



# **WE THE PEOPLE(S): ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT**

**Thursday 11 &  
Friday 12 February 2010**

**Legislative Council Chamber  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington  
New Zealand**

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# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will explore the public's engagement and participation in government. It will analyse:

- theories on the people's/s' participation in governance and their practical implementation;
- non-state actor participation in international law-making;
- the engagement of non-dominant groups in New Zealand governance; and
- participation in Parliamentary and administrative processes.

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday 11 February

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**09:00 am**     **Welcome and Mihi**

Hon Simon Power, Minister of Justice  
Professor ATH (Tony) Smith, Victoria University of Wellington

**Opening Address**

Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, Governor-General of New Zealand

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**10:00 am**     **Morning Tea**

**10:30 am**     **Applied Legal Theory on Governance**

Professor Karen Knop, University of Toronto  
Dr Matthew Palmer, Crown Law Office  
Professor Jeremy Waldron, New York University

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**12.30 pm**     **Lunch**

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**1:15 pm**     Hon Professor Margaret Wilson, Waikato University  
Richard Ekins, University of Auckland

**Commentator**

Professor Jonathan Boston, Victoria University of Wellington

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**3:00 pm**     **Afternoon Tea**

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**3.30 pm**     **Non-State Actor Participation in International Law**

Professor Harold H Koh, Yale University/US State Department (via video link)  
Amokura Kawharu, University of Auckland  
Claire Charters, Victoria University of Wellington

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**5.15–  
5.45 pm**     **Conference Rapporteur**  
Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Law Commission

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**7.30 pm**     **Conference Dinner**  
Icon, Te Papa Tongarewa, Museum of New Zealand

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# Friday 12 February

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**9:00am**      **The Engagement of Non-Dominant Groups in New Zealand and International Governance**

Dr Maria Bargh, Victoria University of Wellington  
Professor Marcia Rioux, York University, Toronto  
Professor Nan Seuffert, Waikato University

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**10:30am**      **Morning Tea**

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**11.00am**      **Non-Dominant Groups' Participation: Panel Discussion**

Professor Jane Kelsey, University of Auckland  
Edwina Hughes, Peace Movement Aotearoa  
Robyn Hunt, Human Rights Commission

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**12:00pm**      **Participation in Government and Administration**

Professor Peter Cane, Australian National University

**Commentator**

Andrew Geddis, University of Otago

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**1:00pm**      **Lunch**

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**1:45pm**      **Participation in Parliamentary and Administrative Processes**

Hilary Pearce, Victoria University of Wellington  
Hon David Caygill, Electricity Commission

**Commentator**

Charles Chauvel, Member of Parliament

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**3:15pm**      **Afternoon Tea**

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**3.45pm**      **Public Engagement in Local Democracy**

Dean Knight, Victoria University of Wellington

**Commentators**

Conor English, Federated Farmers  
Sacha McMeeking, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu

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**4.45–**      **Conference Rapporteur**

**5.15pm**      John Roughan, New Zealand Herald

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

A selection of papers from the conference will be published as an edited collection by a professional publishing house. This book is expected to be available in December 2010 / January 2011 and can be pre-purchased as a part of registration for the conference.

## ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

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