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Areas of expertise

Professor Ratuva, a political sociologist, has worked in a number of universities including the University of the South Pacific as head of sociology and senior fellow in governance; Australian National University as a political science fellow; University of Auckland as director of post-graduate for Pacific Studies; University of New South Wales as visiting fellow; and University of New Caledonia as visiting professor. His has a trans-disciplinary research interest across such areas as sociology, anthropology, politics, philosophy, economics and development studies. He has carried out intensive research and published widely in ethnic politics, coups, ethno-nationalism, constitutional reform, economic vulnerability and social protection, conflict and peacebuilding, affirmative action and preferential development and power. He has carried out advisory and consultancy work for a number of international agencies including UNDP (civic education, constitutional reform and security), International Labour Organization (social protection), Asian Development Bank (poverty, development, conflict and social protection), Commonwealth Secretariat (social protection and parliamentary democracy), International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance (electoral processes), Pacific Island Forum (leadership and security), International Minority Group (minority project assessment), UN Department of Political Affairs (decolonization) and International

Working Group for Indigenous Affairs (indigenous rights). He is a former president of the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association and board member of the International Political Science Association committees on Asia Pacific research as well as the committee on democratization and the military. He is winner of a Marsden research grant for a study of regional security and he has been involved in a number of international collaborative projects including the British Academy-Oxford-Cambridge project on affirmative action and labour market, Duke University project on neoliberalism and University of Malaya project on ethnic conflict. He now leads a project on security which includes UNDP, Australian National University and International Political Science Association, starting with a conference at Canterbury in November.

Recent professional background

- **Director for Post-graduate** (Pacific Studies) University of Auckland
- **Head of Sociology**, University of the South Pacific
- **Fellow**, Australian National University
- **Visiting Fellow**, University of New South Wales
- **Visiting Professor**, University of New Caledonia
- **President**, Pacific Islands Political Studies Association
- **Board member**, International Political Science Association Asia-Pacific Research Committee
- **Board member**, International Political Science Association Military and Democracy Research Committee
- **Consultant and advisor** for a number of international organizations including UNDP, Asian Development Bank, International Labour Organization, European Union, AUSAID, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Minorities Group, International Working Group for Indigenous Affairs, UN Department of Political Affairs and Commonwealth Secretariat as well as a number of governments.

Most recent publications

Journal articles

- Ratuva, S and Gomez, T. 2015. "Conflict Resolution, National Unity and Affirmative Action: The Paradoxical Experiences of Fiji and Malaysia" (forthcoming).
- Ratuva, S. 2015. "Protectionism versus Reformism: The Battle for Taukei Ascendency in the 2014 Fiji Elections. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*," 104 (2) 1-20.
- Ratuva, S. 2014. "The Interface between Affirmative Action and Neo-Liberalism: The Case of Fiji." *Cultural Dynamics* (Duke University), 26 (3): 1-20.
- Ratuva, S. 2014. "A New Cold War? American and Chinese Posturing in the Pacific." *Asia-Pacific Policy Review* (ANU), 1 (2): 409-422.
- Ratuva, S. 2014. "Failed States or Resilient Subaltern Communities: Pacific Indigenous Social Protection System in a Neoliberal World." *Pacific Journalism Review*, 20 (2): 39-57.
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- Ratuva, S. 2009. "Commodifying Cultural Knowledge: Corporatized Western Science and Pacific Indigenous Knowledge." *International Social Science Journal*, 195 (1): 153-163.
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- Ratuva, S. 2007. "Tertiary Education in Oceania." *Aboriginal Education World*, No. 15, National Cheng Chi University, Taiwan.
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- Ratuva, S. 2007. "Indigenous Scholarship and Higher Education: The Case of Fiji." *Aboriginal Education World*, No. 14, National Cheng Chi University, Taiwan.
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- Ratuva, S. 2004. "Reconceptualizing Contemporary Pacific Islands States: Towards a Syncretic Approach". *The New Pacific Review*, (ANU) 2 (1): 246-262.
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Books

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- Ratuva, S and Lawson, S (ed). 2015. *The People have Spoken: The 2014 Fiji Elections* (In Press).
- Ratuva, S. 2013. *Politics of Preferential Development: Trans-global Study of Affirmative Action and Ethnic Conflict in Fiji, Malaysia and South Africa*. Canberra: Australian National University Press.
- Ratuva, S and Mead, A (ed). 2007. *Pacific Genes and Life Patents: Pacific Indigenous Experiences and Analysis of the Commodification and Ownership of Life*. Tokyo: United Nations University.
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Book chapters

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- Ratuva, S. 2014. "Islands in Peril?" Introduction to Vltcheck, A. *Oceania: Neocolonialism, Nukes and Bones*. Auckland: Atuanui Press. Preface written by Noam Chomsky.
- Ratuva, S. 2013. "Coerced Preferences: Horizontal Inequality and Affirmative Action in Fiji." In R. Premdas and T. Gometz, *Affirmative Action, Ethnicity and Conflict*. Oxford: Routledge.
- Ratuva, S. 2008. "Australia's New Assertiveness in the Pacific: A View from the 'Backyard.'" In Fry, G and Kabutaulaka (ed). *Intervention and State-Building in the Pacific: The Legitimacy of Cooperative Intervention*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- Ratuva, S. 2007. "Veivala kei na Veisaututaki: Land Conflict and Conflict Resolution in Fiji." In Tamasese, Tupua et al (ed), *Pacific Indigenous Dialogue on Faith, Peace, Reconciliation and Good Governance*. Apia: USP.
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- Ratuva, S. 2007. "The Paradox of Multiculturalism: Ethno-political Conflict in Fiji." In Brown, Anne. *Security and Development in the Pacific Islands: Social Resistance in Emerging States*. London: Lynne Renner.
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- Ratuva, S. 1993. "David vs Goliath: A Critique of Pacific Romanticism". E.Wadell, et al (eds.). *A New Oceania: Rediscovering Our Sea of Islands*. Suva: Beakhouse Publications.
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Selected applied policy research/technical/consultancy reports

