

# CERTIFICATE OF PHILOSOPHICAL COMPETENCY

**Pasifika 'Whole of Life' Philosophies, Research, and Development**



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

There is a growing interest in understanding Pasifika philosophies, knowledges, epistemologies and conducting research in Pasifika. Special attention is given to reframing a new development story that is holistic, life affirming, and communities-oriented. Pasifika scholars have led the search for development models that are alternative yet grounded in the everyday life of communities. What is lacking in such important shift is the ability to create foundations of the new development story grounded in the philosophies and spiritualities of Pasifika communities. If a new transformative development story is to be realized, one cannot just change the narrative based on altering policies and frameworks. There is a need to develop 'whole of life' philosophical foundations that is able to navigate the complexity of Pasifika multiple and multidimensional relationalities fundamental to Pasifika wellbeing, research and development, premised on the relational values and spiritualities of the people. This should result in igniting a 'new development consciousness' for the Pasifika region.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To understand the Pasifika relational philosophical mind and how this has shaped development in the Pasifika communities for centuries and to use that as a decolonial tool to critically analyze the conventional development narrative;
- To develop a strategy of codifying and translating these philosophies to build resilience and to critically inform policies in relation to development, diplomacy, security, climate change, and economic wellbeing;
- To experience with Pasifika communities the philosophies that shape knowledge and conducting research, in particular in relation to protocols, ethics, and values of learning and dynamics of relationships;
- To create a new development consciousness based on the 'whole of life' philosophical foundations of relationships that have kept the Pasifika communities sustained and resilient throughout centuries to assist in creating new development models or frameworks.

**COURSE COORDINATOR Professor Upolu Lumā Vaai**

**Information on the Course click link here:**

<https://ptc.ac.fj/pasifika-philosophies-course/>



# COURSE PROGRAMME

## COURSE INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY

Masters students,  
PhD Candidates, Early Career  
PhD holders and Researchers

### LENGTH OF COURSE

Two Weeks Intensive  
(15 - 28 July, 2023)

### LOCATION/VENUE

Pacific Theological College  
Suva, Fiji Islands

### COURSE FEE

FJD\$3,600  
(Tuition, Accommodation, Meals,  
Transportation, Communities  
engagements and Protocols)

## FACILITATORS

### Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba

Fiji National University

### Professor Manulani Meyer

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### Dr. George Carter

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### Assoc. Professor Frances Vaka'uta

Pacific Community

### Aisake Casimira

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### Professor Upolu Lumā Vaai

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### SPREP Team

## DATE

## PROGRAMME

**15 July WELCOME CEREMONY: INTRODUCTIONS**

**16 July TOLOA RETURNS: Facing our Present**  
Lotu with a Suva Church  
The Development Narrative: The Case of Pasifika

**17 July TOLOA RETURNS: Facing our Minds**  
Introducing the course: Why Pasifika philosophy?  
Unlocking the Pasifika Philosophical Mind

**18 July TOLOA SEARCHES: Facing our Ancestors**  
Grounding philosophies in Pasifika Cosmogonies/Cosmologies  
Relational Philosophies of Land, Ocean/water, People

**19 July TOLOA SEARCHES: Facing our Wisdom and Knowledge**  
The Relational Philosophies of Knowledge and Wellbeing  
Pasifika Indigenous Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge,  
Epistemologies

**20 July TOLOA SEARCHES: Facing our Ecological Frameworks**  
Reweaving the Ecological Mat Development Framework  
Review of current Pasifika development models and policies

**21 - 23 July TOLOA DIVES: Facing our Communities**  
Unlearning and relearning with village communities

**24 July TOLOA RENEWS: Facing Development**  
Debriefing and Relearning  
Translating Pasifika philosophies for development, diplomacy,  
security, and economic wellbeing

**25 July TOLOA RENEWS: Facing Climate Change**  
Translating Pasifika philosophies for climate change policies  
Climate Change and Traditional Knowledge (SPREP)  
Institute of Climate Indigenous Knowledge (ICIK)

**26 July TOLOA RENEWS: Facing Research**  
Pasifika Research Methodologies and Ethics: protocols,  
contribution, research ethics, research values  
Research for a New Development Consciousness

**27 July TOLOA RENEWS: Facing Policy Spaces**  
Conversation on a Pasifika Traditional Knowledge Framework  
Learning from Pacific Islands Forum: 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy  
Learning from Indigenous Institutes and Centers in Fiji

**28 July TOLOA FLIES: Facing New Futures**  
Framing a New Development Consciousness  
Summaries, Statements, Recommendations  
Farewell and Award Ceremony

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register online by clicking the following link:

<https://ptc.ac.fj/application-form-pasifika-philosophies-course/>

**REGISTRATION OPENS: 11th APRIL 2023**

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES: 26th MAY 2023**

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