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NAVIGATING THE MODERN UNIVERSITY: Coloniality, Racism, Neoliberalism and Racialized Bodies

SPEAKER

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ABSTRACT

Aotearoa New Zealand's universities are currently grappling with what it means to exist within Aotearoa and the Pacific. Our universities are based on colonial values centring European knowledge and scientific methods. Recent public controversies have included open letters pointing to racism at the University of Waikato, the celebration of the first Pacific vice-chancellor, who then announced massive academic cuts and the Listener Seven Article, which condemned the inclusion of Mātauranga Māori in the New Zealand science curriculum. However, while these national controversies play out, racialized bodies are expected to continue their business-as-usual activities in the face of racism, colonialism and neo-liberal measurements of success. This presentation traces these broader controversies and their impact on the everyday lived moments in New Zealand universities to raise questions about how we navigate our institutions when these wider public debates shape our existence.

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