



Metropolis Plus: Perspectives from New Zealand

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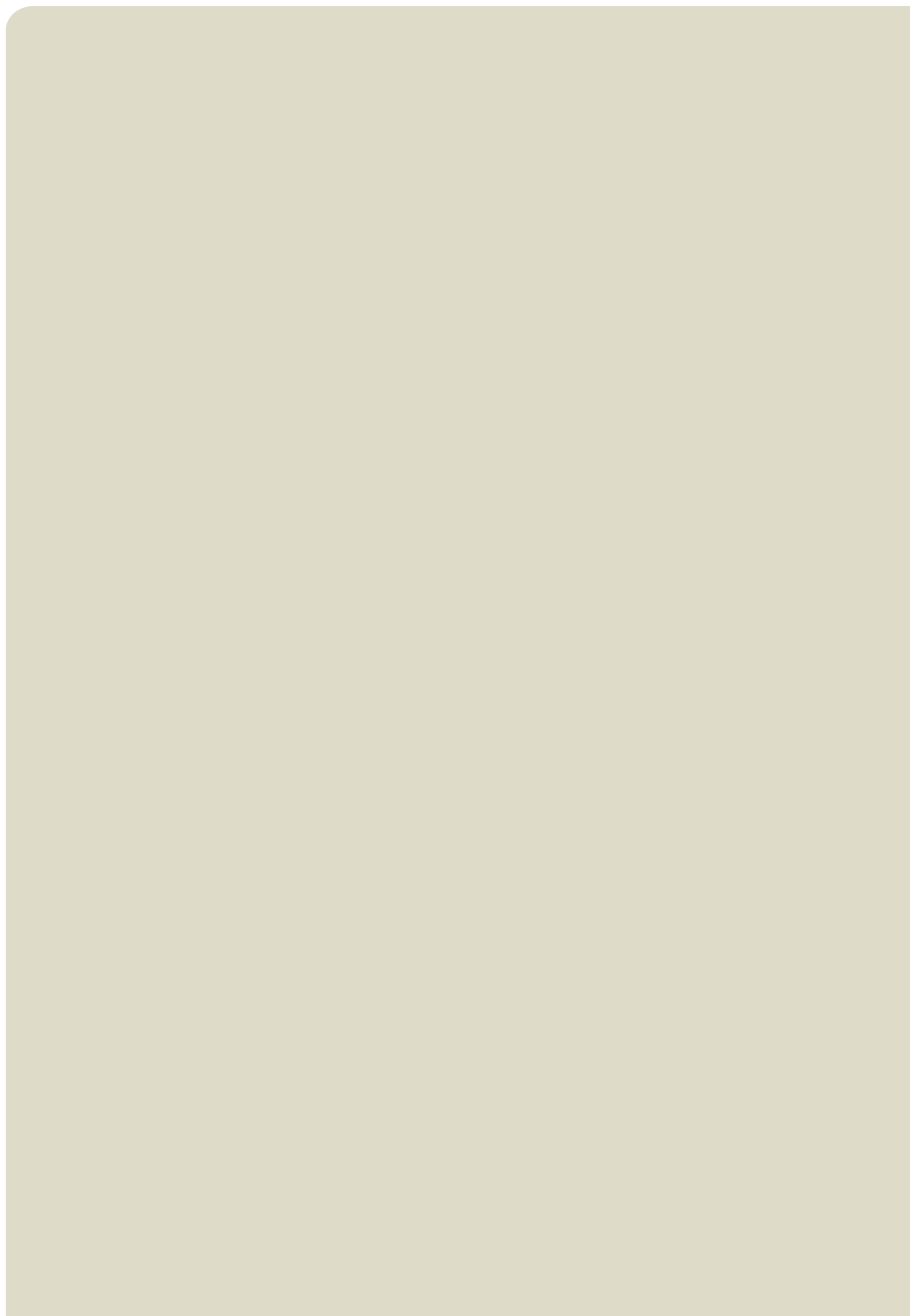
08:00 to 18:00

PROGRAMME GUIDE



Key Themes:

- New Zealand's immigration policy in an international context; and
- Immigration: identity and innovation



ABOUT METROPOLIS PLUS

Hosted by the Department of Labour, the Office of Ethnic Affairs, Waikato University and Metropolis, Metropolis Plus: Perspectives from New Zealand, an international one-day forum at Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, engages North American, European and Pacific experts in a dialogue about immigration with New Zealand as the key frame of reference and its profile as an innovative player in the field of international immigration policy. This Wellington forum features innovative aspects of immigration policy and settlement experience in a country that has the highest per capita rates of both immigration and emigration in the OECD.

