

# Forum Agenda

# PacificRim InternationalForum

Saturday, April 12th

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration		
9:00 am - 9:15 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Ceremonies</b> Opening Remarks – Robert Stodden</p>		
<p>9:15 am - 10:45am Global Focus</p>	Exhibits Open	<p style="text-align: right;">Honolulu Room</p> <p><b>The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Overview</b>            Moderator:  <b>Aviam Soiffer</b>, Dean, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, Manoa            Panelists:  <b>Kay Kozue Nagata, Ph.D.</b>, Senior Economics Affairs Officer, United Nations  <i>“What are the human rights of persons with disabilities? What is the role of the United Nations in facilitating change?”</i>  <b>Patricia Morrissey, Ph.D.</b>, Commissioner of Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Human Services  <i>The United Nations Convention: Historical background, concepts of self determination, next steps and opportunities for partnership</i></p>	
10:45 am - 11:00 am		Break	
<p>11:00am - 12:15 pm V i s i o n C o n v e r s a t i o n L i n k a g e</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honolulu Room</b></p> <p><i>Creating an inclusive barrier-free and rights-based society in the Pacific Rim Region: Making the vision a reality</i>            Lead Discussant:  <b>Kay Kozue Nagata</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kohala Room</b></p> <p>An informal conversation with <b>Pat Morrissey</b> on the Convention, Disability Rights, and the ADA</p>
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break		

<p>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Organizing Conversation Learning</p>		<p><b>Honolulu Room</b> <i>The Pacific Region: A dialogue on the implications of the Convention in the Pacific Region. What are our challenges? What are our next steps?</i> Joakim Peter</p>	<p><b>Kohala Room</b> <i>Disability rights as an international issue: laws, policies, and practices</i> Lead Discussant: <b>Romel Mackelprang</b></p>	<p><b>Kona Room</b> <i>Introduction to Human Rights Education: Bringing disability Rights Home to your community</i> Lead Discussant: <b>Rana Marza</b></p>
<p>2:30 pm - 2:45 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>			
<p>2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Global Focus</p>	<p><b>Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Regional Perspectives</b></p> <p><i>The purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity. What are different regions doing to fulfill the promise of human rights for all?</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Melissa Takaaze</b>, Graduate Student, Political Science, University of Hawai'i, Manoa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yevgeniy Tetyukhin</b>, Linguistics Professor, North Kazakhstan University, and sports celebrity</li> <li>• <b>Abdelkerim Chtourou</b>, Legal Advisor, Tunisia Ministry of Social Affairs</li> <li>• <b>Gehane El Sharkawy</b>, Fulbright Scholar, former Disability Coordinator, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, Egypt</li> <li>• <b>Carole Petersen</b>, Interim Director, Spark Matsunaga Institute for Peace and visiting Law Professor, Richardson School of Law</li> </ul>			

Sunday, April 13, 2008

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Opening Ceremony: Medicine Eagle  
Opening Remarks by Robert Stodden

9:15 am - 10:15 am

## Indigenous Issues and Perspectives on Human Rights, Disability, Ability and the Future

*We are in radical transforming times! A new/old way is being cultivated as ancient systems of thought and action are given air-time. How does the philosophy of indigenous peoples sharpen the seeing of human rights? How can indigenous wisdom move us forward so that all persons with disabilities can live to their full potential? How are indigenous perspectives and issues being integrated into governmental and civil society policies? How can indigenous wisdom move us forward so that the Convention can be a reality for all?*

**Moderator: Charmaine Crockett**, Center on Disability Studies, UH-Manoa

Panelists:

- **Manulani Aluli Meyer**, Professor of Education, University of Hawaii, Hilo, and Hawaiian leader
- **James Dixon**, Human Services Consultant
- **Roger Jolley**, Manager, Maori Development, Health and Disability National Services Directorate, Ministry of Health, New Zealand

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Exhibits Open

## Focus on the Issues: Women, Poverty, Employment, Access and the Law

*The general principles of non-discrimination, effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, equality between men and women, and accessibility are some of the hallmarks of the Convention. What do we have to do to make a just society for all persons? How can we eradicate poverty, bridge the gender gap and allow full access on all levels of society?*

Moderator: Katharina Heyer, Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Panelists:

- **Deanna Gregorio**, Sectoral Representative, Persons with Disabilities Council, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Philippines
- **Stig Larsson**, Professor, Lund University, Sweden, Member of GLADNET (International Labor Organization)
- **Kay Kozue Nagata, Ph.D.**, Senior Economics Affairs Officer, United Nations

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

**WRAP UP: Making the Convention a Reality for All**  
Facilitated by Carole Peterson and Steve Brown