- Ratuva, S. 2014. *Pacific Health Research Guidelines*. Auckland: New Zealand Health Research Council.
- Ratuva, S. 2013. *Evaluation of European Union funded Minority Rights Group and Citizens Constitutional Forum Project on Minorities in Fiji*. London: International Minority Rights Group.
- Ratuva, S. 2013. *Survey on Electoral Systems Appeals Process for Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Kiribati, Tuvalu, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Nauru and Cook Islands*. Canberra: International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance.
- Ratuva, S. 2012. *The 2006 Tonga Riots for Tonga High Court trial as expert witness during trial on insurance claims by a number of companies*.
- Ratuva, S. 2011. *Evaluation of the Nauru Constitutional Reform Referendum of 2010*. Suva: UNDP.
- Ratuva, S. 2009. *Leadership and Governance in the Pacific*. Suva: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- Ratuva, S. 2007. *Perception Index Survey on Democracy and Governance in Fiji*. Suva: UNDP
- Ratuva, S. 2007. *Social Protection in Vanuatu*. Suva: Asian Development Bank.
- Ratuva, S. 2007. *Social Protection in Fiji*. Suva: Asian Development Bank.
- Ratuva, S. 2006. *ILO Convention 169 for Indigenous and Tribal Peoples: Application to the Pacific Islands Countries*. International Labour Organization. Geneva: ILO.
- Ratuva, S. 2006 "Traditional Social Protection Systems in Vanuatu: Culture, Customs and Safety Nets." In *Social Security for all Men and Women: A Sourcebook for Extending Social Security Coverage in Vanuatu*. Suva: International Labour Organization. Geneva: ILO.
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- Ratuva, S. 2004. *Social Protection and Conflict Study in Nepal*. Manila: Asian Development Bank.
- Ratuva, S. 2003. *Attitudes and Perception towards Democratic Governance and Civic Education: The Case of Fiji*. Suva: UNDP.
- Ratuva, S. 2003. *Integrating Conflict Resolution and Development: Peace-building Strategies for Nepal*. Manila: Asian Development Bank.

Papers presented in Conferences

Invited Conferences Presentation, Seminars

2015, May 6	Human Security, Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific. Regional symposium on security, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat.
2014, May 20	Electoral Systems and Impact on Results: The 2014 Fiji Election. University of the South Pacific, Fiji.
2014, Nov 5	Fiji's Open List Proportional System and Bainimarama's Victory, Presented at the University of Auckland.
2014, Oct 10	Fiji Elections and Implications to Regional Geo-politics, Presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials, Wellington, New Zealand.
2014, Oct 1	The Paradoxes of Democracy: Elections and Coups, Presented to the Australian Political Studies Association Conference, University of Sydney.
2014, Jul 28	A New Regional Cold War? The US-China Posturing in the Pacific, Presented to World Congress on Political Science, Montreal. Organized by the International Political Science Association.
2014, Jun 3	Redefining Pacific Regional Security, Presented to Pacific Islands Political Studies Association Conference, University of French Polynesia.
2013, November	Election and Democracy in the Pacific, Presented at the New Zealand Political Studies Conference, University of Canterbury, New Zealand.
2013, July	The Myth of the Failed State Index, invited by UCLA peace research network for the Pacific Science Congress.
2013	June, Invited for presentation on Pacific politics at the Otago Foreign Policy School, Otago University (did not attend).
2012, 10 Dec	"The Look North Policy: China's Role in Pacific Geo-Politics." Conference organized by the NZ-Asia Institute, University of Auckland, held in Vanuatu.
2012, 27 Nov	Discussant in international conference organized by the Australian Government and International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance on Global Democracy and Participation, Australian Parliament House, Canberra.
2012, 9 Nov	Affirmative Action, Military Development and Ethnic Conflict, Duke University.
2012, 5 Sep	Prospects for Future Development and Governance in the Pacific. Invitation by World Bank and Australian National University.
2011, 10 Dec	Resolving the Fiji-Tonga dispute over Minerva Reef, presented to the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association conference, University of the South Pacific campus, Samoa.
2011, 3 Aug	China's Incursions into Oceania. Presented to conference on China and the Pacific, Victoria University, Wellington.
2011, Jun	Regional Politics and Implications for Stability. Presented to NZ-Pacific Health Conference, Auckland.
2011, May	Pacific Development and the Media. Presented to NZ Writers Festival.

