

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 and Heather Hendrickson (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, Minister 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