



Te Ara Vaka Moana

Ancestral Voyaging Vessels and Navigation in Oceania

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The conference is open to the public. Entry is free of charge. Registration is not necessary. All events take place in Saal 3 of the Humboldt Forum complex. The entrance to Saal 3 is from Schlüter Courtyard, next to Portal 1.

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Conference Programme



Thursday, 16 February

10:30 – 11:30 Conference opening

Fiji

- 11:30 – 12:00 **Setareki Ledua**, a short introduction to the Drua in the Humboldt Forum
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Setareki Ledua**, "Practicing and Teaching Traditional Fijian Drua Building, Sailing and Navigation"
- 13:00 – 14:00 *lunch break*

Taumako and the Santa Cruz Islands

- 14:00 – 14:30 **Luke Vaikawi**, **Betty Bosi**, **Mimi George** and **Laura Böhm**, a short introduction to Te alo folafolau in the Humboldt Forum
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Luke Vaikawi**, "Our Voyaging Networks for Knowledge Culture and Survival"
Betty Bosi, "Importance of Weaving, Preparation of Voyaging Foods and Inter-island Sharing"
Heu'ionalani Wyeth, "Considering Roots and Routes of Lata"
Response by **Fealofani Bruun** (Sāmoa)
- 16:30 – 17:00 *coffee break*
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Mimi George**, "Kaveia's TeNohoanga TeMatangi Knowledge System, and Voyaging Networks Across Oceania"
- 18:00 – 19:00 *dinner break*
- 19:00 – 22:00 Film screening: *We the Voyagers* parts 1 and 2 (dir. **Mimi George**)
followed by a podium discussion with all Oceanian delegates: **Setareki Ledua** (Fiji), **Luke O'Grady Vaikawi** and **Delsie Betty Bosi** (Taumako), **Heu'ionalani Wyeth** and **Mimi George** (Hawai'i), **Lolobeyong** and **Mario Benito** (Saipan and Polowat), **Sanakoli John** (Milne Bay, PNG) and **Fealofani Bruun** (Sāmoa)

Friday, 17 February

Polwat and Saipan

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Mario Benito** and **Lolobeyong Benito**, No Marianna and Caroline Islander Vessel Designs in the Context of the Humboldt Forum
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Mario Benito** and **Lolobeyong Benito**, "Practices taught on Traditional Voyages & How these Practices Impact Climate Change"
- 12:00 – 13:00 *lunch break*

Tahiti and the Society Islands

- 13:00 – 13:30 **Lars Eckstein** and **Anja Schwarz**, a short introduction to Tupaia and Society Islander vessels in the context of the Humboldt Forum
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Lars Eckstein** and **Anja Schwarz**, "Oceanian Voyaging Networks on Tupaia's Map and Tupaia's Te Nohora'a Te Mata'i System"
- 15:00 – 15:30 *coffee break*

Papua New Guinea

- 15:30 – 16:00 **Alexis von Poser**, a short introduction to the 'Luf-Boot' in the Humboldt Forum
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Thor F. Jensen** and **Sanakoli John**, short preview and discussion of *Sailau* (dir. **Thor F. Jensen**)
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Sanakoli John**, "Returning to *Sailau*: Using Ancient Vessels and Knowledge to Connect and Protect Life Across the Seas"
- 17:30 – 18:30 *dinner break*
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Gina Knapp** and **Sanakoli John**, film excerpts and discussion of *Voices of Kula* (dir. **Gina Knapp**)
- 19:30 – 21:00 Concluding Panel Discussion: Futures of Ancestral Knowledge in Oceania and the Role of Metropolitan Museums