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ASSR February 2011 Forum

Speaker: Lynne Whitney, Senior Manager Research
Ministry of Education

Topic: Ethics Advisory Services Within The
Ministry Of Education

Date: February 2, 2011

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Place: L1, Department of Internal Affairs, Waring
Taylor St., Wellington

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Committee's Corner

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome

It has been a tumultuous year that have sent many New Zealander's reeling. It has also been a year in which kiwi self reliance has found a stout bulwark in resilient community support, and an eye to the future.

It is that time of year when hope and goodwill are only matched by silliness, and last minute tidying of desks - reports to write, calendars to square away for the new year, and frantic (but for many this year -cautious) shopping as we look forward to spending time with family and freinds over the Xmass season.

In the social sciences restructuring has been the way of it this past year with many friends and colleagues "encouraged" to re-evaluate carreers, and forced to take on added responsibility as other's positions became redundant. However, Social sciences is about people and networks in flux and efforts are continue to be made across the sector to more effectively share resources, and enable dialogue. Each of us has a role to pay in breaking down the "silos" that our late friend Raewyn Good often critiqued.

Our thanks goes to all the wonderful forum presenters this past year who have shared their research and kept us better informed. The convenors have already booked an interesting line up for 2011 - see page 6.

The ASSR Committee joins me in wishing all a wonderful Xmass season, a a positive beginning to the New year. Drive with care!

John Waldmann ASSR editor

Please invite colleagues, and students in your networks to join ASSR at: <http://assr.org.nz/join.html>

Motivation and time?

Please help us develop ASSR in the New Year, or to assist in the preparation of the News contact:

the Co-convenors:

Paula White Paula.White@paradise.net.nz or

Dr Kathie Irwin contact@hopebrokers.co.nz

Words of advice from the past

When the glass is only half full – we are misunderstood, ignored, under-funded and harassed.
 When the glass is half full – the social is relevant to all human endeavor, the potential for our knowledge and skills is only limited by our energy and imagination and application. Summer does still come – hang in here and participate.

*Raewyn Good – Convenor
 from ASSR News Aug 2008*

Social Science Report/ RSNZ

The recently reconfigured Royal Society **Social Sciences Advisory Panel** details: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/organisation/panels/social-science/members/>

The Panel's terms of Reference are here: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/organisation/panels/social-science/terms-of-reference>

The Panel publishes a Newsletter/ Pānui reporting on the panels work program and committee meetings on the RSNZ website found here: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/organisation/panels/social-science/panui>

Note: The Royal society Website is now being actively revised, and refreshed so check your bookmarked links.

UPDATE FOR ROYAL SOCIETY MEMBERS (INCL. ASSR MEMBERS)

The Royal Society Council at its meeting on 25 November 2010 approved changes to the Royal Society's Code of Ethics. The amended Code includes the Humanities and has strengthened the Rules dealing with Breaches to the Code. This amended Code of Professional Standards and Ethics in Science, Technology, and the Humanities is made in accordance with section 34 of the Royal Society of New Zealand Act 1997. This Code replaces all previous codes of professional standards and ethics issued by the Council of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

To view the amended Royal Society of New Zealand Code of Professional Standards and Ethics in Science, Technology, and the Humanities and the Rules for Hearing and Determining Complaints of Breaches of the Royal Society's Code of Professional Standards and Ethics, please see <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/organisation/about/code/>

Note: ASSR members, besides committing to the [ASSRs code of ethics](#), also agree to be bound by [RSNZ Code of Profesional Stadards and Ethics](#) that we collectively subscribe to via our status as members of a "Constituent Organisation" of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

SCIENCE BOOKCLUB:

Are you aware that the Wellington Regional branch of Royal Society of New Zealand supports two science bookclubs (Wellington and Hutt Valley). Each month local chapters of the bookclub select, read and discuss a "science" book. The books range across the full breadth of the sciences (and perhaps beyond), and are selected based on members preferences and on general accessability. There is an annual fee (\$96) or monthly \$8.00. <http://wellington.rsnz.org/bookclub.htm>

Invitation from the editor

Have you been to a conference, or workshop lately and/ or given a paper - Please share the knowledge; write a brief report for inclusion in the ASSR News.

Reports might be serious, or lighthearted, photos and illustrations are welcome. Perhaps even a single thought that captured your interest?

