SOCCON 2025 | NEW ZEALAND SOCIAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE

EQUIPPING CRITICAL CITIZENS TE PAE TAWHITI - KEI TE MAURITAU TE HUNGA NEI?

14-16 APRIL 2025 | VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON, TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

Unuhia te rito o te harakeke kei whea te kōmako e ko? Whakataerangitia – rere ki uta ki tai; Ui mai koe ki ahau he aha te mea nui o te ao, Māku e ki atu he tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

Source: Social Studies 1997 Curriculum Take away the heart of the flax bush and where will the kōmako sing? Proclaim it to the land, proclaim it to the sea, Ask me what is the greatest thing in the world, I will reply it is people, it is people, it is people!

			MONDAY 14 A	PRIL 2025					
8.00-19.00	Registration & Exhibition open in the Atrium and Foyer-mezzanine								
9.00	Mihi Whakatau & Conf	Mihi Whakatau & Conference Opening Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1							
9.30	Keynote Speaker: Biar	nca Elkington "Everyone	Has a Story" Room: Le	ecture theatre RHLT1					
10.20	Morning Kai in the Exhi	bition area							
Workshop Session 1	Room: Lecture Theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture Theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ01			
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors			
10.55	Political studies and civics education: Insights from research with a focus on rangatahi Māori and Pacific young people Lara Greaves & Helena Cook	NZ and the Korean War: New resources for NZ kaiako Craig Thornhill & Bronwyn Houliston	Curriculum Currents: Anchoring Te Ao Tangata Units of Work Mike Taylor & Alyx Devlin	Honouring the Past, Confronting the Present: Teaching about antisemitism through the Holocaust and beyond Nicole Greensides & Ilana Weston	Civics and Citizenship – Supporting a Just Future Darryn Aitchison & Sarah Guy	(10.55- 11.55) Place Matters: Using maps to tell stories Nicky Hodson (11.55 – 12.25) Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13) GIS Taster - An Overview of GIS Tools and examples of classroom use Gareth Haddon & Brendon Robertson			
12.25	Lunch in the Exhibitic	on area + ASSEN AGM	from 12.50 to 13.10 in	Room: RHMZ03. All w	elcome, bring your lur	nch.			
Workshop Session 2	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02			
Target Audience	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	Junior & Senior Social Sciences (Years 9-13)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)			
13.20	Using historical concepts to think critically about the past Nick Fitness & Kārena Ngata	Using the refreshed social science curriculum to equip and empower rangatahi: the Porirua climate assembly Conor Twyford & Michele Whiting	Unlocking Tourism: Creating Dual Pathways & Critical Thinkers Megan Willis	Encouraging critical dialogue in Te Ao Tangata: Introducing two structured classroom discussion methods <i>Michael Harcourt</i>	Linking colonialism to capitalism: a pending task in critical social sciences education? Marta Estellés, Derek Shafer & Janina Suppers	"Finding the where and making it count" - GIS mapping and numeracy in Geography Brendon Robertson, Anna King, Gareth Haddon & Andy Thomson			

