



# Sport and the Pacific Region

## Cross-Cultural Currents II

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC  
16–18 SEPTEMBER 2009  
**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND  
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Cook Islands Campus of the **University of the South Pacific (USP)**, with the support of major sponsors and partners, including the School of Sport and Exercise Science at Victoria University (Australia), is to host the second biennial international sports studies conference in the Pacific region.

Papers from the fields of sport — tourism, history, education, management, philosophy, law, business and comparative studies — are invited. Postgraduate student presentations are especially encouraged.

The broad theme of the conference is **'Sport and the Pacific Region: Cross-Cultural Currents'**, although papers dealing with more specific themes and topics are welcome. It is anticipated that papers from the conference will be published in an edited anthology.

Potential delegates, presenters and sponsors should access the conference website at <http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/RobHess/news.htm>. Queries from local (Pacific Island) delegates should be directed to Andrew Minogue at [pacificgamescouncil@nc2011.nc](mailto:pacificgamescouncil@nc2011.nc). Queries from international (outside the Pacific region) delegates should be directed to Rob Hess at [Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au](mailto:Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au).

The deadline for abstracts is **4 September 2009**.



The **COOK ISLANDS**, the host nation for the **Pacific Mini-Games** (21 September–2 October 2009), will be the site for the conference.

The Cook Islands Campus of USP, situated in the beautiful capital city of Rarotonga, will be the conference venue, and delegates will have the opportunity to attend elite sporting events staged as part of the Mini-Games.

Established in 1975, the Cook Islands Campus of USP is a small satellite centre of the University of the South Pacific offering face to face and distance learning to around 800 part-time students each year.



Conference Host:  
**University of the South Pacific**  
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