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Tracey Whare – Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - recent developments in international law

Thursday, 13 August 2015, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Room 332, level 3, building 810 at the Faculty of Law, University of Auckland



Tracey Whare will talk about the September 2014 resolution of the UN General Assembly committing to concrete outcomes to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Engagement of indigenous peoples in the drafting of the resolution was often contested by states. However, indigenous peoples launched a global platform of engagement and used the opportunity to participate in ways that the UN had not considered before.

Tracey (Raukawa, Te Whānau a Apanui) is a law graduate of Victoria University of Wellington. Tracey combined her interest in Māori issues with law working for a Māori community law centre, in local government as a policy adviser on iwi issues and in private practice. Tracey has been an indigenous fellow at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva in 1998; Secretariat of a global indigenous working group in preparation for a United Nations General Assembly meeting known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; a trustee of Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust, a charitable trust established in 2000 to carry out advocacy work and disseminate information to Māori about developments in indigenous peoples' rights; and a member of the Monitoring Mechanism, a working group created to monitor the New Zealand Government's implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

International advocacy has become a life-long passion and Tracey continues to work in this area with other indigenous peoples, persuading governments to commit to the improvement of indigenous peoples' wellbeing through the recognition and protection of their rights.

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