14.20	Transition to next workshop						
Target Audience	Lower Primary & Upper Primary/Inter- mediate (Years 0-8)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11- 13)	All Social Science Sectors	
14.25	Using social studies and histories resources in the primary classroom - a facilitated discussion Maria Perreau	(continued)	Resourcing Commerce Level1 Sue Mulrennan	Valuable information literacy skills for research and inquiry Penelope Masters	(continued)	(continued)	
14.55	Afternoon Kai in the E	xhibition area					
Workshop Session 3	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02	
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	
15.25	Resources to inspire critical, informed, and active citizens Yasheeka Bertram	"Treaty-as- flawed" or "Tiriti- as-taonga": Exploring how te Tiriti o Waitangi is represented in our teaching and resources Christopher Burns	Listening to the echoes of the past in our present: Island Bay School's journey to deliver the Aotearoa/ NZ Histories Curriculum Lizzie Waipara	Creating critical and caring Geography students and classrooms Mary Robinson & Jade Thomas	Aotearoa-relevant and flexible: unpacking the Religious Studies Achievement Standards John Chote	Pacific Studies in Aotearoa, New Zea- land Schools Temukisa Pasese & Jacqui Passi	
16.25	Transition to plenary session						
16.30	Aotearoa New Zealand History Education Panel Discussion Panellists: Michael Belgrave, Bronwyn Houliston, Peter Meihana, Frank Wilson Chair: Michael Harcourt Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1						
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			TUESDAY 15 A	PRIL 2025				
8.30-14.00	Registration & Exhibition open in the Atrium and Foyer-mezzanine							
9.00	Day 2 Welcome & Keynote Speaker: Bronwyn Hayward "Defending Democracy: Social science education, climate change and social cohesion" Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1							
9.55	Transition to workshops	3						
Workshop Session 4	Room: Lecture theatre Room: Lecture theatre Room: RHMZ03 Room: RH105 Room: RHMZ01 Room: RHMZ01 RHLT1 RHLT2 Room: RHMZ03 Room: RH105 Room: RHMZ01 Room: RHMZ01							
Target Audience	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	Upper Primary/ Intermediate (Years 5-8)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)		
10.05	Beyond the Baseline: Social Studies Value- Added Insights Sarah Cantlon	Critiques and considerations when choosing case studies in Geography and Social studies Anna Pennington	Ko te mana o ngā tohu Ricky Prebble	Critical Digital Literacy in Junior Social Science Callum Green	Educating critical citizens to take climate action Jeeva Jacob	How to run a smooth overseas school trip Amber Healey		
10.35	Morning Kai in the Ex	hibition area						
Workshop Session 5	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02		
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	Senior Social Sciences (years 11- 13)	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sec- tors	All Social Science Sectors		
11.05	Philosophical talk moves Amy Austin	How to report progress in Junior Social Sciences Hannah Cook, Katarena Bisset & Briar Kingston	Developing senior Social Studies skills: Perspectives and ethical considerations Megan Nightingale	Equipping Students with Critical Thinking Skills for Financial Decision-Making Claire Bailey & Yasmin Frazer	Aspirations to action: Aotearoa New Zealand's histories in localised curriculum Rachel Bolstad & Nicola Bright	Reimagining Fieldtrips: Designing creative and technology-enhanced fieldtrips to bridge classroom learning and the real-world Anthony Gampell & JC Gaillard		
12.05	Transition to next workshop							

Workshop Session 6	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02	
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	
12.10	Learning and unlearning our histories: Closing the intent to practice gap Frank Wilson	Making awa come to life in your classroom – a Social Studies teaching activity Nick Fitness & Rhiannon Fitness	Diving below the surface of ocean literacy - surprising truths about overfishing and an awesome teacher tool kit! <i>Rika Milne</i>	Success stories on growing your geography numbers Mary Robinson & Jade Thomas	Slow Looking Strategies - providing a space for speculation and critical thinking Laura Jones	Revolutionising Financial Literacy with Banqer: A Classroom Approach Miriam Nhema	
12.40 – 13.40	Lunch in the Exhibition area						
14.00 – 17.00	Field Trips - RSVP required Various times/locations – see website for full details						
19.00 - late	e Conference Dinner – RSVP required Location: Banquet Hall, Parliament						

