POSC 222: OCEANIC GOVERNMENTS (Winter 2006)

Class Hours: MWF 12:00 am - 12:50 am  Class Room: GCB184

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Syllabus:

Required Texts:

Recommended Readings:
Robertson, Dale. (Edit.). Pacific Studies (various issues). Hawaii: IPS/BYU.

Course Description and Objectives: This course examines the governments and politics of the island societies of Oceania by surveying current issues facing Pacific Governments. The course is designed to provide an introduction to all Pacific Islands, microstates and territories and it highlights national and regional approaches to existing problems.

Course Organization: Although this is primarily a lecture course, students are expected to join in class discussion, and class participation is part of the grade. Several videos will also be shown as a basis for class discussion. Students are expected to have read all assigned material before it is discussed in class.

Grading: The grade for the Semester is based on the following criteria:

Midterm Test - 10%  Final Exam (Cumulative) - 40%
Regular quiz (usually daily) - 20%  Oral Report - 10%
Written - 10%  Participation - 10%
Students can also earn up to 5% extra credit.

Final Grades are based on the following grading scale:

100-92%  A  88-87% B+  78-77% C+  68-67% D+
91-89%  A-  86-82% B  76-72% C  66-62% D
58% & below F  71-69% C-  61-59% D-

At the end of the semester, if the mean score of the class is less than 75%, scores may be curved until the mean score becomes at least 75%.

Written Report: The written report is a research project on one of the following Pacific Islands: American Samoa, Cook Islands (Northern or Southern group), FSM (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei or Kosrae), Fiji (Vanua Levu, Viti Levu, Lau group, Rabi, or Rotuma), Guam, Kiribati (Gilberts, Phoenix Islands or Line Islands), Marshall Islands (Ralik or Ratak chain), Nauru, New Caledonia (La grande terre, Belep Islands, Loyalty islands or Kunie i.e. Isle of Pine), Niue, NMI, Norfolk Island, Palau, PNG (any one of the main tribes), Pitcairn Islands, Polynise francaise (Society, Tuamotu, Austral, Marquesas or Gambier Islands), Rapa Nui, Samoa, Solomon Islands (any one of the main tribes), Tokelau, Tonga, Torres Strait Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis & Futuna (either Wallis or Futuna). It highlights either (1) an existing major catastrophe facing one or more island governments, demonstrating how the government could develop ways of overcoming those problems; or (2) a creative paper on the future prospects of governments in the Pacific. Please note that unless specifically allowed by the instructor, only one student for each country (or specific area) is allowed. Students must also write about a country other than their own.

The student must choose and secure the approval of his/her topic from the instructor by the second week of class. The paper is due in class no later than the last class on the 10th week. Late papers will be marked down 50% and no papers will be accepted after week 14. Term paper format is expected to meet University standards. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will be considered in averaging the term paper grade. All papers must be typed, double-spaced and between 8-10 pages in length. In addition papers should have a title page and a bibliography and must use APA or MLA documentation style. A hard copy of the research paper and an e-file copy must be sent to the professor. A copy of the oral presentation program must also be sent via e-mail to the professor.
Oral Report: The oral report is an in-class ten-minute presentation based on the student’s written report. The format for the presentation should be as follows:

- Give brief summary of the country being discussed e.g. location, some famous features and historical highlights (About 20% of the time).
- Issue: Focus on your major concern. (About 30% of the time).
- Critical thinking: Analyze the issues raised, highlight potential solutions as appropriate and make projections (About 40% of the time).
- Open Questions (About 10% of the time).

University Policies:

Special Needs: Brigham Young University-Hawai’i is committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere, which reasonably accommodates qualified persons with disabilities. If you have any disability that may impair your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact the Students with Special Need Coordinator, Leilani A'una at 293-3518. Reasonable academic accommodations are reviewed for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. If you need assistance or if you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability, you may seek resolution through established grievance policy and procedures. You should contact the Human Resource Services at 780-8875.

Preventing Sexual Harassment: Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds, including Federal loans and grants. Title IX also covers student-to-student sexual harassment. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender-based discrimination, please contact the Human Resource Services at 780-8875 (24 hours).

Final Exam Attendance: Each class in the university is required to have a cumulative final exam on the date it is scheduled. Please check your final exam dates and plan to be on campus on that date. Only the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences can give exceptions to this policy and he rarely does so.

WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS: In addition to identified readings, students should read monthly issues of the Pacific Islands Business.

Week One:

    13 Fri: Video: Rising Waters (VTV 6230) or Video: Black Harvest

Week Two:

    16 Mon: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY HOLIDAY
    18 Wed: The Physical Environment (Reading: Quanchi)
    20 Fri: Patterns – Place, People, & Health. (Crocombe 22-99).
            Sign in research topic.

Week Three:

            Video: Akamarokura (VTB4802 - 46 mins). NOTE: Replaced with DVD0001
    27 Fri: Perceptions. (Crocombe 183-294).

Week Four:

    30 Mon: Perceptions. (Crocombe 183-294).
       3 Fri: Property: Economy (Crocombe 322-411).

Week Five:

    8 Wed: Power: Cooperation, Competition & Conflict (Crocombe 564-656).
    10 Fri: SPNFZ. The Pacific Way. Organizations in the Pacific (Crocombe 564-656).

