

Sexual Health and Development in the South Pacific



My question in this seminar is: how did we get to where we are today in terms of sexual health and development in the South Pacific? Does the 21st century global ordering of sexual health and sexualities in the Pacific reinforce a colonial model of administration of health and sexuality?

Since the arrival of Cook and Gaugin, the West has had a particular obsession with sexuality in the South Pacific. But the administration of sexuality as a health concern under colonial rule in the South Pacific has a more fragmentary documentation, although it was alive and well through the imperial period, and sexual health has underpinned much development work since WWII. Since the 1990s there has been increasing interest in sexual health through the millennium development goals, coinciding with growing awareness of HIV in the Pacific.

About Professor Heather Worth

Professor Heather Worth is based at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW and is the academic co-lead for the Pacific for UNSW's Institute for Global Development. She has been working in the Pacific on sexual health issues for the past 15 years, with a particular emphasis on marginalised groups.

Light refreshment is provided

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Seminar Invitation

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