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**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**BOOK OF  
ABSTRACTS**

*"As a community of researchers,  
we build on each other."*

## **Welcome to the 2019 Maror FASS Research Symposium**

It is my great pleasure on behalf of the Faculty Research Committee to welcome you all to our Faculty Research Symposium Maror 2019. This year marks the fifth year where FASS students and staff have presented research work to the university and Madang community.

The research symposium is an excellent opportunity to share knowledge created through the research process. For this year, we are delighted to have Professor Fr Phillip Gibbs, SVD, the outgoing Vice President Research and Higher Degrees and our new Deputy President. He will be talking about: Gender Voice through photos.

Social science research encompasses studies in various aspects of social life. It is reflected in the variety of topics that are presented in the three symposium sessions:

Session 1: Women, violence and the police force.

Session 2: Security, money, street vending and PNG's foreign service.

Session 3: PNG experiences in the One Solwara Project, Customary Land Registration and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville; the crisis and referendum.

This years Maror is possible because of the commitment and dedication of many people. I would therefore, like to thank all the undergraduate students and faculty staff who are presenting their research papers and their supervisors. My sincere gratitude goes also to Faculty Research Committee members, the Deans Office, DWU Marketing Division and students in the Department of Social and Religious Studies, Department of Communication Arts, Department of PNG Studies and International Relations, and thank you all for your dedication and hard work in organizing the symposium.

To the FASS Student Leadership team 2019, thank you for your dedication and commitment

I warmly welcome you all to the 2019 Maror and hope that this year's symposium will inspire you and result in new knowledge and future research collaboration.

Leonie Baptiste (Ms)  
FASS Research Coordinator





## Semie Mansu

### Customary Land Registration and the Life of Tubuseria people

In Papua New Guinea (PNG) Customary Land Registration is a major issue affecting traditional land owners, clans, communities, families and relationships. It is an issue where many lives are lost and in which many are still fighting for.

I am Semie Mansu and I come from East Sepik and Central province.

A current student of Communication Arts Final year that will be presenting on the topic "Customary Land Registration and the Life of Tubuseria people".

All the land in Tubuseria are owned by the clans and not individuals. There are 52 clans in Tubuseria at present. Most media organisations and non-government organisations have been reporting on various issues regarding Customary Land. It is an issue mostly overlooked by the government and "paper landowners" without considering the damages it can lead to in a community affecting their lives.

Paper Landowners are people with land titles obtained mainly through back-door dealing or corruption that gain false rights over traditional landowners. There is an urgent need for awareness to be carried out on the dangers on registering customary land to young people as they are the future of specific societies.

This research explores and describes people's perception of Customary Land Registration in Tubuseria Village, Central Province.



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# FASS MAROR RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2019

## FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

### PROGRAM

**8:00am**

Garamut welcome by the Kayan villagers

**8:20am**

National Anthem and Pledge (led by MC)  
Opening prayer led by DWU Chaplain  
Fr Romeo Yadao, SVD

**8:30am**

Welcome and opening remarks by:  
Professor Maretta Kula Semos, Professor of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**8:45am**

Keynote address by:  
Professor Fr Phillip Gibbs, SVD -  
Outgoing Vice President Research and Higher Degrees and new Deputy  
President of Divine Word University

**9:00am**

**Session 1**  
**Women, violence and the police force**

*Chaired by Ms Deborah Pranis*  
Ms Augusta Donnelly  
Ms Rhonda Clement  
Ms Georgina Makaka  
Ms Annabelle Masiri  
Associate Professor Miriam Dlugosz

**10:30am – 11:00am**

**Coffee break at JP Hall**

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**11:05am**

**Session 2**

**Security, money, street vending and PNG's foreign service**

*Chaired by Ms Calista Hamati*  
Mr Elijah Numoi  
Ms Betty Zachery  
Mr Alexis Esekia  
Ms Natasha Turra - Moka  
Dr Jack Urame

**12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch break**

**01:30pm**

**Session 3**

**PNG experiences in the One Solwara Project, Customary Land Registration and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the crisis and referendum**

*Chaired by Mr Francis Mahap*  
Ms Jemima Sukbat  
Mr Robin Makoiran  
Associate Professor Kylie McKenna  
Mr Semi Mansu

**03:00pm**

Closing Remarks and Presentation of certificates by Faculty Dean  
Associate Professor Miriam Dlugosz

**03:30pm**

All gather at the JP Hall for afternoon tea/light refreshments to close off day. Presentation of best male and female speakers to be done by Research Coordinator.

