

# Department of Pacific Affairs



## **Book Launch and Panel Discussion**

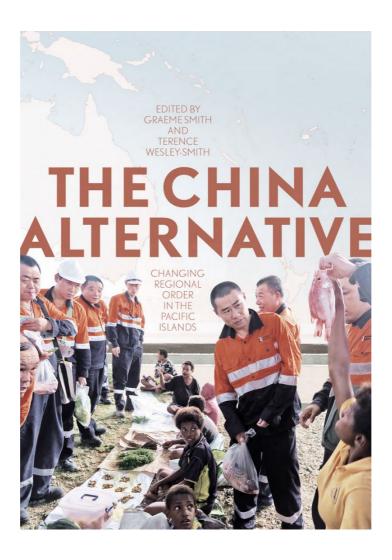
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022,

9:30-14:30 (AEST), 13:30-18:30 (HST: 24th May)

### China in the World Lecture Theatre and Zoom

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#### The China Alternative Changing Regional Order in the Pacific Islands\*

9:30-10:00 (AEST)	Book launch
0.00 10.00 (1.201)	(Chair: James Batley, Department of Pacific Affairs)
	Acknowledgement of Country
	<b>Hon Ralph Regenvanu,</b> Leader of the Opposition, Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu
	Graeme Smith, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU
	<b>Terence Wesley-Smith</b> , Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai`i (UH)
10:00-11:30 (AEST)	Updates & Reflections: <i>The China Alternative</i> - Panel 1 (Chair: Terence Wesley-Smith)
	Tarcisius Kabutaulaka (UH) "Mapping the Blue Pacific in a Changing Regional Order"
	Henryk Szadziewski (UH) "A Search for Coherence: The Belt and Road Initiative in the Pacific Islands"
	Jessica Marinaccio (Independent Researcher) "We're Not Indigenous. We're Just. We're Us: Pacific Perspectives on Taiwan's Austronesian Diplomacy"
	Nic Maclellan "Democratic and Western: China and French Colonialism in the Pacific."
11:30-11:45 (AEST)	Break
11:45-12:45 (AEST)	Updates & Reflections: <i>The China Alternative</i> - Panel 2 (Chair: Stephen Dziedzic, ABC News)
	Transform Aqorau (Solomon Islands National University) "Solomon Islands' Foreign Policy Dilemma and the Switch from Taiwan to China"
	Sandra Tarte (University of the South Pacific) "Building a Strategic Partnership: Fiji-China Relations since 2008"
	<b>Graeme Smith (ANU)</b> "The Shifting Fate of China's Pacific Diaspora"
	<b>Denghua Zhang (ANU)</b> "Domestic Political Reforms and China's Diplomacy in the Pacific"
13:00-14:30 (AEST)	Reception (a few words by Helen Sullivan, Dean, CAP)

<sup>\*</sup>The China Alternative: Changing Regional Order in the Pacific Islands, Edited by Graeme Smith and Terence Wesley-Smith (ANU Press 2021)