- 2011, 25 Jan Towards Inter-ethnic Political Dialogue in Fiji: A Participatory Approach. Presented to State of the Pacific Dialogue, East-West Center, Hawaii, Organized by East-West Center and US State Department.
- 2010, 23 Nov The Anatomy of Ethnic Preferences: Affirmative Action in Fiji. Presented to international conference on Equality, Identity and Affirmative action, International Institute of Public Policy, University of Malaysia.
- 2010, 9 Oct The Coup Culture in Fiji's Fragile State. Presented at The Australian National University on 40th Anniversary of Fiji's independence.
- 2010, 20 Aug Commodification of Indigenous Knowledge: The Case of the Pacific. School of Law, University of the South Pacific, Port Vila, Vanuatu.
- 2010, 23 Jul Seek Ye First the Political Kingdom: The Military and Methodism clash of Hegemonies in Fiji. Presented to conference on Religion and Politics in Oceania, Monash University, Melbourne.
- 2010, 2 Jul Tectonic Fractures or Diplomatic Games: The Dynamics of Regional Geo-politics. Presented to Conference on International Studies, University of Auckland.
- 2010, 8 Mar Technology and Ethics. Presented to workshop by Science and Society Network for Asia and the Pacific, Wellington.
- 2010, 22 Apr Horizontal Inequality and the Politics of Affirmative Action. Presented to workshop on Horizontal Inequality and Affirmative Action, Identity and Conflict, University of Malaya.
- 2010, Jan Development and Democracy in the Pacific. Presented to Expert Consultation on Democracy and Development in Asia and Pacific. Organized by International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Bangkok.
- 2009, 4 Dec The State of Democratic Governance in the Pacific. Delivered at the 11th Pacific Islands Political Studies Association conference, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2009, 28 Nov Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science. Presented to conference on Asia-Pacific Science, Technology and Society Conference, Griffith University, Australia.
- 2009, 6 Nov Coerced Governance Reform: The 2006 Military Coup in Fiji. Presented at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.
- 2009, 3 Nov Ethnic Politics, Labour Market and Affirmative Action. Presented to an international symposium on Labour Market and Affirmative Action organized by the British Academy in association with the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge, British Academy, London.
- 2009, 24 Oct Challenges for Fiji Teachers in New Zealand. Presented to New Zealand-Fiji Teachers Union general conference, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2009, 12 Oct The Future of Pacific Studies. Paper presented at a Pacific Studies symposium, University of Otago, New Zealand.
- 2009, 10 Sep The Future of Geo-politics and Interregional Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region. Paper presented to international symposium on Asia-Pacific Relations, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, China.
- 2009, 31 Aug The Military and Coups in Fiji. Fiji-Pacific Update symposium, organized by the Crawford School of Government and Economics, Australian National University.
- 2009, 24 May Traditional governance and democracy in the Pacific, Presented to International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and India Institute of Advanced Studies, international experts consultation on traditional political governance and democracy, Simla, India.
- 2009, 27 Apr Governance of the Security Sector in Fiji. Presented to UNDP and Pacific Island Forum regional high level (ministerial) conference on Security Sector Governance in the South Pacific, Nukualofa, Tonga.
- 2009 14 Apr Human Security and Challenges of Policing: Reconceptualizing Policing Methods. Presented to commissioners and senior police officers workshop on governance, Suva, Fiji.

2009, 13 Apr National Security and the Threat of Terrorism. Presented to commissioners and senior police officers workshop on governance, Suva, Fiji.

2009, 12 Apr Political Scene in Fiji: Understanding the complexities. Presented to commissioners and senior police officers workshop on governance, Suva, Fiji.

2009, 23 Mar Issues of Political Governance in Fiji. Presented to Global Development Network, regional consultation, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 24 Nov Regional Engagement and Policy Formulation: Civil Society and Pacific Island Forum. Paper presented to regional workshop for regional Civil Society Organizations, Nadi, Fiji.

2008, 5 Nov Political Instability and Business Investment in Fiji. Paper presented to Annual Conference of Fiji Indigenous Business Council, Nadi, Fiji.

2008, 29 Oct Pacific Research and Knowledge Protection. Paper presented to conference on Pacific Research, organized by the Global Development Network, National University of Samoa.

2008, 23 Oct Community Policing for Rural Communities. Paper presented in workshop for Police Officers in Labasa. Also to facilitate workshop.

2008, 22 Oct Youth and Leadership for Nation-building. Paper presented at the Northern Youth Rally, Labasa, Fiji.

2008, 16 Oct The Way Forward for Prison and Correctional Services: Supplementing Retributive Justice with Restorative Justice. Presented to Conference on Pacific Regional Heads of Prisons, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 8 Sep Findings of National Survey on Perception Index and Civic Education in Fiji. Organized by UNDP, Suva.

2008, 4 Sep Roles and Responsibilities of Ministers and Permanent Secretaries. Presented to Joint Workshop for Ministers and Permanent Secretaries, Suva. Also facilitator of workshop.

2008, August People Smuggling, Politics and the Law in the Pacific. Paper presented to Conference on People Smuggling in the Pacific, Organized by the Australian Institute of Criminology, Apia, Samoa.

2008, 18 Jul Private Armies, War on Terror and Legal Implications on Fiji. Presented to Fiji Law Society Conference, Denarau, Nadi.

2008, 11 Jul Politics and Conflict in Fiji and the Pacific. Workshop organized by the World Council of Churches, Novotel Hotel, Nadi.

2008, 18 Jun The Politics of Identity in Fiji. Public lecture at the Pacific Theological College. Organized by ECREA.

