

Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies (CIPS)
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Course No. & Title: (IS 522N) Society and Politics in South-West Pacific

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Course Content

- Introduction to Social Setting with particular reference to Melanesian, Polynesian, Micronesian ethnic groups and people of European and Indian Origin.
- Melanesian Society and Politics in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia
- Polynesian Society and Politics in Cook Islands, Nauru, Tonga and Western Samoa.
- Micronesian Society and Politics in Kiribati, Micronesia, and Marshall Islands.
- European Immigrants in Australia and New Zealand and their Politics.
- Indo-Rijians and Politics in Fiji
- Freedom Movement in New Caledonia
- South-West Pacific and Big Powers (The US, the former USSR, France, Japan, China, Britain, and India)
- Regional Cooperation through South Pacific Commission (SPC) and Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).
- Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NWFZ) Concept and Outside World.

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