

HORIZONS OF INSIGHT SEMINAR

The Legal Opportunity for Māori Leading New Zealand

Ko te Māori e arataki ana i a Aotearoa ki te ao kei mua
Māori leading New Zealand into the future

This is the new vision for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and our first Horizons of Insight Seminar for 2016, which will be held at the University of Otago, will consider the role of law in achieving this vision.

Māori communities have long histories, deep knowledge and an array of solutions that can contribute towards guiding Aotearoa New Zealand forwards and this seminar argues that all three branches of our government (the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary) must step up and encourage this contribution.

Historically it is accepted that the expansion of the European empire into the 'new world' of the old homes of Indigenous peoples, created consistent legal scenarios of arrogantly assumed European sovereignty and ownership of Indigenous lands.

Subsequently many contemporary domestic courts and legislatures, often aided by international courts and instruments (such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), have been attempting to find palatable answers as to how best reconcile with Indigenous peoples.

This process of reconciliation has initiated applied legal solutions that have been inspired by Indigenous thinking, and which are broad and potentially revolutionary. An example of just one of these solutions is the ground-breaking Te Urewera Act 2014 (N.Z.) that has deemed a national park to have its own legal personality.

This seminar will focus on the innovative Indigenous transitional justice initiatives being developed in Aotearoa New Zealand, and which are increasingly being used to manage the futures of lands

and waterways - which have all until now fallen under standard models of public ownership and administration.

This year Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga will be taking its Horizons of Insight (HOI) Seminar Series on the road for the first time, visiting many of its research partners and institutions across the country.

The 30th March seminar will be held at the Faculty of Law, University of Otago, Dunedin.

PRESENTER



Professor Jacinta Ruru (Raukawa, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Maniapoto) is based at the Faculty of Law at the University of Otago, and teaches first year law and upper level courses in Māori Land Law and Law and Indigenous Peoples.

Her more than 90 publications explore Indigenous peoples' legal rights to own, manage and govern Māori land, water, national parks and coastlines.

Amongst her many other roles and responsibilities, Jacinta is also an associate at the Indigenous Law Centre, University of New South Wales and in 2016 has commenced her role as Co-Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga - New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence.

Nau mai! Haere mai! All are welcome!

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DATE Wednesday, 30th March, 2016

TIME 12:00pm - 1:00pm

VENUE Moot Court, 10th Floor, Faculty of Law,
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