Week Six:

    13 Mon: PNG (Crocombe 701, 709; Quanchi). Video (Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change, VTV 2475 - 26 mins).
    15 Wed: Solomon Islands (Crocombe 703; Quanchi). Video (Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change, VTV 2477 - 26 mins).
    17 Fri: Vanuatu (Crocombe 707; Quanchi). Video (Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change, VTV 2476 - 26 mins).
Week Seven:
20 Mon: **PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY**
   *Recommended readings: French Govt and SP (Isabelle Cordonnier, *Pacific Studies*, 79-102). New Caledonia (Paul de Deckker, “France” *Tides of History*, 258-279).*
24 Fri: **Fiji** (Crocombe, 691; Quanchi). **Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change*, VTV 2472 - 26 mins).
   *Recommended: Rabuka’s Republic (Brij Lal, Fiji Snap Elections, *Pacific Studies*, 47-75).*

Week Eight:
27 Mon: **Tonga** (Crocombe, 705; Quanchi). **Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change*, VTV 2480 - 26 mins).
1 Wed: **Tokelau** (Crocombe, 704; Quanchi).
3 Fri: **Pitcairn Islands** (Crocombe, 251; Quanchi)). **Easter Island** (Crocombe, 689; Quanchi)

Week Nine:
Mar 6 Mon: **Cook Islands** (Crocombe 688; Quanchi). **Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change*, VTV 2479 - 26 mins).
8 Wed: **Wallis and Futuna** (Crocombe, 708; Quanchi).
   *Recommended readings: French Govt and the SP; Isabelle Cordonnier, *Pacific Studies*, 79-102).
   *French Polynesia (Paul de Deckker, “France” *Tides of History*, 258-279)*
   *MID TERM EXAM* (Testing Center)  (Friday and Saturday only)

Week Ten:
13 Mon: **TTPI/CNMI** (Crocombe, 699; Quanchi). **Guam** (Crocombe, 693)
15 Wed: **FSM** (Crocombe, 690; Quanchi). **Palau** (Crocombe, 700; Quanchi).
   *Video: “Strategic Trust” (UH Manoa Sinclair Lib Video # 837)*
17 Fri: **ORAL REPORT 1**  **Written Term Papers Due inclass** (Late papers worth 50%)

Week Eleven:
20 Mon: **Nauru** (Crocombe, 696; Quanchi).
22 Wed: **American Samoa** or Eastern Samoa and **Samoa** (Crocombe, 687; 703; Quanchi).
   *Video (VTV 2474 - 26 mins) or Video (VTV 2703 Samoa mo Samoa - Youth in LA –30mins)*
24 Fri: **Niue** (Crocombe 698; Quanchi). **Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change*, VTV 2478 - 26 mins?).

Week Twelve:
27 Mon: **KUHIO DAY HOLIDAY**
29 Wed: **Tuvalu Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change, VTV 2471*) – 26 mins: (Crocombe, 707; Quanchi).
31 Fri: **Kiribati** (Crocombe, 694; Quanchi). **Video** (*Oceans of Dreams, Currents of Change, VTV 2473 - 26 mins)*
   *Recommended reading: Maude, Slavers in Paradise.*

Week Thirteen:
3 Mon: **Marshall Islands** (Crocombe, 695; Quanchi). **Video** (*The Marshall Islands: Living with the Bomb, VTV 1485 - 28 mins)*.

April 5 Wed: **ORAL REPORT 2**
7 Fri: **ORAL REPORT 3**

Week Fourteen:
10 Mon: **ORAL REPORT 4**
12 Wed: **ORAL REPORT 5**
14 Fri: **ORAL REPORT 6**  (Note: No written papers accepted after this date)

Week Fifteen:
17 Mon: **ORAL REPORT 7**
19 Wed: **ORAL REPORT 8**  (Note: Last day of class instruction)
24 Mon: **FINAL EXAM 11am – 2pm (Testing Center)**
Research Sign up Sheet (Any island listed except your own)

- American Samoa: __________________
- Cook Islands: __________________
  - Pa Enua Tokerau (Northern group): __________________
  - Pa Enua Tonga (Southern group): __________________
- FSM: __________________
  - Yap: __________________
  - Chuuk: __________________
  - Pohnpei: __________________
  - Kosrae: __________________
- Fiji: __________________
  - Vanua Levu: __________________
  - Viti Levu: __________________
  - Lau group: __________________
  - Rabi: __________________
  - Rotuma: __________________
- Guam: __________________
- Kiribati: __________________
  - Gilberts: __________________
  - Phoenix Islands: __________________
  - Line Islands: __________________
- Marshall Islands: __________________
  - Ralik chain: __________________
  - Ratak chain: __________________
- Nauru: __________________
- New Caledonia: __________________
  - La grande terre: __________________
  - Belep Islands: __________________
  - Loyalty islands: __________________
  - Kunie (Isle of Pine): __________________
- Niue: __________________
- NMI: __________________
- Norfolk Island: __________________
- Palau (Belau): __________________
- PNG (any one of the main tribes): __________________
- Pitcairn Islands: __________________
- Polynesian France: __________________
  - Society Islands: __________________
  - Tuamotu Islands: __________________
  - Austral Islands: __________________
  - Marquesas Islands: __________________
  - Gambier Islands: __________________
- Rapa Nui (Easter Island): __________________
- Samoa: __________________
- Solomon Islands (any one of the main tribes): __________________
- Tokelau: __________________
- Tonga: __________________
- Tuvalu: __________________
- Vanuatu: __________________
- Wallis: __________________
- Futuna: __________________