Report in Brief: November Forum

a more substantive report is in preparation for the new year

At the November forum Prof. Peter Davis presented *Rectifying The 'Quantitative Deficit' in New Zealand Social Science: A Modest Proposal* at the Institute of Policy Studies at Victoria University, Wellington. His discussion pointed out that there is a significant "quantitative deficit" in the social sciences in New Zealand. Almost no sociology and political science departments in the country have more than one staff member possessing significant quantitative skills, and in almost all such departments students can get to honours level and beyond without ever having been exposed to any "non-qualitative" research skills. Poorly fitting students for needs of employers who often struggle to source staff with sufficient critical understanding, and practical knowledge of quantitative and statical methods.

One solution to this decline is to reintroduce carefully crafted, focused modules to students courses to good effect. In one example Peter provided "over the course of just five laboratory sessions spread over a standard semester in a Sociology honours class, we were able to get students with little or no previous methodological background to copy down international social survey data sets and present credible empirical analyses of issues of substance." Peter concluded that "we need to cooperate across disciplines and institutions to halt and reverse what is otherwise almost certainly a terminal decline in skills base for the social sciences."

Other solutions include those supported by The Centre of Methods and Policy Application in the Social Sciences (COMPASS). Based within the Faculty of Arts of The University of Auckland, the centre provides management and infrastructure for the New Zealand Social Statistics Network ([NZSSN](http://www.nzssn.org.nz)), and the New Zealand Social Science Data Service ([NZSSDS](http://www.nzssds.org.nz)) www.nzssds.org.nz. This latter allows for online analysis of archived data sets via an interface powered by [BeSTGrid](#) and running [Nesstar Software](#). The [Compass website](#) also provides an extensive [list of links](#) to other local and international datasets and resources. Another solution provided by NZSSN is the (annual) 2011 Summer Programme. NZSSN Programmes aim to bring a practical and applied approach to research methods and data analysis, promoting hands-on learning opportunities and using highly skilled and experienced instructors from around New Zealand and overseas. The programme offers a selection of courses 5 days in length and will take place at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington. This programme offers eight introductory courses, two intermediate level courses and one advanced level course over a two- week period, from 7th to 18th February 2011. Courses will run from Monday to Friday. For brief details see the ASSR Calendar (page 11), or for full details and enrolment forms visit <http://www.nzssn.org.nz/2011-summer-programme>. Sign up now course sizes are limited.

Statistics New Zealand Jacoby Prize

The Statistics New Zealand Jacoby Prize is awarded by PANZ (Population Association of New Zealand) for the best essay on a population topic written during a course of university study. The competition is open to university students throughout New Zealand and the essays are submitted in the form they were presented during the course of study. The prize, awarded every second year, is a year's subscription to PANZ and publication of the winning essay in the New Zealand Population Review. In addition, Statistics New Zealand will provide the winner with a cash prize of \$400, and a copy of the latest New Zealand Official Yearbook.

The competition is held during the year of the biennial PANZ Conference to all current or immediate past students who present a paper based on their student research. On acceptance of their submitted paper or poster, all entrants will receive free registration for the conference. Entries for the 2010–11 competition are invited

Papers can be sent to Cyril Mako: cyril.mako@minedu.govt.nz

PANZ Schools Competition

PANZ has established a schools-based competition to increase awareness of emerging population issues among future citizens of Aotearoa/New Zealand. The competition is open to secondary school students in New Zealand who study geography, mathematics/ statistics and social studies at year 11 and above. The competition is run every second year, and the winners are announced at the biennial PANZ conference. First, second, third prizes are awarded with prize money of \$400, \$300, and \$200, respectively.

To participate in the competition, a student must write an essay, not exceeding 2,000 words, on a population - related topic of their choice. Entries for the 2010–11 competition are invited. Please contact Cyril Mako if you are interested in entering your students or class in this competition: cyril.mako@minedu.govt.nz

Victoria University of Wellington, School of Government Announcement.

Beginning in 2011, the School of Government will offer an innovative professional part-time doctorate, the Doctor of Government (DGov), specifically designed for working public-sector practitioners.

The DGov is an alternative to the PhD with strong potential to integrate employment research into degree research. It has a course component followed by a research thesis.

