

NZHA 2021 Conference – Call for Papers

Ako: Learning from History?

23-26 November, Massey University, Palmerston North



The concept of learning from history has never been more prominent. As the world experiences the COVID-19 crisis, many people are turning to the past for lessons to hold on to. At the same time, the teaching and learning of history in New Zealand is about to go through a profound change, with the introduction of a compulsory curriculum for Years 1-10 in schools. Yet the discipline of history is also experiencing numerous challenges. Financial pressures are leading people to question the value of the humanities, while certain renderings of the past are being promoted by those with agendas to push in the present. The Organising Committee for the 2021 NZHA Conference have chosen the theme *Ako: Learning from History?* as a means of interrogating and understanding these processes, and more like them.

Planning will proceed on the basis of an ‘in person’ conference, to be held at Massey University’s Palmerston North Campus. Tuesday 23 November will primarily be a Postgraduate Day with a keynote address in the evening, followed by three days of papers and further keynotes from Wednesday 24 November to Friday 26 November. Contingency plans will be made for an ‘online’ conference should an ‘in person’ event become impractical.

The Conference Organising Committee now calls for papers that address any aspect of the theme *Ako: Learning from History?* Submissions may be in the form of:

- *Individual Papers* – Please provide a paper title, an abstract of no more than 250 words, a short biography of no more than 100 words, and your contact details.
- *Complete Panels* – Please provide three paper abstracts of no more than 250 words each, along with a 100-word overview of the theme. Contact details and short biographies (no more than 100 words each) should be supplied for all speakers.
- *Round-Table Discussions* – Please provide an abstract of no more than 250 words that outlines the theme of the discussion, alongside a short biography (no more than 100 words) and contact details for each of the participants.

The Organising Committee have established a rolling deadline from **28 February to 31 July 2021**. Submissions can be made at any time during this period and applicants will then be notified of the outcome within one month. Please note that presenters at the conference must hold a current NZHA subscription (subscription details can be found at: <https://nzha.org.nz/join-the-nzha>)

All paper submissions should be made to: D.C.Littlewood@massey.ac.nz

We look forward to welcoming you to Palmerston North in November.

The Conference Organising Committee