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Māori and Indigenous suicide prevention: Global thinking, local action

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If we are to influence Māori suicide rates in Aotearoa/New Zealand, there are some key challenges that we cannot overlook. One of these is the enduring impact of our colonial history. An often-minimised explanation for suicide is historical trauma and its multi-generational transfer as a direct result of the catastrophic impacts of colonisation.

This seminar examines multi-generational trauma, and relates Māori suicide to the experiences of other colonised indigenous populations to draw out the connection between the global and local stories of indigenous suicide.



Dr Keri Lawson-Te Aho has degrees in science and psychology. She is a mother of nine children and grandmother of two from Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tāhu, Ngāti Porou; Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu, Samoa (Scanlan/Hunkin); Tāhiti (Fariu/Ropata); Scotland (McClaren), Danish (Classen) and Blackfeet Indian (Lonewolf clan). She has lost whānau to suicide and this drives her strong passion for social justice and commitment to suicide prevention. Keri is a lecturer and researcher in Māori public health at the University of Otago, Wellington.

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Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago Wellington

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