The key themes for the event are:

- New Zealand's immigration policy in an international context; and
- Immigration: identity and innovation.

Nau mai, haere mai – we look forward to welcoming you on the Te Papa Marae and hope you gain valuable insights into immigration and settlement in a New Zealand specific context.

METROPOLIS PLUS: PERSPECTIVES FROM NEW ZEALAND PROGRAMME

Event	Speakers	Timing	Location
Registration		From 8.00am	
Powhiri (welcome) including morning tea	Briefing at 8.45am in Te Papa Foyer then move as a group to Te Papa Marae	8.45 – 10.00am	Te Papa Marae Morning Tea: Oceania Room
Introduction	Mary Anne Thompson Deputy Secretary – Workforce, Department of Labour	10.10 – 10.25am	Soundings Theatre
Opening address	Hon Chris Carter Minister of Ethnic Affairs	10.25 - 10.45am	
Chair's introduction to morning session	Api Fiso Group Manager Border Security Group, Department of Labour	10.45 – 11.00am	
New Zealand's immigration policy in an international context	Lesley Haines Group Manager Workforce Policy, Department of Labour Professor Graeme Hugo University of Adelaide, Australia Professor Richard Bedford University of Waikato, New Zealand	11.00 – 12.00pm	
Discussion	Audience (facilitated by chair)	12.00 – 12.30pm	
Lunch	Pacifika song and dance performance by Whitireia Polytechnic	12.30 – 1.30pm	Oceania Room

Event	Speakers	Timing	Location
Introduction to afternoon session	Mervin Singham Director, Office of Ethnic Affairs	1.30 - 1.50pm	Soundings Theatre
Contributing and belonging	DVD of the challenges and opportunities for new migrants	1.50 – 2.00pm	
Three voices on “Immigration: identity and innovation”	Tahu Kukutai Stanford University, USA Teena Brown Pulu University of Waikato, New Zealand Associate Professor James Liu Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	2.00 - 3.10pm	
Mini break	‘New Zealand Now’ DVD	3.10 – 3.30pm	
Minister’s address	Hon David Cunliffe Minister of Immigration	3.30 – 3.45pm	
Introduction to creative insights into diverse identities in NZ	Professor Paul Spoonley Massey University, New Zealand	3.45 – 4.00pm	
Creative presentation	Benjamin Fifita Makisi New Zealand born tenor of Tongan and Samoan origins	4.00 - 4.45pm	
Poroporoaki (closing) and socialising	Professor Richard Bedford International Steering Committee Metropolis	4.45 - 6.00pm	Socialising: Oceania Room

BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKERS

Chair for Morning Session



Api Fiso is the Group Manager Border Security Group in Immigration New Zealand, Department of Labour. This group is responsible for border security, immigration intelligence, profiling, compliance operations, removals, fraud investigations, and verification of certain classes of applications for New Zealand permits and visas.

Api is also responsible for managing and directing the Department of Labour's broad range of international engagements relating to border security and control, including engagements such as the Bali process, Pacific Rim and ASEAN Regional Forum. In October 2006 he was elected Chair to the Pacific Immigration Directors Conference (PIDC), a group of 22 member immigration agencies.

Prior to this he was an Inspector and a Strategic Pacific Advisor in the Office of the Commissioner of Police. Throughout his career he has held positions that have focused on trans-national crime, organised crime, security matters and developing strategic and operational responses to these issues and threats to the border.

Introduction



Mary Anne Thompson is currently Deputy Secretary – Workforce, Department of Labour. She is responsible for policy advice on employment, skills and immigration. She is also responsible for the delivery of New Zealand’s immigration services.

Mary Anne has previously held the position of Director, Policy Advisory Group in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. She has been a senior public servant for a number of years, working in Treasury, the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Ministry of Maori Affairs. She was the Crown chief negotiator for the Ngai Tahu settlement. Mary Anne was a research economist at the Institute of Economic Research and lectured at Victoria University in International Political Economy.

Opening Address



Chris Carter is New Zealand's Minister of Conservation, Minister of Housing and the Minister for Ethnic Affairs. He is the Labour Member of Parliament for Te Atatu, an ethnically and culturally diverse West Auckland constituency.

Chris was first elected as the MP for Te Atatu in 1993 after a career as a secondary school teacher. At the time, he was the first openly gay MP ever elected to the New Zealand Parliament. He has held the Te Atatu electorate at three subsequent elections, winning substantial majorities.

