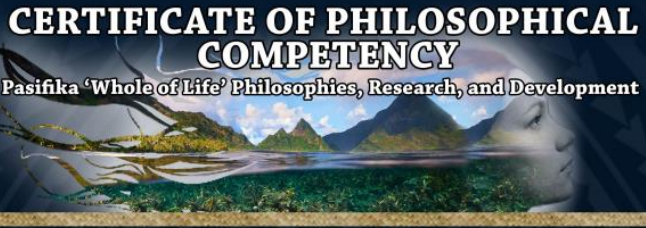


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CERTIFICATE OF PHILOSOPHICAL COMPETENCY

Pasifika 'Whole of Life' Philosophies, Research, and Development

COURSE DESCRIPTION

There is a growing interest in understanding Pasifika philosophies, knowledges, epistemologies and conducting research in Pasifika. Special attention is given to reframing a new development story that is holistic, life affirming, and communities-oriented. Pasifika scholars have led the search for development models that are alternative yet grounded in the everyday life of communities. What is lacking in such important shift is the ability to create foundations of the new development story grounded in the philosophies and spiritualities of Pasifika communities. If a new transformative development story is to be realized, one cannot just change the narrative based on altering policies and frameworks. There is a need to develop 'whole of life' philosophical foundations that is able to navigate the complexity of Pasifika multiple and multidimensional relationalities fundamental to Pasifika wellbeing, research and development, premised on the relational values and spiritualities of the people. This should result in igniting a 'new development consciousness' for the Pasifika region.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To understand the Pasifika relational philosophical mind and how this has shaped development in the Pasifika communities for centuries and to use that as a decolonial tool to critically analyze the conventional development narrative;
- To develop a strategy of codifying and translating these philosophies to build resilience and to critically inform policies in relation to development, diplomacy, security, climate change, and economic wellbeing;
- To experience with Pasifika communities the philosophies that shape knowledge and conducting research, in particular in relation to protocols, ethics, and values of learning and dynamics of relationships;
- To create a new development consciousness based on the 'whole of life' philosophical foundations of relationships that have kept the Pasifika communities sustained and resilient throughout centuries to assist in creating new development models or frameworks.

COURSE COORDINATOR Professor Upolu Lumā Vaai
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