Syllabus - POSC 385R Sec 01 (Fall 2005)

PACIFIC NATIONAL POLITICS: FIJI

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Class Hours: MWF 2-2.50 p.m.  Class Room: MCK 134

Required Text:
Lal, Brij V. Fiji Before the Storm. Asia Pacific Press.
Routledge, David. Matanitu: the Struggle for Power in Early Fiji. USP.

Course Description and Objectives: This course examines the culture and politics of a pacific Islands country, capitalizing on current election and campaign activities. Political behavior, economic and social concerns, and historical factors are brought into focus. This is an opportunity for students to delve into in an in depth study of pacific governments. For this Semester, the focus is on Fiji. The pre-European and post European contact history, the struggle for power in early Fiji, and the power struggles since the 1970s become the basis for class analysis towards an understanding of Fiji politics in the 21st century.

Course Organization: This is a lecture and research course and students are also expected to be interactive and to join in class discussion. Participation is part of the grade. Students are expected also to have read any assigned material before it is discussed in class

Grading: The grade for the Semester is based on the following criteria:
Midterm (20%)  Finals (20%)  Written Report (20%)  Oral Report (20%)  Participation & Quizzes (20%)
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  81-79%  B-  71-69%  C-  61-59%  D-

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

WRITTEN REPORT: The written report is a research project covering any political issue affecting the people and government of Fiji in the new millennium. A historical review of that issue as well as a perception of future trends should be incorporated into the study.

The paper is due no later than the last class on the 12th week. Late papers will be marked down by one full grade. No papers will be accepted after week 14. Term paper format is expected to meet the standards by Campbell, Turabian or similar term paper manuals. MLA style is preferred. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be considered in assigning the term paper grade. All papers must be typed double-spaced (size 12 print) and between 8-12 pages of text.

ORAL REPORT: The oral report is a 30 minute presentation by up to two students on a pre-assigned research topic. Copies of the presentation must be submitted to the professor (by zip disc, cd or e-mail).

CLASS ATTENDANCE: A student’s participation in class is an important part of their grade. Class attendance is therefore critical. Three absences from class will seriously affect the grade of the student.

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:

### Week 1
- **Aug 31**  Wed (1) Introduction (First Day of Class)
- 2 Fri (2) People of Oceania (Campbell, chap 1 & 2).

### Week 2
- **Sept 7**  Wed (3) Age of European Discovery (Campbell, chap 3/4).
- 9 Fri (4) Polynesia (Campbell, chap 5 & 6).
- **Sept 9**  Wed (5) Melanesia (Campbell, chap 7 & 8).
- **Sept 11**  Mon LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- **Sept 14**  Wed (6) Micronesia (Campbell, chap 9 & 10).
- 16 Fri (7) British, French, German & US (Campbell, chap 11, 12 & 13).

### Week 3
- **Sept 19**  Mon (5) VTV 4605 The Flying Dutchman
- 21 Wed (6) Micronesia (Campbell, chap 9 & 10).
- 23 Fri (7) British, French, German & US (Campbell, chap 11, 12 & 13).

### Week 4
- **Sept 26**  Mon (8) League of Nations Experiment (Campbell, chap 14).
- **Sept 28**  Wed (10) Video: Ocean of Dreams (VTV 2472-26 mins).

### Week 5
- **Oct 3**  Mon (11) Degei (Stanley).
- 7 Fri (13) Struggle of Chiefs 1760-1842 (Routeledge, pp. 40-67).

### Week 6
- **Oct 10**  Mon (14) Bau-Rewa War 1843-1855 (Routeledge, pp. 68-89).
- 14 Fri (16) Power Unappropriated (Routeledge, pp. 107-125). Ma’afu

### Week 7
- **Oct 17**  Mon (17) Cakobau Government, 1871 (Routeledge, pp. 126-139). Lovoni People Sold
- 19 Wed (18) Balance of Achievement (Routeledge, pp. 140-164).

### Week 8
- **Oct 20**  Mon (20) End of the Struggle (Routeledge, pp. 186-210).
- 24 Fri No meeting in class MIDTERM EXAM (Testing Center)

### Week 9
- **Oct 24**  Mon (22) Elections (Lal chaps 4, 5 & 6: p 49-109).
- 28 Fri Oral presentation 1: Yasawa Islands & Lomaiviti Group (Stanley) (assigned student)

### Week 10
- **Nov 2**  Wed Oral presentation 3: Rotuma & Lau Group (Stanley) (assigned student)
- 4 Fri Oral presentation 4: Vanua Levu (Stanley) (assigned student)
- **Nov 7**  Mon Oral presentation 5: Taveuni (Stanley) (assigned student)
- 9 Wed Oral presentation 6: Indian Laborers (assigned student)
- 11 Fri Oral presentation 7: Rabuka: the coup and the republic (assigned student)

### Week 11
- **Nov 14**  Mon Oral presentation 8: The New Fijian Constitution (assigned student)
- 16 Wed Oral presentation 9: Unmaking Modern Fiji (Lal chap 11) (assigned student)
- 18 Fri Oral presentation 10: Land Issues (assigned student)
- **Nov 21**  Mon Oral presentation 11: Economic issues (assigned student) Term papers due in class
- 23 Wed Oral presentation 12: Fiji Protocol (assigned student)
- 25 Fri THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (Nov 24/25)

### Week 12
- **Dec 2**  Fri (24) Fiji Towards the Future. No term papers accepted after this date.
- **Dec 5**  Mon Oral presentation 13: Indian Laborers (assigned student)
- 7 Wed Oral presentation 14: Special Topic Presentation (biographies of selected Fijians)
- 9 Fri FINAL EXAM Part 1: (Testing Center)

### Week 13
- **Dec 12**  Mon Oral presentation 15: Economic issues (assigned student)
- 14 Wed Oral presentation 16: Fiji Protocol (assigned student)
- 16 Fri Final Exam Part 2: - Lovokai (3-6pm)

### Week 14
- **Dec 19**  Mon Oral presentation 17: Special Topic Presentation (biographies of selected Fijians)
- 21 Wed FINAL EXAM Part 1: (Testing Center)
- 23 Fri No class meeting. Watch any video (drama or documentary) on Fiji and e-mail one page reaction paper to <jonassej@byuh.edu> (Last day of class)

### Week 15
- **Dec 26**  Mon FINAL EXAM Part 2: - Lovokai (3-6pm)
- **Dec 28**  Mon FINAL EXAM Part 2: - Lovokai (3-6pm)
- **Dec 30**  Wed Visit Fiji Village at PCC  Write one page describing 5 positive and 5 negative aspects about what you see. Due in class 2nd Dec

### Week 16
- **Dec 31**  Mon FINAL EXAM Part 1: (Testing Center)
- 2 Fri FINAL EXAM Part 2: - Lovokai (3-6pm)
- **Jan 2**  Mon FINAL EXAM Part 1: (Testing Center)
- 4 Wed FINAL EXAM Part 2: - Lovokai (3-6pm)
- **Jan 7**  Sat December COMMENCEMENT