FROM DREAM TO REALITY: The Challenges We Face in Promoting Sustainable Development of the Pacific Islands

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This talk will focus on the (un)sustainable orientations of our Pacific Islands' societies to the future dream of economic development in a global context. This obviously cannot be adequately addressed in just two hours' conversation with the students. We can, however, try to increase our understanding of what is explicit and implicit in our analytical and moral languages of sustainable development in Pacific island societies, with particular reference to the ongoing changes in Tonga and Fiji.

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