COURSE DETAIL

PACIFIC POLITICS
Country Australia
Host Institution Australian National University
Program(s) International Security
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PACIFIC POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title PACIFIC POLITICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
The success of politics and political systems in the Pacific Islands is measured by their capacity to deliver development in poor states. This dynamic is explored by looking at the politics of development and the development of politics. The first half examines the politics of development, with reference to the impact of colonialism, decolonization and secessionism; the place of the Island countries in international politics, especially in relation to the rise of China in the Pacific and the response of the USA; the political impact of official development assistance; and tensions between ‘traditional' and ‘modern' modes of governance. The second half investigates the development of politics, including attempts to engineer development outcomes via constitutions and electoral systems; intervention in Island countries by outside powers such as Australia; the phenomenon of state-building, particularly in ethnically divided societies; and women's representation in politics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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