



## JDP SCHOOL OF LAW

### POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY PROGRAMME

#### SUMMER COURSES -Continuing students only

The University of Fiji's JDP School of Law is offering the following two courses as part of Postgraduate International Relations and Diplomacy Programme [INRD]:

##### 1) INRD405 – Conflict and Peace in the Pacific

This course examines conflicts, and peace and order restoration and re-building, in the Pacific Islands region. It begins with a survey of the origins and causes of inter-ethnic and inter-tribal conflicts in the Pacific Islands and then introduces students to the wider international context of conflict-prevention, peace-restoration and peace-building. In particular, in the context of increased humanitarian crises occurring within States from the 1990s, it examines changes in the international definition of sovereignty and the emergence of a new international concept, "the Responsibility to Protect" human security, which was endorsed by the UN World Summit in 2005. Students will examine events in East Timor/Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands as case study illustrations.

##### 2) INRD410 – The Geopolitics of the South Pacific

Since attaining political independence in the 1960s and 1970s, Pacific Island states have been actively engaged in promoting institutionalised regional co-operation in many areas of common endeavour. They have also established wide networks of diplomatic, trade and economic co-operative relationships with states from outside the region. These activities have been conducted in pursuance of their desire to ensure the economic and social well-being of their peoples.

This course examines, from a geopolitical perspective, contemporary issues in the relationships of Pacific Island countries (PICs) both between and among themselves and with metropolitan and major powers from outside the region.

The three questions that will be examined are: (i) how successful have the PICs been in institutionalising their regional co-operation; (ii) what are the interests of outside powers in the region, and (iii) how are the PICs responding to these external interests.

#### Course Outcomes

The two courses will be particularly important for students on a career path to diplomacy, public service, regional and international organisations, NGOs and the media. Participants will develop the ability to undertake research, and to write and present analytical interpretations of contemporary events clearly and effectively.

**Note: Both units are 100% continuous assessment**

#### Administrative Details:

**Duration of course:** 4 January-28 February 2022.

**Mode of delivery:** All classes will be offered in the virtual classroom with the TopHat platform.

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