		WEDN	NESDAY 16 AP	RIL 2025			
8.15-15.00	Registration open in the	e Atrium with exhibition open in	n the foyer through lunc	htime			
8.55	Day 3 Welcome & Keynote Speaker: Patrick Nolan "The economics of an aging population: how do we plan for the future" Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1						
9.50	Transition to workshops						
Workshop Session 7	Room: Lecture Theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture Theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ01	
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	
09.55	What's in a question? Teaching ākonga how to ask rich social inquiry questions Maria Perreau & Bronwyn Wood	Worldbuilding as Social Science Learning Chris Blayney & Dom Murrell	Education for Sustainability - Equipping Learners to be Critical Thinkers, leaders & change makers <i>Michelle Harvey</i>	Integrating mātauranga Māori into geography Karen Finn	Hands-on (kinaesthetic) learning in Social Studies Rachel Meadowcroft	Content review made easy Jared Lynn	
10.25	Morning Kai in the Exhib	ition area					
Workshop Session 8	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02	
Target Audience	Intermediate/ Junior & Senior Social Sciences (Years 7 – 13)	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sectors	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11- 13)	All Social Science Sectors	
10.55	School Travel Collective: the future of student travel in NZ Vikki Millar	Generation Vote: Opportunities for the 'sovereignty, organisation and government' context from youth-based civics education across Aotearoa New Zealand Diana Milne & Will Dreyer	A practical guide to discussing controversial issues in the Social Science classroom using the Streets Smarts model for critical thinking Gareth Haddon & Maree Davies	Around the World in Social Action Philippa Cochrane & Latayvia Tualasea Tautai	History Research and NCEA - tips for better learning and assessment in your classroom Craig Thornhill	Opportunities at School and in the Social Sciences Learning Area to Support Young People to Develop Active and Critical Citizenship Janina Suppers & Marta Estellés	

Target Audience	Upper Primary/ Intermediate (Years 5-8)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	All Social Science Sectors	All Social Science Sectors	Lower, Upper Primary/ Intermediate & Junior Social Sciences (Years 0-10)	
12.00	Petitioning council: One classroom at a time Virginia Warbrick	Teaching NCEA Level 1 History and Geography in the same class are you mad! Justin Thompson	Critical Thinking in the Digital Age: Evaluating Informa- tion Accuracy from Social Media and Al Tools Xuanbo Huang	Fostering participatory space for young people: introducing He Whatu Rangatahi Maria Perreau, Joanne Waitoa & Bronwyn Wood	He Kaupapa Tūmanako Collective: Grounding Education in Practices of Hope Nicolette "Nicki" Trueman & Vanny Huang	The evolution of an ANZ Histories teacher 1970- 2025 <i>Defyd Williams</i>	
12.30	Lunch in the Exhibitio	n area	1		1		
Workshop Session 9	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1	Room: Lecture theatre RHLT2	Room: RHMZ03	Room: RH105	Room: RHMZ01	Room: RHMZ02	
Target Audience	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	Senior Social Sciences (Years 11-13)	All Social Science Sectors	Junior Social Sciences (Years 9-10)	Upper Primary/ Intermediate (Years 5-8)	
13.15	Reassessing the "Class Treaty" Activity Christopher Burns	Resilient Schools and Communities: Local Leadership and Actions for Disaster Resilience Graham Leonard	The Future of Psychology <i>Bailley West, Gaye</i> <i>Bloomfield &</i> <i>Duncan Bond</i>	Ko Wai Au? Promoting Cultural & Religious Tolerance in Secondary Schools Hiroko Nakamura & Shona McRae	Planning for a New Age: Making Unit Plans easy Max Mason	Tūhura Papatūānuku: a noho marae based earth and environmental sciences wānanga Joanne Murray, Joe Preb- ble, Selena Bercic & Geor- gia Grant	
14.15	Transition						
14.20 – 14.50	Poroporoaki & Conference Close Room: Lecture theatre RHLT1						





Special thanks to our host:

Bronwyn Wood, Victoria University of Wellington - Conference Chair Maria Perreau, Aotearoa Social Studies Educators' Network Alicia Poroa, Aotearoa Social Studies Educators' Network Caroline Wallis, Parliament of New Zealand Mary Robinson, Kaiārahi Geography Rowena Taylor, Independent

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Te Kāhui Whakaako Tikanga-ā-iwi o Aotearoa | The Aottearoa Social Studies Educators' Network

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