor Tarcisius Kabutaulaka

Tarcisius Tara Kabutaulaka is Associate Professor at the University of Hawai'i's Center for Pacific Islands Studies. He is a political economist who has written extensively on development and governance issues in the Pacific Islands and is a leading expert on Solomon Islands. His research focuses on governance, natural resource development, rural development, conflicts, conflict resolution and post-conflict development. Prior to joining the East-West Center he was Lecturer in history and political science at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. In October 2000 Kabutaulaka served as the Chief Negotiator for Guadalcanal Province and the Isatabu Freedom Movement (IFM) at the Solomon Islands Peace Conference in Townsville. He has a PhD in political science and international relations from the ANU.



14. Associate Professor YU Changsen

Dr YU Changsen is Associate Professor at the School of Pacific Studies, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. As an executive director, Dr YU is currently in charge of the National Center for Oceania Studies. He obtained a doctorate in World History at Xiamen University in 1992. He teaches *Australian foreign policy* and *international strategy* at the Department of International Relations. From 1998 to 1999, he was a visiting scholar at Griffith University and at the Australian National University. He is the co-editor in chief of the annual Blue Book of Oceania, which is the standard reference work for Chinese policymakers. He has English publications in *Australia-China at Forty* (University of Sydney Press, 2012) and the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.





15. Professor Terence Wesley-Smith

Terence Wesley-Smith is the Director of the Centre for Pacific Island Studies, University of Hawai'i and political scientist with degrees from Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Hawai'i. He writes and teaches about contemporary issues in the region, with a particular interest in development, the impact of globalization, the political economy of mining in Papua New Guinea, and the emerging role of China in the region. For many years he was the center's Graduate Chair, and he continues to teach the MA program's introductory seminar, Learning Oceania. Wesley-Smith is founding associate editor of *The Contemporary Pacific*, and from 1997-2003 directed the Ford Foundation-funded Moving Cultures project, which developed innovative ways of teaching and learning about the Asia-Pacific region.



16. Dr Jim Rolfe

Jim Rolfe is Director of the New Zealand Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. He started his working life in the New Zealand Army, moved to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet as a policy adviser and completed his PhD while there. He was Deputy Director of the Centre for Security Studies and Associate Director of the Master of International Relations Programme at VUW from 1991 to 2001. Rolfe then became an Associate Professor of International Relations at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in the United States. He returned to the Ministry of Defence as Principal Adviser, Strategic Policy from where he was seconded to the Australian Civil-Military Centre as Deputy Director.



17. Professor Brian Moloughney

Professor Brian Moloughney is Pro-Vice-Chancellor Humanities at the University of Otago. His publications include *Disputed Histories: Imagining New Zealand's Pasts*; *Asia in the Making of New Zealand*; and *Transforming History: The Making of a Modern Academic Discipline in Twentieth-Century China*. Brian Moloughney studied at the University of Canterbury, Nanjing University and the Australian National University. Following a number of years teaching Chinese history at the University of Otago, he became Head of the School of Languages and Cultures at Victoria University of Wellington, where he taught in both the Chinese and Asian Studies programmes. For five years he was Editor of the *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* and he has served as President of the New Zealand Asian Studies Association.

18. Associate Professor Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa

Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa is Associate Professor of Pacific Studies at the Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Auckland, head of Pacific Studies

and Co-Head of Te Wananga o Waipapa. He is a prizewinning scholar who specializes in the study of colonialism, empire, government and race. He also works on education, economics and development in the Pacific region, as well as in New Zealand and Australia. After studying at the University of Auckland, he completed his studies at Oxford University. He was the first person of Pacific Island descent to become a Rhodes scholar to Oxford. Earlier in 2012, his book *Racial Crossings: Race, Intermarriage, and the Victorian British Empire* won the coveted international Ernest Scott prize.



19. Dr Iati Iati

Dr Iati is Lecturer in the Department of Politics at University of Otago. He received his PhD from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. His research interests are in good governance, land tenure reform, regionalism, and New Zealand foreign policy in the Pacific. His current projects focus on political stability in Samoa, controversial land reform in the Pacific, and recent developments in Pacific regionalism, and in particular sub-regionalism. On the side, he likes to examine issues of nationalism and the nation-state in the Pacific, and is currently working on a project that interrogates the myth of the Samoa-Tonga Wars.