Formal applications for 2011 are invited from 15 January to 15 February with the first course beginning in April. Further details are available from <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sog/study/postgraduate/dgov.aspx> or, contact the Director, Graduate Research Programmes, Dr Amanda Wolf email: Amanda.Wolf@vuw.ac.nz, phone (04) 463-5712.

You are cordially invited to a lunchtime information session on the DGov to be held on Wednesday 9 February, 12th floor Boardroom, Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington. For catering purposes please RSVP by 7 February to kerry.pert@vuw.ac.nz.

Please feel free to circulate this invitation and information to colleagues who may be interested in undertaking this new qualification.

Assistance Requests

Tū te pō, tū te ao, tū ka whakaputaina
Ki te whei ao, ki te ao mārama
Tihei mauri ora

Werohia ki Papatuanuku, werohia ki tai
He tuhi mareikura ki te ao turoa
Turuturu a tai e rua ngaa tohu
He toroa, he amokura
Turuturu a uta he huia tōna tohu
Koia i kiia ai
“Whakarongo ki te tangi a te manu nei
Tui, tui, tuituia, hui, hui, huihuia”

Koia neki ra ka karanga atu ki a koutou e te whanau,
“Nau mai, piki mai, haere mai ki te kaupapa nei”
E tutehu ana ko taku moe e karangirangi neki
Tū te pō, tū te ao
Ka papaki tū tonu ngaa tai ki Te Reinga
Kia pō, kia ao, kia awatea.

Literature sought for Department of Corrections review

The Department of Corrections has contracted out a realist synthesis on what works to change offending behaviours by Māori. This research aims to build a knowledge base of interventions, initiatives and approaches that have been successfully used with Māori to address problematic behaviours across a range of sectors and disciplines.

We are keen to look as widely as possible across Māori research and literature where the common theme is “assisting Māori to make changes for the better.” If you are aware of any published or unpublished literature, research or initiatives – your own or another’s – that you think should be included in the review, please send it to Sally Faisandier at Corrections sally.faisandier@corrections.govt.nz or call to discuss on 04/ 460 3087.

Please pass this request on to any of your networks that may be interested or able to contribute to this research – we need to access as many kumara vines as possible!

We would appreciate immediate responses, but will gratefully receive any further titles (in English or Māori) up until April 2011. Many thanks for your help.

NVIVO TRAINING advice sought

I'd like to hear from anyone who can provide advice regarding training on the qualitative analysis package NVIVO, who is based in the Wellington area.

NVIVO v.8 training preferred, as v.9 is apparently quite different, and very recent,

Please contact Lisa Gregg, Advisor, Research | Research Team
Justice Sector Strategy
Ministry of Justice | Tāhū o te Ture
Email to: Lisa.Gregg@justice.govt.nz

Forthcomming 2011 ASSR Forums

Note these dates in your diary for next year.

February 2nd

Ethics Advisory Services Within The Ministry Of Education

Lynne Whitney, Senior Manager Research, Ministry of Education

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March 2nd

Te Puni Kōkiri Report on reducing crime

April 6th

ASSR Annual General Meeting: Many important issues to discuss and decide upon. Changes are afoot!

May 4th

Matemateone: Whānau yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

A new report from the Families Commission highlights stories of inspirational whānau.

Dr. Kathie Irwin, Chief Advisor Maori at the Families Commission, will deliver the presentation.

Matemateone: Whānau Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow draws on Māori knowledge, cultural practices and methods to reveal examples of whānau success. Informed by the integrated nature of Māori knowledge, this paper addresses social, economic, cultural and environmental aspects of whānau development. The report concentrates on the period often referred to as the time of the Māori Renaissance, 1975 to the present. This has been a period of significant cultural, social and economic development.

The report includes chapters on: explorations of Whānau; A Demographic and Statistical Profile of Whānau [from 1975 to the Present](#); Whānau as Custodians of Culture; Whānau as kaitiaki of the Environment: The Maranga Waitaha Project; The role and status of Māori language and knowledge in economic transformation; and Māori women as advocates of whānau development. In the concluding chapter the major findings of the research are analysed in the context of the changing role of the Families Commission. The question 'what is Māori about whānau?' is explored in the socio-political context of Aotearoa's journey towards nationhood. A meta-analysis of Māori development during the Māori Renaissance is presented which identifies critical success factors for whānau development and whānau ora. The role and status of Māori development in the machinery of government is a major theme of strategic and futures planning for Aotearoa explored in full in the conclusion. Matemateone, a profound driver of Māori Development, provides the concluding exploration of mātauranga Māori in this report. This concept helps to understand the connection that whānau have with the past, their engagement in the present and the hope created amongst them about the future and planning for it.

