

THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PACIFIC ISLANDS UNIVERSITIES RESEARCH NETWORK CONFERENCE

4-6 JULY 2023

RAROTONGA

# Exploring this Sea of Islands

EXPLORER 'NOTRE MER D'ÎLES'  
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## Call for papers

Kia orana koutou katoa toa

We are pleased to announce that the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN) will take place at the University of the South Pacific, Cook Islands campus, Rarotonga from Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Our theme, 'exploring "this sea of islands"', engages with the work of one of the Pacific's most revered academics, Epeli Hau'ofa. In *We are the Ocean* Hau'ofa wrote of Oceania:

*Just as the sea is an open and ever flowing reality, so should our oceanic identity transcend all forms of insularity, to become one that is openly searching, inventive, and welcoming.*

Following in the footsteps of the last four PIURN conferences, we want to make the conference themes open and interdisciplinary:

- from Pacific arts to architecture,
- Pacific education to politics, climate science and history,
- Pacific studies to health, language revitalisation to oceanography

And so **we welcome papers from all disciplines and on all topics.**

- We invite ideas for special sessions and panel discussions (closing date 31 January 2022)
- Individual abstracts are welcome (closing date 31 March 2023).

**In order to submit an abstract or register for the conference, please go to: <https://piurn2023.sciencesconf.org>**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

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**PLEASE NOTE:** July is the high season in Rarotonga, so we recommend you book flights and accommodation early. From June 2023, direct flights will come from Auckland via Air New Zealand; Sydney via Jetstar; French Polynesia via Air Rarotonga, and; Hawaii via Hawaiian Airlines. We suggest keeping an eye out for special deals.



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