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## Prof. Fr. Philip Gibbs



### Gender Voice through photos

This address will tell of my experience of using photovoice as a research technique. This method uses visual images and accompanying stories to promote participatory means of sharing experiences in ways that lead to social change. It builds on theories of education for critical consciousness to challenge the commonly held assumptions of those who are traditionally in control of the means for imaging the world.

Philip Gibbs is a Divine Word Missionary priest born in New Zealand. He came to PNG as a student in 1973. He has worked as a parish priest in Portera and Por in the Enga Province, seminary lecturer at CII in Port Moresby, a researcher at the Melanesian Institute, Goroka, research advisor to the Catholic Bishops' Conference. Currently he is Professor of Social Research at Divine Word University and head of Research and Higher Degrees and the Deputy President of DWU.

He is involved in a number of academic and research projects including the Elections in Papua New Guinea, History of the Church in Oceania and research with the Sorcery National Action Plan of Papua New Guinea. He is well known as a photographer and movie-maker.

He was awarded a medal by the Queen in 2018 "For Service to the Enga Province community and the Catholic Church".

The presentation will illustrate the photovoice method using seven photographs to uncover gendered values.

Prof. Fr. Philip Gibbs SVD OBE

## Kylie McKenna



### The Bougainville referendum: James Marape's biggest challenge or biggest opportunity?

After weeks of political upheaval, Papua New Guinea (PNG) appointed James Marape as the nation's eighth Prime Minister on 30 May 2019. The leadership change occurs at a pivotal moment in PNG's history, coinciding with a referendum to decide on Bougainville's future political status, set for 23 November 2019.

The Bougainville referendum is a key milestone contained in a political settlement, the Bougainville Peace Agreement, which sought to reconcile a violent conflict from 1988-1997. Voters will be asked: Do you agree for Bougainville to have, (i) greater autonomy or (ii) independence?

The outcome of the Bougainville referendum is subject to ratification of the PNG parliament, and although this may have been considered a win for the national government during the Bougainville peace negotiations, it now presents a twin dilemma for the new Marape Government to navigate.

This paper reports on Prime Minister Marape's early moves on the Bougainville referendum reported in the media, and Autonomous Bougainville President (ABG), John Momis' response to the leadership change.

She was awarded a PhD in Sociology from the Australian National University in 2012.



**Robin Makoiran**

### **The effects of the Bougainville crisis on the lives of Manetai people experienced today**

The research focuses on the effects of the Bougainville crisis on the lives of Manetai people experienced today. The literature identified the major issues on medication treatments and those who really suffered during the war, were mothers, children and old aged people. The innocent people have suffered the consequences of the conflict visible even today.

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**DOB:** 08th October 1989  
**Gender:** male  
**District:** Panguuna district  
**Village:** Uruto village  
**Schools attended:** 2005 – 2010 attended Atamo Primary School. From 2011-2012 attended lower secondary at St. Joseph's Mabitri High school. Completed upper secondary (grades 12 and 12) at Bishop Wade Tarlena Technical secondary school in 2013 to 2014.

**Future ambition:** To become a social worker. Wishes to be the voice of the voiceless, and strength for the weak and comfort for the homeless.



**Augusta Tserahana Donnelly**

### **The perception of men on violence against women in Badili, Port Moresby**

Researchers have been exploring the women's point of view as to how women view violence against women. This dissertation is focused on the long standing argumentative point of men's perception of violence against women in Badili, Port Moresby.

**Name:** Augusta Tserahana Donnelly  
**Hobbies:** reading novels, cracking jokes  
**Ambition:** psychologist

The research, interestingly views men's perception on the global topic of violence against women and aligning the views of men with the views of women to create a constructive theory on how we all should see and understand violence against women in Badili, Port Moresby and other centers.

The research is qualitative, where one to one interview with participants was carried out. According to the demographics, discriminatory factors were taken into consideration while choosing participants and the research was just and fair.

The findings have shown that the men's perception versus women's point of view are surprisingly similar in terms of what causes violence against women in Badili, Port Moresby. However, this dissertation has shown that men are not always the perpetrators as we all would have thought. Both men and women are responsible for violence against women.

The research recommends that the government needs to look at the identified issues affecting the innocent people and find ways to improve the situation.