Matemateone – Williams (1992: 193) defines matemateone as “deep affection” and the example he provides suggests a relationship between the people and the land and the people with the people (“He matemate a one ki a ratau, na reira ia i noho ai ki taua kainga. - It is because of this deep affection for them that he stays at his home”).

Dr Rawinia Higgins (2004: 351) He Tānga Ngutu, He Tūhoetanga Te Mana Motuhake o te Tā Moko Wāhine: The Identity Politics of Moko Kauae.

Casting the net

BRCSS Building Research Capability in the Social Sciences Network www.BRCSS.net.nz

SPEaR: www.spear.govt.nz/. [Job opportunities](#), [Funding](#), [Events and sector news](#), [Good Practice Guidelines](#) and International and [NZ Research Centre links](#).

Royal Society of New Zealand Social Sciences: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/organisation/panels/social-science> - *Recently updated!*

Websites to monitor:

- * American conferences: <http://www.aeaweb.org/RFE/conferences.php>
- * UK Conferences: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>
- * General conference search engine: http://socialsciences.academickeys.com/conf_main.php
- * Australia and Asia: <http://coombs.anu.edu.au>
- * EU conferences: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events_en.html
- * OECD: [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#)
- * [UNESCO New Zealand](#) <http://www.unesco.org.nz/index.php/programmes/social-science>
- NZ community hui, conferences, and events: [CommunityNet Aotearoa New Zealand](#) <http://www.community.net.nz/communitycentre/events/Default.htm?Region=default>
- Footprint Books – some of the latest publications www.footprint.com.au
- Knowledge Auckland: www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz
- ANGOA: Association of NGOs of Aotearoa: www.angoa.org.nz/pages/news.php A very useful resource, with an wide regional, and organisational base.
- [Good Practice Participate](#): From the Office of the Community & Voluntary Sector. Helping government employees follow good community engagement practices – case-studies, useful links and further reading. <http://www.goodpracticeparticipate.govt.nz/>
- Equal Opportunities Trust EEO Trust www.eeotrust.org.nz/research
- Tertiary Research Online: The [Kiwi Research Information Service](#), National Library of NZ, A selection of research articles and theses produced in NZ universities and polytechnics.
- [The Clearing House](#) Clears research and other resources for Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector. Sharing your research. Resources and (162) researchers available for your projects. www.communityresearch.org.nz/
- [CommunityNet Aotearoa](#) View the events calendar on [CommunityNet Aotearoa now...](#)
- [Database of New Zealand Mental Health Research](#) - published, unpublished or research currently in progress that relates to mental health and addiction. <http://www.tepou.co.nz>
- Education Counts <http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/> Ministry of Education statistics and research.
- Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University www.ips.ac.nz
- Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research, Victoria University www.victoria.ac.nz/cacr
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/index.html>
- New Zealand Aotearoa's directory of locally-based refugee research <http://nzrefugeersearch.wikispaces.com/>.

Funding Resources on the web

- www.communityresearch.org.nz A bilingual learning house for the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre: Research, and rangahau, for the community by the community in NZ
- [Dept. Internal Affairs Grants Online: http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/](http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/)
- [Funding Information Service: A subscriber based funding database: http://www.fis.org.nz/](http://www.fis.org.nz/)
- [Community Net's funding page: http://www.community.net.nz/how-toguides/funding/](http://www.community.net.nz/how-toguides/funding/)
- Also look at [Ngatahi: Newsletter of Hutt City Council Community and Youth Development](#) The March issue has very accessible list of annual funding options
- Royal Society of New Zealand list of funders: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/funding/>
- [Health Research Council \(HRC\)](#) The major NZ government-funded agency purchasing and co-ordinating health research and fostering the health research workforce. Mission is "Benefiting New Zealand through Health Research" [Funding Events Calendar](#)
- [Fullbright NZ](#): Promotes educational and cultural exchange between NZ and the US. Education services include advice and reference guides on studying at universities in the US. Also prestigious study and research awards for [NewZealanders](#), www.fulbright.org.nz/
- [HRC – Health Research Council of New Zealand](#): Funding Opportunities, publications and ethics links.
- Families Commission: Latest research reports; Archived published research reports; Research funding (current round closed). and excellent Links to other agencies