20. Mr Pesi Fonua

Pesi Fonua is the Publisher and Editor of the Matangi Tonga News Online, Tonga's leading news website. He was the co founder of the Vava'u Press Ltd in 1979. Vava'u Press publishes books, magazines and the Matangi Tonga Online news website. Pesi and Vava'u Press Ltd. were awarded the PINA Media Freedom Award 2005. He is the current Vice President of the Media Council Inc. (Tonga), Chairman of the Transparency Forum Inc. (Tonga) and, the President of the Friendly Islands Triathlon FIT. He was a member of the Commonwealth Observer Group of the Tanzania General Election 2010. He received a Diploma from the Thomson Foundation Centre and was the Pina Print Journalist of the year 1993.



21. Professor Jenny Dixon

As Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement), Professor Jenny Dixon leads the University of Auckland's external relations within New Zealand and abroad. She represents the University on international organisations and is responsible for the University's International Office, including strategic partnerships and student recruitment. In addition to these responsibilities, Professor Dixon's portfolio includes alumni relations and development and Pacific strategy and engagement. She also chairs the University's



Creative Thinking Board. She is a frequent visitor to China, chairs the New Zealand Centre at Peking University Advisory Board and has oversight of the University's Confucius Institute. Professor Dixon is committed to supporting women in leadership and diversity. She is an active member of the Asia Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Women in Leadership programme.



22. Dr Graeme Smith

Dr Graeme Smith is Research Fellow in the School of International Political and Strategic Studies at Australian National University. His main research interests are Chinese state and non-state actors in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, and the political economy of local government in rural China. He is author of several book chapters, as well as articles in *The China Journal* and *The China Quarterly*, and edited volumes of *Pacific Affairs* and *Asian Studies Review*. His recent project, undertaken in collaboration with Sinclair Dinnen and Paul D'Arcy, examined Chinese outbound direct investment in Papua New Guinea, and the migration and aid flows which have accompanied it.



23. Dr Rebecca Bogiri

Dr Rebecca Bogiri completed her doctoral studies in China in 2014 at the University of International Business and Economics (Beijing) and Arts and Law degrees at the University of the South Pacific. She is now managing a branch of VANWODS Microfinance Inc. in Vanuatu, while involved part-time in Post-Doctoral policy analysis in the fields of foreign aid, and the WTO Aid-for-trade framework. Prior to taking up her scholarship in China she worked at the Vanuatu Treasury as an Assistant Economist. Her current interests focus on foreign aid and poverty alleviation, the effect of foreign aid on economic growth, factors affecting economic growth, the effect of corruption and political instability on economic growth, international trade and the effect of microfinancing on poverty alleviation.



24. Associate Professor WANG Xuedong

Dr Wang Xuedong is Associate Professor of International Politics, School of the Asia-Pacific Studies and Deputy Director, National Centre for Oceania Studies at Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. Dr Wang has been a visiting scholar at the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Sydney, a recipient of the Special Award for Canadian Studies, from the Canadian Government and a Freeman visiting Professor at the Center for Asia-Pacific studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as well as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of South Carolina. Dr Wang's research focuses on the Politics of Climate Change:

Cooperation and Governance, Environmental Politics and Policy and Chinese Foreign Policy.

25. Professor John Overton

John Overton is Professor in the School of Geography at Victoria University of Wellington. He has two main research areas at present. One focuses on aid and development, with particular regard to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands region. This examines the changing policies of donors, particularly as they relate to the tension between domestic political concerns and global agendas for aid, and the way aid might be shaped to fit the aspirations, capabilities and capacity of recipient countries and agencies in the Pacific. Of particular concern is the way local institutions in the Pacific are being either constrained or enabled to develop their own development trajectories and strategies. The second research area involves wine, place and capital.



26. Dr Philippa Brant

Dr Philippa Brant is a Research Associate at the Lowy Institute for Public Policy. Her research interests include Chinese aid, development in the Asia-Pacific region and China as a global actor. She wrote her Ph.D. at The University of Melbourne investigating China's foreign aid program and its implications for the global development system, including a focus on the South Pacific region. As an inaugural Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award holder (2010-2011), Philippa worked in Beijing as a Visiting Scholar at the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and an intern in the Health and Nutrition Division at UNICEF China. Philippa also holds a BA (Honours) in Asian Studies and International Relations and a Diploma of Modern Languages (Chinese).