2008, 27 May Redefining the Role of the Fiji Military in National Development. Paper presented to the Council to Build a Better Fiji, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 20 Apr Political Instability in the Pacific: The Fiji Coups. Paper presented to an international conference on Conflict in the Pacific; Neuendettelsau, Germany.

2008, 3 Apr Putting an End to the Coup Culture. Paper presented to the Council to Build a Better Fiji, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 2 Apr The Role of the Police in Times of Political Crisis. Paper presented to senior police officers for a course on community policing, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 29 Mar Civil Society Engagement with Pacific Island Forum: The Way Forward. Asian Development Bank Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Suva, Fiji.

2008, 30 Jan The Interface between Political Security and Development in the Pacific, Conference on Development and Security organized by the Global Network for Development, Brisbane.

2007, 21 Dec Policy Monitoring. Asian Development Bank (ADB) Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Nadi.

2007, 20 Dec Participatory Policy Making. ADB Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Nadi.

2007, 20 Dec Civil Society Policy Engagement with Pacific Forum. ADB Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Nadi.

- 2007, 19 Dec Civil Society Advocacy, State and Citizenship. ADB Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Nadi.
- 2007, 18 Dec The Asian Development Bank Civil Society Empowerment Process: A Sociological Appraisal. ADB Regional CSO Empowerment Workshop, Nadi.
- 2007, December The Dynamics and Consequences of the 2006 Military Coup in Fiji. Pacific Islands Political Studies Association Conference, Port Vila.
- 2007, 3 Dec Restorative Justice versus Retributive Justice. Director of Public Prosecution Office Conference, Warwick Hotel, Fiji.
- 2007, 2 Dec Victim's Compensation. Director of Public Prosecution Office Conference, Warwick Hotel, Fiji.
- 2007, 29 Nov Alternative Electoral System for Fiji. Attorney General's Office Conference, Fijian Hotel, Fiji.
- 2007, 13 Nov Bio-Technology versus Genealogy. Conference on UNESCO conference on Bio-technology, Apia.
- 2007, 7 Nov Civic Education, Governance and Gender. Workshop organized by UNIFEM.
- 2007, 13 Oct Re-conceptualizing Human Security in the Pacific. Presented to Pacific regional CSO pre-Forum meeting, Nukualofa, Tonga.
- 2007, 16 Aug Affirmative Action in Fiji, Malaysia and South Africa: A Comparative Study. Seminar on Minority Rights organized by Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum.
- 2007, 31 Jul Civil Society Training Needs Assessment. Presentation to a meeting of regional NGOs organized by the Pacific Islands Association of NGO at the Forum Secretariat.
- 2007, 28 Jul Civil Society and Capacity Building. Presentation to a meeting of regional NGOs organized by the Pacific Islands Association of NGO at the Forum Secretariat.
- 2007, 20 Jun Strategizing for Regional Peace. Presented to conference on Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) Asia-Pacific Regional Forum, Singapore.
- 2007, 17 Jun Security and Conflict Networking in the Asia Pacific. Presented to conference on Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) Asia-Pacific Regional Forum, Peace Boat, Da Nang Vietnam.
- 2007, 16 Jun Political Governance, Instability and Self-Determination in the Pacific. Presented to conference on Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) Asia-Pacific Regional Forum, Peace Boat, Da Nang Vietnam.
- 2007, 8 Jun Fiji at the Crossroads Again. Keynote address in a seminar on Fiji organized by the Pacific Cooperation Foundation, Central Council Chambers, Victoria University.
- 2007, 19 Mar Protecting Pacific Islands Heritage. Speech delivered during the launching of book Pacific Genes and Life Patents by Aroha Mead and Steven Ratuva, Victoria University, Wellington.
- 2007, 19 Mar Couped up again: The anatomy of the 2006 Fiji military takeover. Public lecture for diplomats, foreign affairs officials, civil servants, academics and students at the University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2007, 18 Mar Pacific Epistemology. Presentation to a post-graduate class at Victoria University, Wellington.
- 2007, February Land Security in the Pacific. Presented to regional CSO conference on human security organized by UNDP and Pacific CSO forum.
- 2006, 8 Nov Traditional Cosmos and Traditional Political Discourse: The Case of Fijian Political Parties. Presented to seminar on Democracy and governance. USP.
- 2006, 20 Oct Incorporating good governance into modern governance. Presented to pre-Pacific Islands Forum CSO meeting. Nadi.
- 2006, 5 Aug Multi-party Government and the Role of Academics. Seminar on "Living Together in Fiji", Pacific Harbour, Fiji.