Available Funding

Asia:NZ [NZASIA Postgraduate Research Awards \(up to \\$5,000\)](#) In early 2010, Asia:NZ [announced deeper collaboration](#) with the New Zealand Asian Studies Society through a joint postgraduate research award. Submit your application using the [interactive Asia:NZ grant application form](#) Next deadline: 1 May 2011

Asia:NZ [Emerging Researcher grant \(\\$6,000\)](#) A grant for emerging researchers in areas relating to Asia:NZ's work, including doing business in Asia, preparing New Zealand for a future with Asia, increasing NZ's Asia literacy, Asia in the media, Asian cultural expressions and NZ's international relations with Asia. Preference given to post-graduate researchers, new academics and those who have not already received significant funding from other sources. Next deadline: 20 February 2011

Asia:NZ [Big Issues grant \(\\$10,000\)](#) This grant is awarded for research on important contemporary or emerging issues relating to NZ's future with Asia. Research may address culture, business, public policy, international relations, education or the media. The grant is intended to support timely, innovative and original research, which will promote debate and discussion on matters relating to Asia and NZ, or that has implications for policy and/or business. This is an open research grant for which new or established researchers may apply. Next deadline: 16 October 2010

Asia:NZ [Conference Support grant](#) to assist NZ institutions in hosting a NZ - based conference on a theme related to the work of Asia:NZ. Preference will be given to applications where the grant is to support costs associated with bringing international speakers to NZ. The grant will be awarded to an organisation or the host institution, not an individual. It is a requirement that Asia:NZ be acknowledged in all conference materials and publicity. Next deadline: 15 March 2011

Motu [Thesis Scholarship](#): Every year, Motu offers a one year scholarship to a promising university student of Maori descent planning to work on either an Honours or Masters thesis on an applied topic preferably in economics, or some other social science, and preferably using a quantitative methodology. Through this scholarship, Motu hope to enhance Maori research capacity and encourage students of Maori descent to develop an interest in researching topics relevant to public policy development. Download the [Motu Thesis Scholarship application form \(PDF 769KB\)](#). Get in touch with [Rhylie Alexander](#) for more info on this scholarship.

Motu offers [internships](#) to excellent students who are interested in further study and research. We offer three main types of internships, but are flexible about timing and stage of study in some cases. The key characteristics we are seeking are intelligence, motivation, and interest in the issues we study. Internships we offer: Summer internships, Maori internships, international internships. [Download printable internships info sheet](#) (705KB) To apply for internships, please send your cover letter, CV and academic record (with contact details for at least two academic referees) to [Rhylie Alexander](#).

[SPEaR: Social Policy Evaluation and Research \(SPEaR\) Committee Linkages Funding Programme](#) at: <http://www.spear.govt.nz/funding/linkages/apply/linkages-funding.html>. This programme includes: The [Social Science Research Award](#) and the [Social Science Capability Building Award](#). Linkages Funding Rounds are on hold, but do make enquiries to: <http://www.spear.govt.nz/tools/contact-us.html>

Weaving Connections

Publications & working papers from the web

The Royal Society (UK) are making all their journals from 1665 - 2010 **open access for a time**. Worth a look perhaps as there are quite a few NZ interest social science & history articles, otherwise difficult to access. <http://royalsocietypublishing.org/journals>

Papers from the annual Pathways, Circuits and Crossroads Conference held on 6 and 7 December 2010 in Wellington will be made available on the Integration of Immigrants Programme website <http://integrationofimmigrants.massey.ac.nz> early 2011. [...click here to view pdf](#)

Kimchi Networks: Korean Employers and Employees in Auckland. Research Report by Carina Meares, Elsie Ho, Robin Peace and Paul Spoonley August, 2010 Integration of Immigrants Programme. [...click here to view pdf](#)

Bamboo Networks: Chinese Employers and Employees in Auckland Research Report. March, 2010 Integration of Immigrants Programme [...click here to view pdf](#)

[Gambling: A poison chalice for indigenous peoples](#) Dyall, Lorna. 2010, Int J Ment Health Addiction (2010) 8:205–21.