## Rhonda Clement

### Tertiary females views of the empowerment effects of sex education

This paper reports on an examination of how tertiary female students view sex education courses and their empowerment effects to deal with sexuality issues. It places this case study of tertiary institutions within the wider framework of the PNG government's drive to address gender inequality in schools in the country. Successive governments have noted that gender inequality is an important issue and have made commitments to develop legislation and policies to address the issue.

Gender equality within is very important in that it affects not only the way others see females but also how females perceive themselves through the attention bestowed on them. The study consists of a content analysis of course outlines from three different tertiary institutions in Madang; a survey to establish current attitudes of females entering these institutions; a course analysis of sex education; an analysis of teachers' views of how females are empowered and a focus group of females about to exit studies.

This study seeks to assess the extent to which the courses have empowered female tertiary students to deal with gender and sexuality issues and how relevant the courses have been to their daily lives.

Rhonda Clement works as a Senior Tutor within Divine Word University (DWU)'s Department of Communication Arts (Journalism).

Prior to joining CA department, she was working as DWU's Public Relations Officer and Alumni Coordinator.

Her research interests lie in sex education in tertiary education, strategic communication and gender. She comes from Oro Province and graduated from DWU with a Bachelor of Communication Arts (Journalism) degree in 2013.

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## Jemimah Sukbat

### The voice of the Maimai's in the consultation and signing of the Memorandum of Agreement of the Solwara One project in West Coast, Sentral Niu Ailan in New Ireland Province

Traditionally, Papua New Guineans have voice over the use of land, sea, forest and resources. These resources sustain their livelihood. Modern development has, in the case of mining, logging, fishing, and other development projects, denied the voice of the people. There has been no proper consultation with land owners in the process of exploitation of these resources. Companies including the government have ignored listening to the voice of resource owners.

The paper draws attention to this deliberate practice of development where resource owners are given less attention. This was apparent in the Solwara 1 project where the voice of the people through the Maimai system of leadership in West Coast, Sentral Niu Ailan, ward 19 was not consulted in the signing of the first ever deep sea mining project.

In New Ireland, the Maimai are the leaders of each clan and are the custodians and the voice of the people. It is imperative that the government and the company consult the people through the Maimai system of leadership as they represent the voice of all people in the community.

This has not been the case for the people within the vicinity of the Solwara 1 project triggering frustration and strong opposition against the project.

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Course: Communication Arts (Journalism), Year 4  
Province of Origin: New Ireland Province

Research Topic: The voice of Maimai in the consultation and signing of the memorandum of agreements for the Solwara 1 project in West Coast, Sentral Niu Ailan in New Ireland Province.

Something interesting about me: I am a Proud New Irlander





## Jack Urame

### The influence of money and its impact on societies in Papua New Guinea

This presentation focuses on the role of money in society today. Money has become the most influential driving force in the world today in reshaping societies. It transforms traditional communities, influences human thought pattern and behavior, encourages individualism, fosters one's interest in profit accumulation and reduces man's attention on the qualitative values of society.

Jack Urame comes from Simbu province. He is currently the Head Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea. He served as a missionary in Germany for five years.

After returning to PNG he joined the faculty of the Melanesian Institute in Goroka as a social researcher and served for ten years, four of those years as Director.

He undertook research and published on various social and theological issues in Papua New Guinea. He also taught at the University of Goroka for two years.

Rev. Dr. Urame holds a Bachelor of Theology, Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy degree. His doctoral thesis to the Divine Word University examined the influence of money and its social impact on societies in Papua New Guinea.

Thus new problems emerge and threaten the cohesion and resilience of societies.

The motivation of money generates new social behavior, which do not conform to the values of traditional societies. The social foundations of family values, relationship, community, traditional political and economic structures and social institutions which maintained traditional communities have eroded. As a result societies which were strongly organized in subsistence agriculture, kinship systems, reciprocity, exchange and communal life have become dysfunctional.



## Georgina Maka'a

### Radio and Women in Solomons A Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation case study.

Addressing gender equality and empowerment of women to hold managerial positions in organizations is an issue that is much advocated by the United Nations.