- 2005, 29 Dec Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous Peace: Indigenous Peace Practices in Fiji. Presented to conference on Indigenous Peace Approaches, Samoa.
- 2005, 5 Dec Local Epistemology, Global Pedagogy: Globalization and Indigenous Education in the Pacific. Presented to International Conference on Aboriginal Education, National Cheng-Chi University, Taiwan.
- 2005, 25 Nov To Download or to Create: Re-conceptualizing Conflict Assessment Framework in the Pacific. Presented to Pacific Islands Political Studies Association, Suva.
- 2005, 3 Nov Social Protection and Poverty in Fiji. Presented to Visiting University Students from the United States, University of the South Pacific.
- 2005, 2 Nov Crime and Deviance in Fiji. Presented to Visiting University Students from the United States, University of the South Pacific.
- 2005, 30 Oct Regional Integration in Asia Pacific. Presented to 51st Conference of the League for Freedom and Democracy, Nadi.
- 2005, 29 Oct Ethnic Bias, Neutrality and Election Reporting for the Media. Presented to Workshop on Media and Election, Organized by Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance, University of the South Pacific, Suva.
- 2005, 29 Oct Political Campaigning and Political Parties. Presented to Workshop on Media and Election, Organized by Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance, University of the South Pacific, Suva.
- 2005, 28 Oct The Dynamics of Politics in Fiji. Presented to Visiting University Students from the United States, University of the South Pacific.
- 2005, 18 Oct Conflict Resolution and the Peace Process in Fiji. Presented to Visiting University Students from the United States, University of the South Pacific.
- 2005, 17 Oct Communal Politics and Ethnic Conflict in Fiji. Presented to Visiting University Students from the United States, University of the South Pacific.
- 2005, 15 Sep Towards a Conflict Assessment Framework for the Pacific. Presented to PIAS-DG seminar series.
- 2005, 15 Aug The current political situation in Fiji: Political parties and political ideologies. Presented to workshop on the 2006 Elections for foreign diplomats, Suva.
- 2005, 10 Aug Principles of Consensus Building: Relevance to Political Conflict in Fiji. Keynote presentation to public servants, civil society organizations, community leaders and members of the public, Labasa. Organized by Ministry of National Reconciliation.
- 2005, 9 Aug Consensus Building in a Divided Society: The case of Fiji. Keynote presentation to public servants, civil society organizations, community leaders and members of the public, Savusavu. Organized by Ministry of National Reconciliation.
- 2005, 15 Jun The Current Status of Security Dynamics in the Pacific. Presented to Pacific Island Forum Security Committee, Auckland.
- 2005, 2 Jun Components and Normative Framework for Consensus Building: The Case for Religious Unity in Fiji. Keynote presentation for workshop on multi-religious consensus building in Fiji for religious leaders. Organized by Ministry of National Reconciliation, Suva.
- 2005, 25 Apr Overview of Status of Conflict in the Pacific. Presented to regional workshop on peace building and conflict Prevention. Organized by Forum Secretariat.
- 2005, 24 Apr Political Imageries and Regional Politics: The Case of Australia in the Pacific. Presented to seminar on security and development in the Pacific. Organized by the Department of International Relations, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 2005, April Poverty: The Success Stories. Public Lecture, University of the South Pacific's Parkinson's Lecture Series on Poverty, Suva.
- 2005, April Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty in Fiji: A Sociological Discourse. Presented to University of the South Pacific's Parkinson's Lecture Series, Suva.

- 2005, March Ethno-political Conflict in Fiji: A Sociological Assessment. Presented to National Center for Peace and Conflict Studiers, University of Queensland conference on Conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- 2005, February The Changing Dynamics of Political Leadership in Fiji. Presented to workshop on leadership organized by Bible Society of the South Pacific.
- 2005, January The Paradox of Multi-racialism: The Case of Fiji. Presented to National Center for Peace and Conflict Studiers, University of Queensland conference on Conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- 2004, 12 Dec Security Regime and Security Institutions in the Pacific: A Political Appraisal. Presented to conference on governance and security, Pacific Islands Political Studies Association, University of New Caledonia.
- 2004, 21 Oct Devising Conflict Assessment Indicators for Fiji and the Pacific. Conference on Conflict and Conflict Resolution in Asia and the Pacific. Organized by State Society and Governance in Melanesia Project and Center for Conflict and Post-Conflict Studies-Asia and Pacific, Australian National University.
- 2004, 15 Oct Where is the Pacific Heading? A Pacific Perspective on Regional and Global Developments. Keynote presentation to conference on Pacific Issues Update. Organised by European Center for Pacific Networks, Paris.
- 2004, August Restorative Justice and Implications for Peace-Building in Fiji. Keynote presentation to National Consultation Workshop, organized by Ministry for Reconciliation and Multi-ethnic Affairs, Levuka.
- 2004, July Participatory Budgeting for Pacific communities. Keynote presentation to Workshop on Budgeting for Pacific Governments and Civil Society. Organized by Australian Council for Social Services and Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific, Suva.
- 2004, June Taiwanese Democracy and Policies in the Pacific. Keynote presentation to Inauguration day of new President of the Republic of Taiwan, Suva.
- 2004, March The Dilemma of Smallness: Globalization and Challenges for Pacific Governance and Foreign Policy. Presented to Seminar on Foreign Policy and Governance, Divine Word University, PNG. Organized by Australian National University, Divine Word University and Ministry of Foreign Affairs-PNG.
- 2004, February Cool Koala or Walloping Wallaby: Contrasting Images of Australia in the Pacific. Presented to seminar on Political and Economic Development in the Pacific, Taipei. Organized by Government of Taiwan.
- 2004, 19 Jan The Cycle of Conflict and Conflict Resolution: The Way Forward for Nepal. Presented to Heads of Civil Service Departments, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2004, 16 Jan Breaking the Cycle of Political Conflict in Nepal. Briefing for political party leaders, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2004, January Presentation of research update on conflict in Nepal to academics, NGO leaders and government officials, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2003, 9 Dec Syncretic and Re-configuring: Re-conceptualizing Pacific States. Presented to conference on The State of Pacific States. Organized by the Center for Contemporary Pacific, Australian National University.
- 2003, 7 Oct Dichotomous Imageries: Pacific Perceptions of Australia. Presented at the Australian Center for Defence and Strategic Studies, Canberra.
- 2003, 1 Oct From "Homo Civicus" (Passive citizenry) to "Homo Politicus" (Informed and active citizenry): Political Epistemology and Civic Education for Democratization. Conference on Governance and Development organized by ANU, University of the South Pacific and Foundation for Development Co-operation, Suva.
- 2003, September Australian Aid and Intervention in the Pacific: Consequences and Implications. Conference on Australian aid organized by Australian Council for Overseas Aid and Australian National University, Canberra.