[Presentations](#) from the 3rd [Australasian Mental Health Outcomes Conference](#) (AMHOC 2010) *Mental health information: into uncharted territory* was hosted by Te Pou at the Rendezvous Hotel Auckland in November are [available](#). An edited film of the conference will be available on the Te Pou website www.tepou.co.nz in early 2011.

Population Association of New Zealand Newsletter <http://panz.rsnz.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/panz-newsletter-nov-2010.pdf> PANZ [Membership enquires](#).

[Kōtuitui, New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences 5 \(1\), 2010](#) Free online, Royal Society of New Zealand.

Analytical Skills for Social Issues: Reason or Delusion, Stuart Birks (ed), Massey University Centre for Public Policy Evaluation No.8 October 2000 [PDF version](#) - *old but interesting*.

Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia Annual Report 2010 http://www.assa.edu.au/publications/annual_reports/2010.php

[Planning Auckland's Housing Future](#) Gray, Neil; Hill, Greg 2010 ARC a comprehensive review of the housing system in the Auckland region accessed from <http://knowledgeauckland.org.nz/home/publications/>

[Characteristics of Chinese service users in an old age psychiatry service in New Zealand](#) Cheung, G. 2010. The profiles of Chinese service users in a community based old age psychiatry service were recently examined.

[E-newsletter from the Office for the Community & Voluntary Sector](#) (36), 23 September Features news about the community-government relationship, together with sector-related activities, events and publications – that especially promote community engagement, participation and collaboration. Click [here to read](#) the full e-newsletter onscreen or to [print it out](#).

[New Zealand Population Review Vol. 33 & 34 2007/2008](#) (combined issue) has just been released (Sept 2009) by PANZ (Population Association of New Zealand).

[Journal of the Sociological Association of Aotearoa/ New Zealand 25 \(1\) 2010](#) is free online.

[Youth Developments](#) Online data resource responding to the need for better national and sub-national data about young people: <http://www.youthstats.mxd.govt.nz/>

[Immigrant Selection and the Returns to Human Capital in New Zealand and Australia](#) reports findings on the economic dimensions of the decision to work in Australia or New Zealand for New Zealand-born and Australian-born persons as well as immigrants.

Regions

- ◆ ASSR bulletin boards/ forums at www.assr.org.nz/forums are provided enable contact with members in other regions; to share assistance and advice; raise issues for discussion, and organise local events.
Register and login using your first and last name and your preferred email address.
- ◆ Motu organises seminars in regional centres: Auckland and Wellington (and occasionally elsewhere). For more information see http://www.motu.org.nz/events#ongoing_seminars.

Auckland

Knowledge Auckland is an [Information Community](#) with individual and corporate members developed by the Auckland Regional Council, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and the Department of Labour. It is a place to find and share useful research and data about the Auckland region at: www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz

Economic [updates](#), www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz/home/economic/economic_home.cfm also the November [Regional Update](#), and the [Data and Mapping](#) section. The latest updates on Knowledge Auckland include two further reports on housing in the Auckland region, both commissioned by the Centre for Housing Research Aotearoa New Zealand (CHRANZ):

- I. [The Determinants of Tenure and Location Choices of 20–40 year old Households in the Auckland Region](#)
- II. [Auckland Region Housing Market Assessment](#)

Monitor Auckland (<http://monitorauckland.arc.govt.nz>), yet another Auckland Regional Council initiative, publishes indicators of progress and change in the Auckland region.

- ◆ **Motu Economic and Public Policy Research**, the Auckland [Motu Seminar series](#) in cooperation with the University of Auckland Masters in Public Policy Programme, is provides a series of free seminars.

Calendar

Forthcoming Local and World Events

NZ seminars, workshops and lectures are also listed at:

- www.spear.govt.nz/events/index.html
- www.royalsociety.org.nz/tools/events/list.aspx?SECT=Public_Events
- www.community.net.nz/CommunityCentre/Events/default.htm
- [Events | Motu Economic and Public Policy Research](#)

*an asterisk * marks New Zealand events, and local awards to help you find them.*

February 2011

***2nd ASSR Forum: Ethics advisory services within the Ministry of Education Lynne Whitney, Senior Manager Research MOE, Time: 12:15 - 1:15 pm Place: L1, Department of Internal Affairs, Waring Taylor St., Wellington**
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***7th - 18th The New Zealand Social Statistics Network (NZSSN) is offering 12 five-day short courses in Social Science Research Methods at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington.** The NZSSN summer programme is designed to cater to fundamental, changing and emerging research strategies, and to serve a wide variety of needs for training and professional development within the academic, public and private sectors. Courses cater not only to researchers in the social and political sciences, but also those in areas such as the behavioural sciences, medical and health. sciences, epidemiology, policy research, education, economics, law, management, marketing, public relations and human resource management.