During his first term in Parliament, Chris established a keen interest in foreign affairs as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Select Committee. From 1999, he served as deputy chairman of this committee, and remains a keen observer of international politics and events.

In 2002, the Labour Party's caucus elected Chris to Cabinet after he survived a three-year stint as deputy chief government whip responsible for organising Labour's representation in Parliament's debating chamber. Once again, he was the first openly gay man ever to serve as a Cabinet Minister. He held the portfolios of Conservation, Local Government, Building Issues, and Ethnic Affairs until the General Election in 2005.

During this time, he was instrumental in significantly increasing funding for conservation and achieving public ownership and protection of over 220,000 hectares of spectacular landscape in New Zealand. He completed a significant modernisation of the legislative framework for local government, secured record levels of government investment in community infrastructure, such as roads, and was a vocal advocate for ethnic people all over the country.

After being returned as the MP for Te Atatu in 2005, he was again elected to Cabinet and retained the Conservation and Ethnic Affairs portfolios, while acquiring responsibility for social housing, the state's second largest physical asset worth over \$11 billion.

Chris holds a Masters Degree in History (with Honours) and a teaching qualification. He lives in Te Atatu South with his partner of 31 years, Peter Kaiser. He is a keen gardener, and travels extensively.

Session: New Zealand's immigration policy in an international context



Lesley Haines heads the Workforce Policy Group, Department of Labour, which provides policy advice and ministerial services to the Ministers of Employment and Immigration on employment, skills and immigration issues.

Lesley has worked in the Public Service for the last 15 years, holding policy management roles in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury, and in the social policy sector. Lesley holds a Masters in Economics from the Australian National University.



Graeme Hugo is Federation Fellow, Professor of the Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Information Systems at the University of Adelaide, Australia.

He is the author of over two hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports. In 2002 he secured a \$1.125 million ARC Federation Fellowship over five years for his research project, "The new paradigm of international migration to and from Australia: dimensions, causes and implications".



Richard Bedford is Professor of Population Geography and Director of the Population Studies Centre at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. He is also Director of the Tertiary Education Commission-funded Building Research Capability in the Social Sciences (BRCSS) Network.

He is a specialist in migration research and since mid-1960s he has been researching processes of population movement in the Asia-Pacific region. He served as academic adviser to the Ministerial Advisory Group on Immigration between 2000 and 2003. He currently chairs the intergovernmental Social Policy Evaluation and Research Committee (SPEaR), and is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Official Statistics (ACOS). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a member of several research and policy advisory groups.

Chair for Afternoon Session



Mervin Singham is from Malaysia and has lived in New Zealand for 22 years. He has an Honours Degree in Law from the University of Canterbury in Christchurch and a First Class Honours Masters Degree in Law from the University of Auckland.

Mervin's career encompasses management roles in both the private and public sector. Before assuming the position of Director of the Office of Ethnic Affairs, Mervin spent eight years working in the field of human rights and several years in a multinational company based in New Zealand. His achievements include several United Nations consultancy projects and work in a number of jurisdictions including Australia, Fiji, Canada, UK, Jordan and Palestine. He currently leads a policy dialogue between the UK and New Zealand governments on the topics of multicultural communities, diversity and social cohesion. Mervin has a particular interest in conflict resolution, public policy and intercultural issues. His human rights experience provides him with a unique insight into the dynamics of inequality and its intersection with cultural values.

Session: Three voices on 'Immigration: identity and innovation'



Tahu Kukutai is a Fulbright recipient and Ph.D student in the Sociology Department at Stanford University, USA. Tahu has written on a diverse range of Maori population issues including ethnic identity and inequality, iwi demography, and population ageing. Her more recent research examines ethnic enumeration practices worldwide.

Prior to joining Stanford, Tahu gained an MA in Demography and a BA in History from the University of Waikato. Her iwi affiliations are Ngati Tipa, Ngati Kinohaku (Waikato-Tainui), Tekaumarua (Parihaka), and Te Aupouri.



Teena Brown Pulu recently completed her Ph.D in anthropology at Waikato University, New Zealand. Her thesis examined how social change affects three generations of a Tongan family living in Auckland, New Zealand. It analysed the intricacies of everyday-life for inter-generation family who through their transnational condition construct

social value in belonging to, and living in-between, Tonga and New Zealand.