27. Dr Biman Prasad

Dr Biman Chand Prasad is leader of the National Federation Party and Shadow Minister for Finance, Planning and Statistics and Chairman of the Fijian Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee. Prasad was born in Dreketi in Vanua Levu and was educated at Muanidevo Indian School, Dreketi Junior Secondary School and Labasa College. Prasad became a lecturer at the University of the South Pacific in 1986. He was President of the USP staff Association from 1999 – 2006, head of the School of Economics from 2003 to 2007, and Professor of Economics and Dean of the faculty of Business and Economics from 2007 to 2011. He continues to hold Adjunct Professorships at the Griffith University, James Cook University and Punjabi University in Patiala, India.





28. Ms Dulciana Somare-Brash

Dulciana Somare-Brash is Deputy Executive Director of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy in Port Vila, Vanuatu. She had previously been the Institute's Director (Research and Programmes), in which role she had responsibility for planning and implementation of the institute's core activities and special projects. Managing the Institute's research and programme staff (including senior economist/policy analyst, research and special projects officers, research associates, interns and contractors). She had originally joined the Institute in January 2013 as Associate Director (Communications). She previously worked for the British and the Australian High Commissions in Port Moresby.



29. Letuimanu'asina Dr Emma Kruse Va'ai

Dr Emma Kruse-Va'ai was the former Director of Samoa Polytechnic. She is currently the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Samoa, which merged with Samoa's Polytechnic in 2006. Although Kruse-Va'ai is acting Vice-Chancellor at the University, she also lectures in English there too. She is a fierce advocate in education among the Samoan community, and believes it to be 'the key to a well-rounded society and stable economy'. Other than being an educator, she is a published poet and writer. Her stories have been translated in other languages in the Pacific Islands. Kruse-Va'ai is also an Executive Committee member of the Samoa Association of Women Graduates (SWAG).



30. Mrs Pesetā Noumea Simi

Mrs Pesetā Noumea Simi is Assistant Chief Executive of the Ministry of Finance, Samoa. Her work in aid management spans three decades, firstly in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and currently in the Ministry of Finance. She has led a number of partner country and one development country peer reviews under the Forum Compact as well as being a member of the SPC review in 2012 and the Pacific Plan review in 2013, the latter resulting in the Pacific Framework for Regionalism. She represented the Pacific on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation from 2012-2013 and is currently a member of the advisory group of the UN Development Cooperation Forum.

31. Professor LYU Guixia

Dr Lyu Guixia is Professor at the Research Centre of the Pacific Island Countries, Liaocheng University, Shandong, China. As a director at the Foreign Relations Institute, Lyu Guixia is currently in charge of the daily

round at RCPIC. After graduating in history from Qufu Normal University in 1992, she obtained her MA at Beijing Normal University and PhD at East China Normal University. She teaches World Modern History, American History, Sino-American Relations and History of International Relations. She is currently a visiting scholar at the School of Culture, History and Literature, College of Asia and Pacific, ANU. Dr Lyu has written on nationalism and ethnic conflict in Fiji (*Pacific Journal*) and has a book on Fiji coming out this year.



32. Denghua Zhang

Denghua Zhang became a PhD candidate with the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program at the Australian National University in January 2014. He had a decade long career as a public servant in China before coming to ANU to pursue a higher degree. He worked in the Pacific region for five years including in the Kingdom of Tonga and New Zealand respectively. He is strongly interested in the area of foreign aid and development. Currently, he is doing his PhD research on China's foreign aid to the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on trilateral aid cooperation in particular. He is interested in doing research on the economic and social development of these islands countries.



33. Hon Mark Brown

Hon Mark Brown holds responsibility for key portfolios in the Cook Islands Government including: Ministry of Financial and Economic Management, Financial Services Development Authority, Financial Supervisory Commission, Financial Intelligence Unit, Business Trade and Investment Board, Cook Islands Investment Corporation, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Commerce Commission, National Superannuation, Telecommunications, and Public Expenditure Review Committee and Audit. Prior to his election as a Member of Parliament in 2010, Minister Brown was the director of a local property management and development company. Minister Brown holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific and a Diploma in Public Sector Management from Massey University in New Zealand. He is also Vice-President of the Cook Islands Party.



