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Call for Papers

Inaugural Pacific Regional Law Enforcement Conference 2022

Disrupting Crime in the Pacific: Strengthening a Network to Defeat a Network

The Australia Pacific Security College, in partnership with the **Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP)**, the **Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)**, and the **Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)**, will be conducting the inaugural Pacific Regional Law Enforcement Conference (PRLEC 2022). The conference will be held on 1-3 August 2022 in Denarau, Fiji.

The theme of the conference is “Disrupting Crime in the Pacific”, to be underpinned by the core principle of “strengthening a network to beat a network.” The conference will be characterised by a practitioner-focused research-informed conversation. Participants to the conference will be drawn from Pacific law enforcement, academia, international law enforcement partners, Pacific regional organisations, and key stakeholder groups.

The conference is designed as an opportunity to further support enhancing law enforcement relationships, cooperation, and strategy. The conference has three inter-related aims:

- (1) to strengthen knowledge and build linkages to better respond to the nexus between global and regional security threats and challenges by bringing together global and regional experts on issues such as transnational organised crime and cyber security;
- (2) to deepen law enforcement engagement and cooperation between Pacific agencies and with partners and donors;
- (3) to support and strengthen academic research on law enforcement in the Pacific and bridge the gap between academia and practitioners/policy-makers.

Participation in the conference will be by invitation only. For Pacific law enforcement researchers, the conference represents an important opportunity to connect with practitioners and peers in considering the transnational crime challenges in our region.

Invitation to submit abstracts for consideration

A central outcome of the conference is developing a body of research work on law enforcement issues and practices in the Pacific. We invite submissions from academics, practitioners, policy makers and other stakeholders for original research abstracts and case studies.

We welcome proposals for individual papers; thematic panels; poster presentations or lightning talks.

The theme is multidisciplinary in nature and aims to cover a range of disciplinary areas including, but not limited to, criminology, international policing, political science, development studies, gender studies, and international relations.

Priority will be given to papers using Pacific Islands data over those using data from other regions. We welcome presentation of research in progress. We particularly welcome research or case studies that bridge the gap between crime and enforcement. Presenters may provide theoretical discourses or empirical case studies revolving around the theme.

In unpacking the conference theme of 'disrupting transnational crime', we expect sub-themes to emerge. Possible sub-themes could include:

- identifying the gaps in knowledge and capabilities in Pacific Islands law enforcement,
- reflection on the strengths Pacific law enforcement bring to addressing transnational crime,
- using networks to address specific transnational crime types,
- identifying enablers of transnational crime in Pacific Islands context,
- strengthening Pacific law enforcement networks, or
- linking law enforcement elements of national security strategies to regional efforts.

We encourage abstracts that deal with the unique law enforcement and transnational crime context in the Pacific - even if they do not align with the identified themes above. Abstracts could examine transnational crime through the lens of culture, gender, or in regard to Pacific youth.

Abstracts are invited from both **academics** and **practitioners**. While academics are used to a 'Call for Papers', we understand this is unusual for practitioners. We acknowledge that practitioner papers/panels will not be shaped in the same way by research ethics, but are bound by organisational ethics. We also understand that practitioner papers will not necessarily be informed by a specific theoretical framework, but can be framed by personal and institutional experience. We strongly encourage partnerships between academics and practitioners where possible (particularly in panels).

If you are a practitioner and interested to discuss your proposal, please reach out to the conference coordinator, Mr Jose Sousa Santos Jose.Sousa-Santos@anu.edu.au.

Abstract and panel proposal submission instructions and deadlines

ABSTRACTS: A typical abstract will summarise, in one paragraph of 300 words or less, the major aspects of your research, including: 1) the purpose of the study and the research problem(s) you are investigating; 2) major findings/insights of your analysis/experience; and 3) a brief summary of your interpretations and conclusions.

Individual Paper/Presentation abstracts. Although not all abstracts will conform to the format above, they should all contain enough information to frame the problem and indicate the conclusions. Abstracts will be made public to all conference attendees. Please submit your abstract and author details through the form attached below (PRLEC22-apsc@anu.edu.au).

Panel abstracts for organised panels of up to three presenters are also invited. Panel organisers can propose a roundtable discussion rather than a series of papers if that is desired. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length. Please submit your panel proposal and panellists/presenters details through the form attached below (PRLEC22-apsc@anu.edu.au).

The deadline for all submissions is Friday 27 May 2022.

The first tranche of authors will be advised that their abstract or panel proposal has been accepted no later than **13 June 2022**. If your abstract or panel proposal is accepted, you will then be invited to present the paper as part of the conference. This will also allow you to register.

A second tranche of papers will also be invited to be developed and published as supporting documents for the conference. Due to the limits on conference participation, this tranche will not include an invitation for the authors to participate in the conference in person. However, we will be looking for opportunities to engage these authors remotely and profile their research.

Conference Costs

If your paper/panel is accepted, and you are invited to attend, there will be no conference fee for attendance or participation. Financial assistance to cover accommodation and travel may be available for Pacific researchers and participants.

We will also host book and report launches and other special events during the conference. If you want to submit a proposal for a special event, please do so using the panel submission form, and note your interest on that form.

Kind regards,

Jay Caldwell

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PRLEC 2022: Individual Paper/Presentation Abstract	
<input type="checkbox"/> Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Title of the paper/presentation:	
Proposed form of paper/presentation	<i>Proposal forms are anticipated to be individual papers; poster presentations or lightning talks. Other forms of presentation can be proposed</i>
Abstract (200-300 word)	
Author	
Affiliation	

PRLEC 2022: Panel Abstract

Practitioner



Academic



Other

Title of the panel session:**Brief summary of the panel:****Panel Chair(s)****Title of paper/ presentation 1****Abstract (150 word maximum)****Presenter****Affiliation****Title of paper/ presentation 2****Abstract (150 word maximum)****Presenter****Affiliation****Title of Paper / presentation 3****Abstract (150 word maximum)****Presenter****Affiliation****Contributors**