- 2003, 17 Jun Communalizing Conflict Resolution Research: The Use of the Participatory Peace Appraisal (PPA) methodology. Melbourne University's Flagship Conference for its 150th Anniversary Year.
- 2003, 19 May Draft Report on National Baseline Study on Perception, Attitudes and Knowledge of Good Governance Issues in Fiji: Towards a Civic Education Framework. Presented to national seminar on civic education, Suva, Fiji.
- 2003, 1 May The Politics and Practice of Local Governance in Fiji. Presented to Conference on Local Governance in Melanesia. Organized by AUSAID and ANU.
- 2003, 10 Apr Challenges to Conflict Resolution and Political Governance in Melanesian States: The Cases of Fiji and Solomon Islands. Presented to workshop on Conflict Resolution in the Solomon Islands, Honiara. Organized by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Invited as international resource person.
- 2003, 9 Apr Ethnic and Political Conflict Appraisal: Lessons for the Solomon Islands. Workshop on Conflict Resolution in the Solomon Islands, Honiara. Organized by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Invited as international resource person.
- 2003, 2 Feb Proposal for National Survey on Good Governance and Nation-wide Civic Education in Fiji. Organized by UNDP and Fiji Parliament. Presented to Representatives from Fiji Government Departments, NGOs and UNDP. Suva, Fiji.
- 2002, 5 Dec The Pacific Arc of Instability and Terrorism: Using the Sociological Pre-emptive Appraisal (SPA) technique for terrorism risk assessment. Presented to Pacific Islands Political Science Association General Conference, University of Sunshine Coast, Australia.
- 2002, 5 Dec Ethnic Soldiers, Ethnicized State: The Changing Conception of State Security in Fiji. Presented to Pacific Islands Political Science Association General Conference, University of Sunshine Coast.
- 2002, 8 Nov Local Governance, Local Voices: The 2002 Municipal Elections in Fiji. Presented to SSGM, ANU seminar series.
- 2002, 11 Oct Demonizing the Weak: Australia and the so-called "Pacific Arc of Instability." Paper presented to a public lecture at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji.
- 2002, 3 Oct Political Conflict and the Problems of Governance in the Pacific. Presented to Australian Anthropology Association Annual Conference, Australian National University.
- 2002, 3 Oct Affirmative Action, Corruption and Good Governance: Lessons for Vanuatu and the Pacific. Briefing paper for Vanuatu senior civil servants. University of the South Pacific Law School, Port Vila.
- 2002, 23 Sep Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution in Fiji. Presented in International Conference on Conflict Resolution, organized by State Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, Australian National University.
- 2002, 14 Aug Arc of Instability or Re-configuring States: Contested Identity and Political Transformation in the Pacific. Presented in the Department of Political and Social Change Seminar Series, Australian National University.
- 2002, 18 Jul Redefining New Paradigms: New Directions in Pacific Social Science Research. Presented in Conference on New Directions in Pacific Social Science Research. Organized by UNESCO and Australian Institute of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 2002, 17 Jul Issues of Gender, Religion and Ethnicity in the Pacific. Conference on Gender, Religion and Ethnicity. Organized by Development Network, Australian Parliament House, Canberra.
- 2002, 9 Jul Affirmative Action Policies in the Context of Fiji's Post-Coup State. Presented to session on Pacific Update. Organized by National Center for Development Studies (ANU) and State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project (ANU), Australian National University, Canberra.

