



Decolonisation and Nuclear Free Pacific

What have we done? What can you do?

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The Pacific is often celebrated as a region of resilience, stewardship, and shared ocean identity. Yet beneath these narratives lies a continuing history of colonisation, dispossession, militarisation, environmental exploitation and contamination, and struggles for self-determination that remain unresolved across much of Oceania.

While many nations are independent, places like Kanaky New Caledonia, West Papua, Ma'ohi Nui, Bougainville, and Banaba continue to face interconnected challenges of sovereignty, resource exploitation, and political exclusion.

These realities show that decolonisation in the Pacific is not complete. Amid rising geopolitical competition and resource pressures, Pacific peoples continue to advocate for human rights, climate justice, and the protection of their lands and oceans.

Against this backdrop, this public lecture seeks to foster critical public dialogue on the continuing legacies of colonisation and nuclear injustice in the Pacific. The lecture will explore how these issues remain relevant today, examine the role that Pacific governments, institutions, churches, civil society organisations, and communities have played in responding to them, and challenge participants to consider their own responsibilities in advancing a **"decolonised, demilitarised, denuclearised, and decarbonised" and just Pacific.**

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