Panel Session on Blackbirding

CONVENOR

Professor Jennifer Corrin
Director, Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law
Professor, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland
Prof Jennifer Corrin will convene the session on behalf of the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law and UQ Solomon Island Partnership.

CHAIRPERSON

Mr Sean Dorney has been covering events in the Pacific for the Australian media for 40 years. For the past 16 years Sean has visited and reported on 14 independent Pacific Island countries as well as three of the remaining French and American possessions in the region.

FIRST SPEAKER: HISTORY

Professor Clive Moore will be speaking about the history surrounding Blackbirding.

SECOND SPEAKER: LEGAL ISSUES

Professor Reid Mortensen will be speaking about the use of the language of slavery in two prosecutions for blackbirding in Australian courts in the 1860s - those relating to the voyages of The Daphne and The Jason. While at times the language of slavery was used by colonial judges, until its use was abandoned in political circles it also impeded a more effective regulation of the indentured labour trade.

3RD SPEAKER: INSIDE PERSPECTIVE

Mr Paul Malai Mae is from Solomon Islands and will speak about community experiences relating to Blackbirding.

Date 19th September 2014
Time 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Venue Sir Samuel Griffith Room
1-W341, Level 3, Forgan Smith Building
The University of Queensland, St Lucia