- 2002, 8 Jul Ethnic Politics and Affirmative Action in Fiji's Post-Coup State. Presented to session on Pacific Update. Organized by the National Center for Development Studies (ANU) and Foundation for Development Corporation, Brisbane.
- 2002, 5 Jul Bullets and Bulletins: Re-thinking Social and Participatory Peace Research in Fiji's Conflict Situation. Presented to Conference on "Recovering the Past" by the European Society for Oceanists (ESFO), Institute for Cultural and Social Anthropology, Vienna University, Vienna, Austria.
- 2002, 3 Jul The Paradox of Multi-culturalism: Managing Differences in Fiji's Syncretic State. Presented to international conference on "Plurality and Differences". Organized by Government of France, University of New Caledonia.
- 2002, 12 Apr Anatomising the Vanua Complex: Communal Land Conflict in Fiji. Presented to Conference on South Pacific Land Tenure Conflict Symposium, Suva, Fiji.
- 2002, 19 Apr Communalism, Ethno-Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict in Fiji. Presented to seminar jointly organized by the Department of History/Politics and Center for Development Studies, University of the South Pacific.
- 2002, 24 Mar Economic Affirmative Action: A Panacea for Political and Ethnic Conflict? A Comparative Study of Fiji, Malaysia and South Africa. Presented at the SSGM-Department of Political and Social Change, Australian National University.
- 2002, 17 Mar The Anatomy of a Frankensteinian Monster: Rethinking Ethno-Nationalism and Political Conflict in Fiji. Presented at the SSGM-Department of Political and Social Change Seminar, Australian National University.
- 2002, February Regime Change and Regime Maintenance in Fiji and the Pacific. Presented to seminar on Regime Change and Regime Maintenance in the Asia-Pacific region. Organized by the Department of Political and Social Change, RSPAS, ANU.
- 2001, November Ethnicity, Identity and Politics in Fiji: Current Issues. Organised by the Institute of Pacific Studies (IPS), Suva, Fiji. For visiting US scholars.
- 2001, November Brain and Bulletin: Enhancing Writing and Research Skills for University Students. Workshop Organised by the Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT), University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- 2001, October Convergence and Accommodation in a Situation of Ethnic Contradictions: An Appraisal of Peace Building Approaches in Fiji. Seminar organised by the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECEA), with help from the Institute for Justice and Peace Building, East Menonite University (USA);. Nadi, Fiji.
- 2001, October Empowerment and Democratization in a Conflict Situation through Peace Research: The Participatory Collective Appraisal (PCA) and its Importance in Peace Building. Conference on Peace Building. Organised by the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECEA). With help from East Menonite University's Institute for Justice and Peace Building (USA), South Pacific Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji.
- 2001, September Electoral Standards in a Multi-ethnic Political System: Towards a Free and Fair Election. Conference organised by the Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF) on An Audit of the May 2001 General Election, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- 2001, September Syncretic States: Contradictions and Accommodations in Multi-ethnic Societies and Hope for Peace Building. Parkinson Memorial Lectures, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- 2001, February Fijian Unity in a Multi-ethnic Context: Dilemmas and Directions for the Future. Presented to Great Council of Chiefs Committee on Fijian Unity.
- 2000, December Towards a Meaningful Development Discourse; Sustainability and Integration in Rural Development. Keynote presentation to Heads of Departments in the Central Division in Seminar on Integrated Rural Development, Commissioner Central's Office, Nausori, Fiji.

- 2000, October Decolonization and Democratization in the Pacific. Conference on Future Challenges for the Pacific. Organised by the Journal of Pacific Studies and School of Social and Economic Development, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- 2000, July The Fiji Nationalist Coup, Communal Conflict and Academia: Some Lessons for Now and the Future. Seminar on The Coup and University Education. Organised by the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT), University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- 2000, June Ethno-Nationalism, State Decomposition and the Disintegration of Political Order: The Fiji Coup of May 19 2000. Conference on 'Restorative Justice and Reconciliation in the Pacific'. Organised by the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project (Australian National University) and University of the South Pacific Law School, Port Villa, Vanuatu.
- 2000, May The Multi-Dimensional Coup in Fiji: Implicit and Explicit Forces at Work. Seminar Presentation at East West Center, University of Hawaii.
- 2000, May Towards Decolonization in the Pacific: Globalization and Impact on Non-Self Governing Territories. Symposium on Decolonization in the Pacific, organized by the United Nations Committee of 24 on Decolonization, Majuro, Marshall Islands. Invited as an international expert on the Pacific.
- 1999, October Ethnic Politics and Affirmative Action-A Global Comparative Approach: A Framework for Legislating Affirmative Action in Fiji. Conference on Social Justice, organized by the Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF), Suva, Fiji
- 1999, April Globalisation and Developing Economies: The Role of Civil Society in the Lome Negotiations in the Pacific Context. Conference on Role of Civil Society in the Negotiations between the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) and European Union on the future of LOME, Brussels. Organized by European Union and Leopold Mayer Foundation.
- 1999, February Ethnicity, Communal Mobilization and Affirmative Action in Fiji and Malaysia: A Comparative Analysis. Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex Development Seminar.
- 1998, September The Diaspora Phenomena, Social Change and Reconstruction of Identities. Seminar on Fiji Diaspora in the British Context, Sherperdsbush, London.
- 1998, 15 Aug Towards Multi-Culturalism and Affirmative Action: The Case of Fiji. Conference on Multiculturalism and National Reconciliation in Fiji. Organized by Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF), Suva.
- 1998, 24 April Globalization and the Changing Construction of Indigenesness: The Case of the Pacific. Conference on Indigenous Peoples and Nations in the Pacific. Organized by the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IGWA) and National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen.
- 1998, 21 April Civil Society and Multilateralism: A Critique of the European Union's Decentralized Cooperation Policy. Conference on European Union-African Caribbean and Pacific Post-Lome Negotiations and Role of Civil Society. Organized by the Liaison Committee of Development NGOs to the European Union, Brussels. Invited as an International Resource Person.
- 1998, 19 April Globalization, Multilateral Agreements and Implications on the South: The Case of the Post-Lome Convention Negotiations. Seminar on African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Common Negotiation Position. Organized by Liaison Committee of Development NGOs to the European Union, Brussels. Invited as an International Resource Person.
- 1997, October Ethnic Relations and National Reconciliation in Fiji: The Case of the Citizens Constitutional Forum. Conference on Europe-Pacific Solidarity, Brussels. Organized by the Europe-Pacific Solidarity Forum.
- 1997, October Globalization and Impact on Poor Island States. Conference on the Future of Lome Convention. Organized by APRODEV, Brussels.