- ▶ INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS: 7th–11th February 2011
- ▶ QUALITATIVE RESEARCH TECHNIQUES: 7th–11th February
- ▶ CASE STUDY RESEARCH: 7th–11th February
- ▶ INTRODUCTION: STRUCTURAL TO STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELLING USING AMOS: 7th–11th February
- ▶ APPLIED COMPUTER-ASSISTED QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS USING NVivo: 7th–11th February
- ▶ INTRODUCTION TO SURVEY DESIGN: 7th–11th February
- ▶ INTERMEDIATE STATISTICS: 14th–18th February
- ▶ INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM EVALUATION: 14th–18th February
- ▶ FUNDAMENTALS OF MULTIPLE REGRESSION: 14th–18th February
- ▶ DATA ANALYSIS IN SPSS: 14th–18th February
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***7th Feb - 1st Mar The 15th Public Health Summer School, University of Otago Wellington (UOW)** includes 28 short courses of interest to social science researchers. Summer School is also a great way to extend the toolbox, to sharpen the existing toolset, and to meet others with shared interests. Qualitative researchers will be delighted that the programme includes two days of competitively priced NVivo training, taught by Dr Lyn Lavery of Academic Consulting. Lyn comes recommended by QSR International, the software vendors for Australia and New Zealand. She also led the course for us at Summer School earlier this year and received fantastic reviews from everyone who attended. The Summer School website includes a comprehensive list and description of all the short courses, from Epidemiology all the way to Sustainability. The registration form and fees schedule are also on-line. Take a look via the link below, and get in touch if you'd like to know more. www.uow.otago.ac.nz/summerschool.html

***16th Symposium on the 2009 Report of the Regulatory Responsibility Taskforce and the Proposed Regulatory Responsibility Bill, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University of Wellington.** Morning session (9am – 12 noon): Key Legal and Constitutional Themes; Property Rights and "Takings" chaired by Sir Geoffrey Palmer. Afternoon session (1.15pm - 4pm): The Political Economy of Constitutional Reform and Deregulation chaired by Jonathon Boston. Download the flyer here: <http://ips.ac.nz/events/downloads/2010/Regulatory%20Symposium%2010%20Ver2.pdf>

***16th - 17 Conference: Resilience in the Pacific: Addressing the Critical Issues. VUW, Wellington.** Presented by the Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University and the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs with support from the British High Commission. Wellington symposium will examine the key economic, social, environmental and political challenges facing the Pacific. It will address the nature, relevance and implications of resilience. In particular, it will consider economic development and environmental issues and progress and prospects for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Email ips@vuw.ac.nz for full programme details and to register. There is no fee to attend.

March

***2nd ASSR Fourm Te Puni Kokiri report on Reducing Crime.**

***21st The Costs of Crime: Toward Fiscal Responsibility. VUW Government Buildings Lecture Theatre One, Wellington.** This one day forum is hosted by Institute of Policy Studies and the Robson Hanna Trust. Crime causes much harm to individuals and society. It is also very costly for the state. These costs depend not only on the nature and level of crime, but also on how governments choose to respond. Some interventions, such as lengthy prison sentences, impose significant fiscal costs. This forum has several aims. First, it will consider the available data, both from New Zealand and elsewhere, on the fiscal and other costs of crime, including policy measures to respond to crime. Second, it will identify the most cost-effective ways of responding to crime and addressing the harm it causes. A key focus will be on public expenditure in the criminal justice system. But other costs will also be considered, including those borne by non-governmental organisations, the victims and others who are affected.