Teena was a 2007 BRCSS post-doctoral award recipient and has research interests in transnational Pacific communities and cultural politics in Aotearoa New Zealand.



James Hou-fu Liu is Associate Professor of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and Deputy Director of its Centre for Applied Cross Cultural Research.

He was born in Taiwan and grew up in the United States. He completed a Ph.D in social psychology in 1992 at UCLA. He has been at Victoria University since 1994. His research specialties are in cross-cultural psychology, and inter-group relations and identity. He has more than 80 academic publications, and his edited volumes include *New Zealand Identities: Departures and Destinations*, and *Progress in Asian Social Psychology*, Volumes 2 and 6. He was Secretary General of the Asian Association of Social Psychology, and is editor elect of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*. A naturalized citizen of two countries, he describes himself as a “Chinese-American-New Zealander”.

He is married to Belinda, and they have a 6 year old daughter who is even more hyphenated: a Chinese-American-Filipino-New Zealander.

Session: Minister's Address



David Cunliffe is Minister of Immigration, Minister of Communications, Minister for Information Technology, Associate Minister for Economic Development and the MP for the West Auckland seat of New Lynn.

In his Immigration portfolio, David Cunliffe is presiding over the biggest revamping of immigration laws, policy and procedures for two decades, to ensure they meet the challenges and opportunities of today's rapidly changing international scene.

As Communications Minister he has striven to bring New Zealand's telecommunications networks into the 21st Century, promoting legislation to unbundle the local telephone loop to encourage competitive, world-class broadband Internet services. His Telecommunications Amendment Act, passed by 119 votes to 2 in Parliament in December 2006, also provides for the operational separation of Telecom to foster competition.

Before entering Parliament at the 1999 election, David Cunliffe was from 1995 to 1999 a business economist with Auckland-based Boston Consulting Group, and before that, a diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 1987 to 1994, with postings to Canberra and Washington DC.

In 1994-95 he was a Fulbright Scholar and Kennedy Memorial Fellow at Harvard University's John F Kennedy School of Government and Harvard Business School, where he graduated with a Master of Public Administration. He has a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours

in Political Studies from Otago University and a Diploma in Social Sciences in Economics with Distinction from Massey University.

David Cunliffe is married to Karen, an environmental lawyer. They have two young sons. His personal interests include keeping fit, sailing, gardening, music and a love of the outdoors. He is an avid Auckland Blues fan.

Session: Creative insights into diverse identities in New Zealand



Paul Spoonley is Professor of Sociology and Research Director in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University, New Zealand. He chairs the Management Group of the Building Research Capability in the Social Sciences Network, an \$8 million initiative and is Leader of the "Integration of Immigrants" research

programme (\$3.2 million, 2007-2012).

He is current co-editing a book on immigration in New Zealand, a special issue of *National Identities* and is writing a biography of a major Maori academic and activist, Ranginui Walker.



Benjamin Fifita Makisi was born in New Zealand and is of Tongan and Samoan origins.

He has studied extensively in New Zealand, the United States of America and Australia. He is currently studying under Dr Rowena Cowley and Ms Sharolyn Kimmorley and is becoming one of Australasia's young rising tenors. He has studied Masters of Performance at the University of Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Australia (1999 - 2000) and graduated with a Bachelor of Music (Performance) at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand (1992).

He has also won many awards and eisteddfod competitions here and abroad and to name a few he is the winner of the McDonalds Aria Competition in Sydney 2002, Lockwood Aria in Rotorua 2001 and the recipient of the Iosefa Enari Memorial Opera Award 2002 and Helpmann Fellowship Award 1999.

The Office of Ethnic Affairs

The Office of Ethnic Affairs is focused on people whose culture and traditions distinguish them from the majority in New Zealand. It provides a referral and information service for ethnic communities in New Zealand, and policy advice to government.

The University of Waikato

The University of Waikato is committed to providing our students with world-class, research-driven teaching, in a dynamic learning environment with excellent facilities. Although Waikato is a relatively young university, it has forged a strong international reputation. It strives to play an even more prominent role on the international scene, exposing staff and students to international connections and perspectives.

Metropolis Melbourne: (The International Metropolis Project)

The International Metropolis Project is a forum that bridges research, policy and practice on migration and diversity. The project aims to enhance academic research capacity, encourage policy-relevant research on migration and diversity issues, and facilitate the use of that research by governments and non-government organisations

Department of Labour

The Department of Labour's primary role is to improve the performance of the labour market and, through this, strengthen the economy and increase the standard of living for those in New Zealand.

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