- 1997, August Dissecting Colonial History: The Case of the Indonesians in East Timor. Course on East Timor/Indonesia, Oporto University, Portugal.
- 1997, July Deconstruction of Colonial Hegemony, and Civil Society Empowerment Through International Solidarity: The East Timor Independence Agenda. Symposium on East Timor, Oporto University, Portugal.
- 1997, May State Induced Affirmative Action and Development Policies in the Context of Ethnicity Construction and Reproduction; A Comparative Study between Fiji, Malaysia and South Africa, Development seminar, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.
- 1997, April In Search of Common Values: Construction of Ethnicist Values, Disempowerment and Civil Society Responses in Fiji. Conference on Values and Curriculum. Institute of Education, University of London.
- 1996, November The Production of Civil Discursive Space, People's Movement and Empowerment, and Challenges to Globalization. Conference on Pacific Century by the European Society for Oceanists, University of Copenhagen and the National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen.
- 1996, October National Reconciliation and the Limits to Constitutionalism. Conference on Europe-Pacific Solidarity, Zeist, Netherlands.
- 1995, December The Pacific in the New World (Dis)Order. Post-Rio Conference for International NGOs on Meeting the Challenge of the New Global System, Manila.
- 1995, November The Role of the State in Coastal Management. Course organized by the International Ocean Institute, University of the South Pacific.
- 1995, November The Role of Aid in Fisheries. Course organized by the International Ocean Institute, University of the South Pacific.
- 1995, October Gender, Governance and Transformative Politics. Conference organized by UNIFEM to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.
- 1995, September Colonial Development, Whose Development? Lecture Organized by the Fiji College of Higher Education.
- 1995, September The Military and Politics in Fiji. Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum Consultation on Fiji Constitution, Suva, Fiji.
- 1995, August Leadership in Multi-ethnic Fiji and Lessons for Multi-racialism: Towards the Year 2000. Workshop organized by the Fiji Rotary Club for Youth Training, Lautoka.
- 1995, August Development Models in the Pacific: Implication for Cooperatives. Workshop for Cooperative Officers, Organized by the International Labour Organization.
- 1995, July The Nuclear Free Pacific Movement and Civil Society Empowerment in the Pacific. Pacific Concerns Resource Center (PCRC) Familiarization Seminar for Women, Suva.
- 1994, May The Fiji Electoral System Under the 1970 Constitution. Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum on review of Fiji's Constitution.
- 1994, May The Environment, Human Rights and Journalists. Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) International Seminar for Asia/Pacific Journalists.
- 1994, May Fiji's Role in Pacific Regional Politics. School of Social and Economic Development panel discussion on "Perceptions on Pacific Politics".
- 1994, March Academic Freedom at the University of the South Pacific. School of Social and Economic Development Seminar discussion on "Academic Freedom".
- 1993, 15 August People Power and De-militarization in the Asia-Pacific Region. Conference on US Military Bases in Okinawa. Organized by the Okinawa Gensuikin, Okinawa, Japan.
- 1993, 10 August Post-Cold War Militarization in the Asia-Pacific Region. Conference on "Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region", to Commemorate the 48th Anniversary of the A-Bomb, Nagasaki, Japan.
- 1993, 7 August Towards a Nuclear-Free World: The Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement. Conference on Pacific-Asia Disarmament and Solidarity, Hiroshima, Japan.

- 1993, March The Sociology of Management: A Critical Analysis of Gender and Ethnic Inequality in Public Service Management. Workshop for Senior Women Public Administrators, Public Service Commission, Suva.
- 1993, February Alternative Development Strategies for Rural Communities. Workshop on Rural Development for District Officers, Ministry of Regional Development.
- 1990, July The 1987 Military Coups in Fiji: Implications on Ethnic Relations and Human Rights. Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement 6th General Conference, Paorenga, New Zealand.
- 1988, August Geo-Politics and International Rivalry in the Pacific. Conference on "Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific", Organized by Socialist Party of Australia, Sydney.
- 1988, June Educating the Public on Crime Awareness: A Sociological Approach. Community Crime Prevention Scheme Seminar, Fiji Police, Valelevu Police Station, Suva.
- 1986, July Asia Pacific Regional Politics: The Case of Militarization in Fiji. Conference on "Peace and Security in Oceania", Organized by United Nations University (Tokyo), Auckland.
- 1985 October The Political Economy of Education: Curriculum and Ideological Control in Fiji. Guest Speaker, Fiji Head Teachers Conference.
- 1985, September A Potential Global Disaster: Superpower Confrontation in the Pacific. Conference on "Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region", Socialist Party of Australia, Sydney.
- 1985, July Fiji Labour Party Democratic Youth: Statement of Principles and Organization. Fiji Labour Party Formation Conference, Suva.
- 1985, July The Ideological Component of Fijian-Indian Race Relations. Seminar on Indian Indenture Labourers, "Girmit Week", University of the South Pacific.
- 1985, June Global Imperialism and Super Power Hegemony: The Case of the Pacific. Conference on "Global Imperialism", Patricia Lumumba University, Moscow.
- 1983, April The Politics of Film Censorship. Panel/Seminar, Radio Fiji, Suva.
- 1982, January Political Obstacles to Progress: The Case of the Pacific. Conference on "Youth and Development", OISCA (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International), Suva.
- 1981, August Pacific Regionalism, Myth-making and Ideological Hegemony: The Pacific Ruling Class. Pacific Seminar Series, Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, Suva.
- 1981, January Neo-colonialism and Superpower Patronage in the Pacific. Asian Students Association General Conference, Melbourne University.