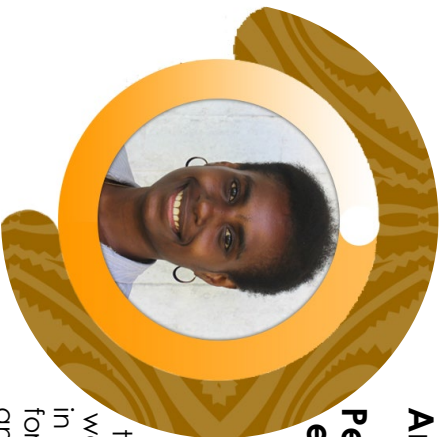
The governments of the Pacific Islands have been challenged to address the issue of gender inequality in their societies.

This research looks at women empowerment at the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC) to ascertain how the organization is meeting this challenge.

While there is some indication that SIBC is trying to empower women's voice by placing some women in managerial positions, there is still a lack of empowerment of women making decisions and not simply occupying a position. This is demonstrated in the decisions made over how much coverage should be given to women's voice on national issues.

Since SIBC's coverage reaches the vast population of Solomon Islands, women's voice is not often heard even though women have now have climbed the cooperate ladder in holding senior managerial positions.

This research highlights some of the challenges faced by women as they aspire to hold senior positions in organisations.



## Annabelle Masiri

### Perceptions regarding the effectiveness of training received by new police personnel from Bomana Police College.

Police brutality is a major social issue that affects many countries around the world. In Papua New Guinea, the increase in the number of police use of excessive force and misconduct in communities and public arenas is becoming a growing concern for many Papua New Guineans.

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Last School Attended:  
Marianville Secondary School

This research therefore sought to explore the effectiveness of the level of training and identify ways that can be used to improve and address the issue of police brutality at the training level. It focuses on police instructors and recruits in Bomana Police College. Although there were many literatures on police brutality, there was no literature done on this specific topic and on the specific setting. The significance of this study is first and foremost to help the researcher master and understand the skills and techniques of research as a scientific process and reviews training of police and contribute towards identifying ways of enhancing police training at Bomana Police College.

The mixed method of study was employed using survey questionnaire involving both genders.

The result of this study concluded that, although basic police training was given, greater improvements are needed to booster effective police training.



## Natasha Turia-Moka

### Madang's plans to boost its share in Australia's Seasonal Worker Programme

The paper describes the initial selection strategies undertaken in Madang Province that specifically addresses the issues of recruitment, preparation, mobilization and support of reintegration of Papua New Guinea (PNG) seasonal workers.

Natasha Turia-Moka is a Communications Specialist with almost 10 years of experience practicing effective communications at international/private organisations and public sector agencies within PNG.

She is specialised in developing tailored communication strategies for diverse audiences of different cultures, religion and languages in an effort to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to access information.

Her current research interests include: pacific labour migration and mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals.

Natasha has a Master of International Relations (Monash University, 2011) and a Bachelor of Communications (University of Canberra, 2004).

This paper presents recent data on a study of how the Madang District Ward Project Office is implementing the pilot Regional Recruitment Initiative (RRI) of Australia's Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) in PNG. It will highlight the unique community arrangements for selecting workers in the RRI from Madang, through a special case study of the South Ambenob Local Level Government (LLG) Ward 19 area. The initial design of this study employs a qualitative research methodology. Data has been collected from written documents, participant observations and interviews with key informants directly involved in the selection of candidates and well as the 20 identified candidates for the SWP from Ward 19.

The findings from this study provide the basis for policy advice in response to providing alternate solutions in reducing PNG's high unemployment rates by increasing the country's share of SWP jobs. The study also aims to identify a best model practice of sourcing workers from rural areas so as to maximize the benefits of the SWP to generate long term sustainable social and economic development. A common reference frame for assessing these costs and benefits is the potential for 'triple wins': for the worker and his or her household and community, for the employer in Australia (the receiving country) and for the national economy of PNG (the sending country).





**Alexis Esekia**

### **Perceptions and Impacts of Cybersecurity/ Cyber theft on Small to Medium Enterprises and Companies in Kokopo Urban/ Vanuamami District, Kokopo, East New Britain Province.**

**Name:** Alexis Esekia  
**Age:** 23 Years old  
**Department:** PNG Studies and International Relations  
**Province:** Milne Bay and Central

**Ambition/ aspirations:**  
To contribute to the development of national security through international relations in PNG as a future political economist and national security advisor in the private or public sector.