34 H. E. Ms Jackie Frizelle

Jackie Frizelle has been New Zealand's High Commissioner to Samoa and Consul General to American Samoa since January 2013. Prior to this she worked for 17 years with MFAT on New Zealand's international development



cooperation programme in a range of roles, most recently as the Director of Strategy and Effectiveness for the New Zealand Aid Programme. Jackie led strategy for the New Zealand Aid Programme for 10 years as well as leading change in development effectiveness, evaluation and procurement. She previously worked as the Deputy Director for Melanesia and Micronesia programmes and had six years as a Development Economist. Over her career with MFAT Jackie was engaged often with multilateral agencies.



35. Andie Fong Toy

Andie Fong Toy is the current Deputy Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat's Economic Governance and Security programme. Ms Fong Toy's extensive experience incorporates research on Pacific legal issues and working in a civil society organisation in New Zealand and experience in election observation missions. Ms Fong Toy served as Director for the Forum Secretariat's Political Governance and Security Programme until 2008. Prior to her appointment as Director she also served the Secretariat as International Legal Adviser and Legal & Political Officer. Ms Fong Toy holds a Bachelor of Laws from Victoria University of Wellington and Masters in International Relations from Deakin University, Australia.



36. Tofa Hon. Fonotoe Nuafesili Lauofo

Fonotoe Nuafesili Lauofo is Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa, Minister of Commerce, Industry & Labour and the Minister responsible for the Audit Office, Samoa Shipping Services & PFL and Polynesian Airlines. Among his other roles he has responsibility in the Samoan Cabinet for Trade Negotiations – WTO, ACP/EC, PACER/PICTA; the Small Business Enterprise Centre and Consumer Protection.



37. Dr Patrick Matbob

Dr Patrick Matbob started his journalism career in 1985 and worked for *Wantok Niuspepa*, *The Times of Papua New Guinea* and *The Post-Courier* newspapers as a reporter. In 1998 he launched and edited PNG's first monthly newspaper magazine called, *Papua New Guinea Magazine*. He joined Divine Word University in 2002 and is currently teaching Publishing, Layout & Design and applied research for social science. He has a Masters Degree in Journalism Studies from Cardiff University in Wales. He has researched and published papers on advocacy journalism, the West Papuan issue and the national elections. His current research interests include the impact of the Pacific Marine Industrial Zone project, the Ramu Nickel project and governance issues in Madang.

38. Ms Joyce Samuelu Ah Leong

Ms Joyce Samuelu Ah Leong is the current Acting CEO for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Apia, since May 2013. She has worked her way up within the Fisheries Division since 2002 after graduating with her Degree in Marine Science from the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. She has 12 years of fisheries management and research experience with a range of projects, studies and researches targeting coastal fisheries management and development for Samoa. Since taking up the ACEO post she has now expanded her role into the management of Samoa fisheries including the complex tuna fisheries. She hails from the villages of Moataa, Vaisala and Ulutogia and holds two matai titles of Talamatavao from Faleasiu and Va'aaaoa from Saleaula i Savaii.



36. Professor Jon Fraenkel

Jon Fraenkel is a Professor in Comparative Politics in the School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington. He formerly worked at the Australian National University (2007-12) and the University of the South Pacific in Fiji (1995-2007). He is author of *The Manipulation of Custom; from uprising to intervention in the Solomon Islands* and co-editor of *The 2006 Military Takeover in Fiji; A coup to end all coups?* He is the Pacific Islands correspondent for The Economist. Jon's current research focuses on: the politics of highly heterogeneous societies; institutional design in divided societies; state-building in Solomon islands; coups and elections in Fiji; Papua New Guinea; debates about patronage, clientelism and money politics; electoral reform; and the economic history of Oceania.



40. Professor LIU Hongzhong

Prof Liu Hongzhong was appointed Secretary of the Centre for Oceanian Studies at Peking University in 2011. She was Secretary of the Australian Studies Centre, and the New Zealand Centre at Peking University from 2007 to 2011. She has been involved in receiving scholars and students from international partner universities and institutions, initiating exchanges programs, and organising cultural events. Her research interests include College English teaching and research, curriculum development, and international education. Her four published English textbooks have been included in the 12th Five-Year National Development Plan for College Teaching Materials.

