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History

Legacy of Tonga's Constitution 1875-2015 / Seniloli Kimbu 'Inoke (Ed) Lorenz Gonschor (et al.)

Nuku'alofa, Tonga: USP Press, 2018

xii, 324p. ; 23cm.

9789820109605

1. Constitutional history – Tonga
2. Constitutional Tonga
3. Constitutions - Tonga

\$ 39.95 / PB

A well written and excellent portrayal of the history of Tonga's 1875 Constitution and changes which have taken place. Seniloli K 'Inoke has carefully researched and analysed the events preceding the changes which have taken place over the years. The thrust of the change has been directed towards the system of Government and power of administering and running the country.

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Ro Teimumu : A Fijian Princess (Dua na Ravule ni Viti) / Manoa Rasigatale;
(Ed) by Daryl Tarte

Deuba: a Mak Heritage Book, 2003

120p. ; 20cm.

1. Kepa, Teimumu Vuikaba, - 1945-
2. Women – Fiji – Biography.
3. Women politicians – Fiji.
4. Politicians – Fiji.
5. Fijians – Politics and government - 20th century.
6. Politicians – Fiji – Biography.

\$ 50.00 / HB

816gm.

Ro Teimumu Vuikaba Kepa (born 18 December 1945) is a Fijian chief, Member of the Parliament of Fiji, and former leader of the Social Democratic Liberal Party. She was elected Leader of the Opposition on October 6, 2014, becoming the first Fijian woman to hold this position, a position she currently holds in Parliament. She also served as the leader of her political party, she served in this position till June 24, 2016 when former Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka was elected to replace her at the Social Democratic Liberal Party annual general meeting. She previously held the position of deputy Prime Minister in the Qarase-led Soqosoqo Duavata Lewenivanua (SDL) government from 2001 to 2006. As the paramount chief of the Burebasaga Confederacy, she holds the title Na Gone Marama Bale Na Roko Tui Dreketi. She is originally from Lomanikoro, Rewa, and has maternal links to Nadroga.

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Waisale Serevi : the King of Sevens / Nic Darveniza

Macau: O Media Limited, 2018

210p. ; ill. ; 24cm.

9789996531613

1. Serevi, Waisale.
2. Rugby – football players - Fiji

\$ 35.00 / PB

330gm.

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Sevens Heaven : The Beautiful Chaos of Fiji's Olympic Dream / Ben Ryan with Tom Fordyce
London, UK: Weidenfeld & Nicholson (The Orion Publishing Group Ltd), 2018
320p.
9781474608268
\$ 20.00 / PB
418gm.

The incredible story of how one man inspired a nation of underdogs to achieve sporting greatness. It is late summer 2013. Ben Ryan, a red-haired, 40-something, spectacle-wearing Englishman, is given 20 minutes to decide whether he wants to coach Fiji's rugby sevens team, with the aim of taking them to the nation's first-ever Olympic medal. He has never been to Fiji. There has been no discussion of contracts or salary. But he knows that no one plays rugby like the men from these isolated Pacific islands, just as no one plays football like the kids from the Brazilian favelas, or no one runs as fast as the boys and girls from Jamaica's boondocks. He knows too that no other rugby nation has so little - no money and no resources, only basic equipment and a long, sad history of losing its most gifted players to richer, greedier nations. Ryan says yes. And with that simple word he sets in motion an extraordinary journey that will encompass witchdoctors and rugby-obsessed prime ministers, sun-smearred dawns and devastating cyclones, intense friendships and bitter rows, phone taps and wild nationwide parties. It will end in Rio with a performance that not only wins Olympic gold but reaches fresh heights for rugby union and makes Ben and his 12 players living legends back home.

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Disturb History : Resistance in Early Colonial Fiji / Robert Nicole

Suva: USP Press, 2018

x, 300p. ; ill. ; 21cm.

Includes Bibliographical references

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1. Insurgency – Fiji
2. Fiji – Politics and government
3. Fiji – History

\$ 50.00 / PB

400gm.

Disturbing History focuses on Fiji's people and their agency in responding to and engaging the multifarious forms of authority and power that were manifest in the colony from 1874 to 1914. By concentrating on the lives of ordinary Fijians, the book presents alternate ways of reconstructing the island's past. Couched in the traditions of social, subaltern, and people's histories, the study is an excavation of a large mass of material that tells the often moving stories of lives that have largely been overlooked by historians. These challenge conventional historical accounts that tend to celebrate the nation, represent Fiji's colonial experience as ordered and peaceful, or British tutelage as benevolent. In its contribution to postcolonial theory, *Disturbing History* reveals resistance as a constant but partial and untidy mix of other constituents such as collaboration, consent, appropriation, and opportunism, which together form the colonial landscape. In turn, colonialism in Fiji is shown as a force shaped in struggle, fractured and often fragile, with a presence and application in the daily lives of people that was often chaotic, imperfect, and susceptible to subversion.

The book divides the period of study into two broad categories: organized resistance and everyday forms of resistance. The first examines the Colo War (1876), the Tuka Movement (1878–1891), the Seaqqa War (1894), the Movement for Federation with New Zealand (1901–1903), the Viti Kabani Movement (1913–1917), and the various organized labor protests. The second half of the book addresses resistance manifested in the villages and plantations, including tax and land boycotts, violence and retributive justice, avoidance protest, petitioning, and women's resistance. In their entirety these forms reveal a complex web of relationships between powerful and subordinate groups and among subordinate groups themselves. The author concludes that resistance cannot be framed as a totality but as a multilayered and multidimensional reality. In the wake of Fiji's present volatile climate, this book will aid readers in understanding the continuities and disjunctures in Fiji's interethnic and intraethnic relations.

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