The development and evolution of digital and cyber technologies have driven our reliance upon technology and its incorporation into our everyday interactions a necessity than ever before. The transitions undertaken by organizations especially the economic and financial sectors can pose risks to the organizations by mean of insufficient preparedness in adapting to the transition which leaves the organizations vulnerable to cyber threats and breaches. In the digital age human beings are an important variable. Various literatures have indicated that there has been limited research done on the human perspectives on cybersecurity. In fact, cybersecurity is all about human beings. As such, this research focusses on the perceptions and impacts of cybersecurity and cybertheft of Small to medium enterprises and companies.

The relevance of this research is complementary to the evolution and adaptation of digital and cyber technology in various economic activities of SMEs and Companies.

The findings derived from this research indicates that the current workforce is a relatively young generation which surprisingly lacks prior training and further education in countering the threats posed by cybersecurity. Furthermore, many SMEs and companies lack cybersecurity frameworks and provide limited training as such run the risk of being victims of cybersecurity breaches and cybertheft. In addition, with minimal and lack of cyber infrastructure there will be limited protection against cyberbreaches and cybertheft in the near future.



**Associate Prof Miriam Dlugosz**

### **How young is too young to be married in Enga?**

The marriage of minors in Kompiam-Amburn District of Enga Province nowadays is the focus of this study.

The aim of this research is to identify the contributing factors to the marriage of minors traditionally and today, and to define the consequences of such marriages. While many of young Engans today exercise their freedom to choose their own partners and often the community has no say about it, the marriages of minors still exist today, sometimes being arranged and at other times being 'incidental', or chosen and agreed upon by the young ones. An appropriate age to get married becomes a variety of opinions.

Originally from Poland, she arrived to PNG in 1984. In January 1985 she began a new passage in her life entering the Enga Province as a missionary, open to new challenges and inspirations. The Enga people very soon introduced her into 'their world', allowed her to make her home among them and to fall deeply in love with Enga people and their culture.

Mixed methods were employed and the materials used in the study; aside from the literature review related to the topic are the data collected during the research in 2017 and 2019 through one to one and focus group interviews, as well as questionnaires administered in four different villages. There were 384 research participants.

It was the first passage of her opening up to other fascinating beauties of different cultures in PNG.

This research might help the Enga people to become aware that even when a young person gives his/her consent to marriage, this can violate a young person's rights to education, to good health and to decision making in their own lives. The question posed by participants that calls for reply is: how to prepare/ educate the young people of today to sense their own maturity and readiness to assume responsibility of marriage?



**Elijah Numoi**

### **Notions of developing a competent Foreign Service Institute of PNG**

'Notions of developing a competent Foreign Service Institute (FSI) in Papua New Guinea' is a research study that seeks to explore what the Papua New Guinea Department of Foreign Affairs and, to an extent, the Papua New Guinea Government proposes to do in the establishment of a Foreign Service Institute to train diplomats and foreign service officers in the country.

**Elijah Numoi**  
**PNG Studies & International Relations**  
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The research established three main themes from the study which are i) Principle Functions/Roles; ii) Compatible FSI Frameworks/Models and iii) Funding Strategies. The research also identified various frameworks and program models that could be used in the pursuit to develop a competent Foreign Service Institute of Papua New Guinea.

This research concludes that the findings from the study are just general notions given its premier nature in Papua New Guinea; so it could be used as more or less a platform for future critical research into similar studies such as this.

Therefore, further research is needed in this new area of study so we could better understand the complexity of establishing a Foreign Service Institute here in PNG and design an Institute that would be competent to our objectives and national interest.



**Betty Zachery**

### **The increasing number of street vendors in Goroka Town, Eastern Highlands Province and its future implications**

Labor Organization (ILO) in 1992 as a form of employment and played a critical role in income generation and employment in Papua New Guinea. The rural and urban informal economic sector has transferred labor from urban to rural due to factors that affect the people. Some of them are employed in shops and security service while others are actively involved in creative informal economic activities including street, in order to survive

**Name Betty Zachery**  
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**Province of Residence: Eastern Highlands Province**

**Hobbies: Cooking, eating fruits and watching inspirational movies**

**Ambition: To be an advocator to fight for human rights and further her education in Counselling or Social Work in the future.**

The research employed qualitative method which gathered data through semi structured one to one and focused group interview. The findings have evidently showed that Informal Sector Development Control Act (2012) was poorly implemented. Street vending is seen as an activity that deteriorates the development of town and encourages social issues.

The data point out some future implications if the issue is not addressed The provincial and Local level government should look into street vending as it supports the household and include it in the Provincial informal economic activity that will contribute to the economic growth of the province.