

## Academic Freedom Conference: Challenges & Opportunities

31 August – 1 September 2021, Massey University, Wellington

### Day One – Panels, papers, and plenaries

- 9.30am**      **Whakatau and whakawhanaungatanga**
- 10.00am**      **Academic freedom / critic and conscience in crisis** – *Moderator: Heather Warren (TEU Organiser). Panellists: Sandra Grey and Jill Jones (TEU), Jan Thomas (Massey University), and Andrew Lessells (NZUSA)*
- 10.45am**      **Paramanawa** – karakia kai and morning tea
- 11.00am**      **The crisis explored** – *Moderator: Julie Douglas (AUT). Panellists: Stephen Brown, Lyn Murphy, and Kay Hammond (AUT), and David Kenkel (Unitec)*
- 12.00pm**      **Māori and Indigenous knowledge, colonisation, and academic freedom** – *Graham Smith and Fiona Te Momo (Massey University)*
- 12.45pm**      **Kai o te rānui** – karakia kai and lunch
- 1.45pm**      **Activism and academic freedom** – *Moderator: Garrick Cooper (Canterbury University). Panellists: Mike Joy (VUW) and Sereana Naepi (Auckland University)*
- 2.30pm**      **Experiencing the crisis** – *Chair: Jane Kelsey (Auckland University). Panellists: Tom Ryan (Waikato University), Alona Ben-Tal, Heather Hendrickson, and Janine Cook (Massey University)*
- 3.45pm**      **Paramanawa** – karakia kai and afternoon tea
- 4.00pm**      **Reforming VET and constraining academic freedom** – *Moderator: Pam Fleming (Toi-Ohomai). Panellists: Sarah Hardman (Unitec), David Cooke, and Te Pūkenga Deputy CEs (TBC)*
- 5.00pm**      **Reflections and summary on Day One**
- 5.30pm**      **Hon. Chris Hipkins, Ministry of Education**
- 7.00pm**      **Kai o te pō** – karakia kai and conference dinner

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### Day Two – Workshops

**9.00am**      **Walk like an academic? The limits of academic freedom for those who are not white cis men** - Cat Pausé (Massey University). Panellists: Tara McAllister, Jemaima Sipaea Tiatia-Seath and JJ Eldridge (University of Auckland)

**10.30am**      **Paramanawa** – karakia kai and morning tea

**11.00am**      **Workshops**

1. *Reimagining the university and academic freedom* (Charles Sedgwick and Sandra Grey)
2. *What is the next step for TEU? (TEU)*
3. *Working together – staff/student actions on academic freedom, citizenship, and democracy on campuses* (NZUSA)
4. *Academic freedom and precarious employment* – Leon Salter and TEU

**12.30pm**      **Kai o te rānui** – karakia kai and lunch

**1.30pm**      **Workshops**

*Participants will be asked to develop additional workshops from the floor on Day One.*

**3.00pm**      **Plenary panel** – leaders of workshops sharing:  
i. issues;  
ii. causes; and  
iii. actions.

**3.30pm**      **Whakawātea** – closing remarks and karakia

**4.00pm**      **Whakamutunga** – close of conference