HISTORY 482: PACIFIC ISLANDS II (20th and 21st century)    Spring 2013

Meetings: TR 10:30-11:45 am, Krauss 012 (CRN 84364, 3 credits)  
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Course Description: This course will cover Oceania’s past during the colonial and “post-colonial” eras, with special emphasis on indigenous resistance to colonialism, the impact of two World Wars and the Cold War on decolonization, challenges of nation-building, and ongoing struggles for sovereignty and identity. The theme will be the quest for self-determination by modern Pacific Islanders within a context of increasing global interdependence. This course fulfills the HAP focus. (History 152 is a recommended prerequisite, but not required.)

Texts: Chantal Spitz, Islands of Shattered Dreams.  
Epeli Hau‘ofa, Tales of the Tikongs.  
Article-length readings on https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal (see schedule below).

Requirements and Grading: Two exams: a mid-term and a non-cumulative final, each worth 25%, two 5-7 page book reviews (Spitz and Hau’ofa) 15% each, oral participation and timely, regular attendance 20%. All students will take turns being as discussants on readings. Missing or late assignments without a valid excuse will be penalized. Students registered with Kokua will be accommodated if special needs are planned for in advance.

Assignment Schedule:  

Reading Due:

January 8 (T): Course Introduction: Pacific Historiography
  " 10 (R): Colonial Scrambles  P. Hempenstall, “Imperial Manoeuvres,” Tides of History
  " 17 (R): VIDEO: Trobriand Cricket   [Begin reading Spitz, Island of Shattered Dreams]
  " 22 (T): Millenarian Syncretism  J. Bonnemainson, Tree & Canoe, John Frum excerpts.
  " 24 (R): Political Dissent  Malama Meleisea et al, Lagaga, three “Mau” excerpts.
  " 31 (R): Hawai`i as a Colony  H-K. Trask, "Hawai`i: Colonization & Decolonization."

February 5 (T): Hawai`i as Nation Within  Noenoe Silva, “The Antiannexation Struggle”
  "  7 (R): Tahiti: Ma'ohi Nui?  Ra`apoto, Hiro and Temaru, from French Polynesia.
  " 12 (T): ISLAND OF SHATTERED DREAMS BOOK REVIEW DUE
Feb.  14 (R): Aotearoa/New Zealand  Ranginui Walker, "Genesis of Māori Activism"
   "  19 (T): Rapanui/Easter Island  Grant McCall, “Riro, Rapu and Rapanui.”
   "  28 (R): **VIDEO**: Angels of War  (World War II in Papua New Guinea, or PNG)
March  5 (T): **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**
   "  7 (R): **VIDEO**: Niuklia Fri Pasifik  (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty)
   "  19 (T): **VIDEO**: Insular Empire (Guam/Northern Marianas).  [Begin *Tales of Tikongs*]
   "  26 and 28: **SPRING BREAK**  (Continue reading *Tales of the Tikongs*)
   "  4 (R): Solomon Islands Crisis  Tarcisius Kabutaulaka, “Australia and RAMSI.”
   "  9 (T): **TALES OF THE TIKONGS BOOK REVIEW DUE**
   " 23 (T): Fiji: Ethnic Bipolarity  Asesela Ravuvu: “Contradictory Ideologies.”
   " 25 (R): Critical Mass: Coups  Robertson & Sutherland, “Mayhem and Mutiny.”
May  9 (R): **FINAL EXAMINATION**: 9:45-11:45 am, same room.