

# New Zealand Conference Series, 2009

## Mitigating Endemic Democratic Problems, MEDP

2000 places for delegates are available, the deadline for abstract submission is December 1, 2008, with the deadline for article submission January 1, 2009. If you think you have a way to improve any aspect of New Zealand, this conference is for you. Your paper -directed to a section, perhaps a New Zealand ministry of government or other - (if accepted) will have its main points published in a book chapter. The goal of the conference is to provide the New Zealand government and civil society with **practical (meaning realistic, immediately feasible) prescriptions** for their improvement. A list of all sections are provided at the end of this document. After the conference is finished, each section's body of work will be distributed to the appropriate government ministry, public libraries, major media bodies, larger NGOs of New Zealand, and larger university bodies. All sections will then be published into a volume(s) by a local university press and be available for purchase worldwide. This dispersion of practical and realizable information may improve New Zealand.

February 1-4, 2009, will host MEDP's New Zealand Conference Series to improve New Zealand government and society. All New Zealand government ministries will go under scrutiny (a list of them is available at the bottom of the page), as well as seven endemic problems with democracy which MEDP has identified, along with two auxiliary committees (chaired by TAFE professors and exceptional post-graduate engineering students to make technical recommendations) and a specialist committee (chaired by specialists in New Zealand government, society, and/or economy, to make in-depth specialist recommendations).

**All university students, academic staff, professionals, or members of the general public with either (a) relevant work experience, (b) relevant university degrees, or (c) an excellent paper are welcome to submit abstracts or articles for our conferences. University, technical school, and high school students, as well as general population are eligible to participate as audience bodies. Unfortunately, conference language is in English at this time.**

University professors, doctorate holders, or senior professionals (at least 10 years of experience) vested in New Zealand democracy, who specialize in New Zealand government, society, and/or economy are asked to present abstracts for the **specialist committee**.

The benefits of participating in this conference series are:

- 1) Sparking discussion and awareness of practical improvements may increase the New Zealand human condition.
- 2) You and your institution gain a conference proceedings publication, first class book chapter publication, and possibly a peer-reviewed journal article publication in MEDP's annual journal, *The International Abridgment of Democratic Improvement*.
- 3) Valuable discussion, networking, and the strengthening of civil society.

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If you are aware of any persons (students, colleagues, friends, etc.) which may be interested in this interdisciplinary conference series, please forward this email. Below are the sections

for the New Zealand Conference Series currently accepting abstracts and/or papers.

*New Zealand Ministries and Other Sections*

Ministry for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Ministry for Economic Development

Ministry for Industry and Regional Development

Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Ministry of Finance

Ministry of Revenue

Ministry of Social Services and Employment

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Conservation

Ministry of Local Government

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry for Trade Negotiations

Ministry for Biosecurity

Ministry of Education

Ministry of State Services

Ministry for Sport, Fitness and Leisure

Ministry Responsible for the Education Review Office

Ministry of Energy

Ministry of Fisheries

Ministry of Forestry

Ministry of Research, Science and Technology

Ministry for Crown Research Institutes

Attorney-General

Ministry of Labour

Ministry in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Ministry of Maori Affairs

Ministry of Corrections

Ministry for Courts

Ministry for Disarmament and Arms Control

Ministry for Land Information

Ministry of Immigration

Ministry for Accident Insurance

Ministry for Senior Citizens

Ministry of Police

Ministry of Internal Affairs

Ministry of Civil Defence

Ministry of Defence

Ministry for SOEs

Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of Veterans' Affairs

Ministry of Commerce

Ministry of Communications

Ministry for Information Technology

Ministry for the Environment

Ministry of Broadcasting

Ministry of Transport

Ministry of Housing

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

Ministry of Women's Affairs

Ministry of Youth Affairs

Ministry of Statistics

Ministry of State

Ministry for Disability Issues

Transparency in New Zealand Government?

Corruption in New Zealand Government?

Accountability in New Zealand Government?

Long-Term Goals, why don't New Zealand citizens agree with the government on long term goals for New Zealand?

Representation, are there flaws in this system?

Campaigning Methods, are elections equal for all runners?

Constitution, does it reflect New Zealand's pluralist society?

Auxiliary Committees - Are there areas of New Zealand technology, technical economy, agriculture, etc., that need improvement? How?

Specialist Committee - What are the most immediate pressing matters for improvement in New Zealand?

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