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Series 1 2007

### FROM TAIWAN TO EASTER ISLAND - COLONISING THE PACIFIC

**Dates: Thursday, 15 March to Thursday, 26 April 2007**

**Time: 2.15 pm – 4.15 pm**

**Venue: Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Opho**

**Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50**

**Course Fee: \$30.00**

**Tea and Coffee provided**

**Course Organiser: Elizabeth Timms (467 2141)**

**Course Assistant: Lin Phelan (453 6297)**

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 14 February 2007, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 24 February. Any questions about courses after 24 February should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 467 2619, or email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

## FROM TAIWAN TO EASTER ISLAND – COLONISING THE PACIFIC

Who are the Polynesians and what are their antecedents? This course, delivered by workers active in the field, presents the evidence which links the Maori with an Austronesian-speaking people who departed Taiwan about BC 3000 and travelled via island southeast Asia and the northern coast of New Guinea to the westernmost islands of Remote Oceania. Here the Lapita culture, typified by the remains from the burial site at Teouma, Vanuatu, is well defined by BC 1300.

An ancestral Polynesian culture developed in Samoa and Tonga by BC 900. Several hundred years later eastward Polynesian dispersal restarted and by AD 900 reached Easter Island at the eastern extremity of Remote Oceania. By AD 1200 the settlement of Aotearoa by migrants with a tropical East Polynesian culture brought to an end 5000 years of epic voyaging, exploration and settlement.

### The Lecture Programme

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| <b>15 March</b> | <b>Out of Taiwan</b>                            | Speaker: Professor Glenn Summerhayes, Department of Anthropology         |
| <b>22 March</b> | <b>Lapita and New Guinea</b>                    | Speaker: Professor Glenn Summerhayes, Department of Anthropology         |
| <b>29 March</b> | <b>Remote Oceania – Penetrating the Pacific</b> | Speaker: Dr Tim Thomas, Department of Anthropology                       |
| <b>5 April</b>  | <b>No Session</b>                               |  |
| <b>12 April</b> | <b>Polynesia – first contact</b>                | Speaker: Associate Professor Richard Walter, Department of Anthropology  |
| <b>19 April</b> | <b>New Zealand – first contact</b>              | Speaker: Associate Professor Richard Walter, Department of Anthropology  |
| <b>26 April</b> | <b>The Movement of People</b>                   | Speaker: Dr Hallie Buckley, Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology |

#### **Preliminary reading for those interested:**

General reference: *On the Road of the Winds* by P V Kirch (Univ of California Press)

Teouma burial site:

[http://www.vanuatuculture.org/vchss/10060720\\_teouma2006.shtml](http://www.vanuatuculture.org/vchss/10060720_teouma2006.shtml)