Programme details: <http://ips.ac.nz/events/Upcoming%20events/Index.html>

***21st - 22nd Auckland Science communication conference, 2011, The University of Auckland campus.** Once again the Science Communicators Association of New Zealand (SCANZ) is offering all those involved in communicating science another stimulating conference that will benefit both them and their employers. It is a unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments in communicating science from people who are leaders in their field. The theme this year is 'Listening to the other side', and the focus is on finding new ways to connect with our audiences. SCANZ has invited artists, advocates, journalists, farmers, and sceptics to share their experiences of science, as well as top experts to get us thinking about innovative ways to communicate science. The confirmed speakers are Dr Andi Horvath, senior curator at Museum Victoria and a science broadcaster, Professor Sir Peter Gluckman, the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Peter Maire, founder of Navman, Arthur Meek, playwright and author of 'Collapsing Creation', Dr John Watt, presenter of the 'Ever Wondered?' TV series, and wildlife activist Nic Vallance. You can see the full programme at www.scanz.co.nz. This is SCANZ's re-launched website and includes a forum for discussion of science communication projects. Registrations are now open. Conference registration costs \$230, including dinner and a guided tour at Auckland Museum.

23rd - 25th [Spatial Statistics Conference: Mapping global change](#) University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands. Spatial statistics is a rapidly developing field which involves the quantitative analysis of spatial data and the statistical modelling of spatial variability and uncertainty. Applications of spatial statistics are for a broad range of environmental disciplines such as agriculture, geology, soil science, hydrology, ecology, oceanography, forestry, meteorology and climatology, but also for socio-economic disciplines such as human geography, spatial econometrics, epidemiology and spatial planning. The aim of the meeting is to present interdisciplinary research where applicability in other disciplines is a central core concept. Info at www.spatialstatisticsconference.com

April

***6th ASSR Annual General Meeting**, at the usual place, Level 1, Department of Internal Affairs, 1 Waring Taylor street, Wellington.

May

***4th ASSR Forum, Matemateone: Whānau yesterday, Today, Tomorrow. Presentation delivered by Dr Kathie Irwin, Chief Advisor Maori at the Families Commission** A new report from the Families Commission highlights stories of inspirational whānau. For more detail [see ASSR news page](#)

28th May - 4th June IAIA11, the 31st annual IAIA (International Association for Impact assessment) conference, Puebla, Mexico. The IAIA11 preliminary program has been posted on the IAIA website (www.iaia.org > IAIA11 > Program) and will be mailed to IAIA members shortly. The preliminary program is

packed full of detailed information about IAIA11, including the technical program, technical visits (pages 24-25), training courses (pages 17-23), and registration, as well as important information about traveling to Puebla. The online submission form for IAIA11 paper/poster abstracts is available on the [conference website](#). Abstract *submission deadline is 31 January 2011 -- only 60 days from now!* Authors of abstracts submitted by 22 December will be entered into a drawing for a free conference registration! The [online registration system](#) is now open. The registration form can also be found on page 38 of the preliminary program, or as a PDF document under the website's [Registration menu](#). The Early Bird and Quickpass registration deadline is 28 February 2011.

June

*1st ASSR Forum

August

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14th -18th WIPCE 2011 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education: "Living our Indigenous Roots".

Cusco - Peru. Three subthemes: *Indigenous Education for future Generations: A strategy to preserve our Indigenous languages, cultures, sciences, arts and philosophies, cases where Indigenous Education is recognized and enforced by national policies; Living Indigenous Languages: As cultural empowerment and awakening through curricula development, on-line courses, teaching and learning methodologies, practices and techniques by age brackets, bilingual and intercultural education; and, Indigenous Knowledge for Common Well-being: As ways of knowing and as contributions to the world, as well as a complement to Western Sciences and to the academia, recognition of oral traditions as a transmission of knowledge.* **Call for Abstracts deadline:** must be received before the 1st of February 2011 (revised date). Former host for WIPCE 2005, Te Wananga o Aotearoa-TWOA (New Zealand), will receive all the submissions for New Zealand and the South Pacific and recommend 66 abstracts to the host for WIPCE PERU 2011. **For info:** <http://www.wipce2011.net/>

October

23rd - 27th Ageing Well Together: Regional Perspectives: The Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics 2011, Melbourne, Australia. This congress is run every four years, on behalf of the Asia/Oceania Regional Council of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG). The Australian Association of Gerontology, in partnership with the New Zealand Association of Gerontology (NZAG), will host this significant congress. Register your interest early at www.ageing2011.com

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