

CRAWFORD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND GOVERNMENT

Anti-Corruption and Fijian Economic Institutions

Tuesday 24 February 2009
12.30 - 1.30pm
Seminar Room 4
First Floor, Crawford Building
Light lunch will be provided

Fiji's Independent Commission Against Corruption, set up in 2007 after the army's 'clean up campaign', has started bringing cases to court. So far about 22 officials have been charged, including the former Prime Minister, Lisenia Qarase. It is hard to understand these charges without understanding the so-called Agriculture Scam that took place in 2001, after the previous coup, and Qarase's role in the network of Fijian-only economic institutions, particularly Fijian Holdings Limited and the Native Land Trust Board. At the same time the events in Fiji raise questions about what counts as 'corruption', and its relationship to politics and 'anti-politics'.



The paper is part of a larger project on 'Corruption in the Pacific Islands', and follows on from a working paper on the Fiji army's 'cleanup campaign' which can be downloaded from www.EastWestCenter.org.

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