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# He Pātaka Tuku Kōrero

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**This is a short special issue to share good news about the NZARE conference in November**

## 2016 annual conference: A look at the conference logo

**Venue:** Victoria University of Wellington,  
Kelburn Campus

**Date:** November 20-23, 2016

**Theme: The Politics of Learning**



As you can see on the logo the conference Whakatauki is “Nōku anō te takapau wharanui”

The theme of the conference is ‘The Politics of Learning.’

The takapau wharanui is a ceremonial whāriki traditionally woven for a specific occasion. It represents a fusion of traditional knowledge/s and tikanga with the contemporary happenings of life and beyond. Thus the metaphor of the takapau wharanui is fundamentally representative of the power inherent in all of us to be the architects of our own lives, and to leave a legacy that helps shape the future.

## Conference Website

The website pages now include information about the Keynote speakers, and general welcome to the event. Please share this information with your colleagues in education. See <http://www.nzare.org.nz/conference-2016.aspx>

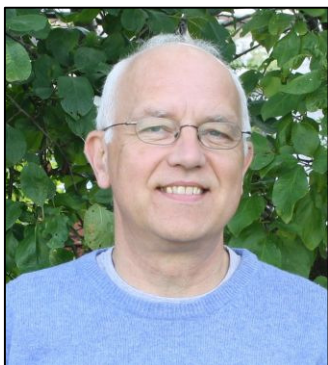
The Call for Papers will be made by **2 May**, with a closing date for submissions of **1 August 2016** (extensions cannot be taken this year).

Information about the Programme will be added to the website as it becomes available. Registration will not be open until July.

Sponsorship opportunities are also listed on the website.

## Exciting news about the programme

The organising committee are thrilled to announce that Professor **Gert Biesta** will be the international guest speaker.



Gert Biesta ([www.gertbiesta.com](http://www.gertbiesta.com)) is currently Professor of Education and Director of Research in the Department of Education at Brunel University London, UK. His work focuses on the theory and philosophy of education and the theory and philosophy of educational and social research. He is particularly interested in bringing different traditions and cultures of educational thought and scholarship in conversation with each other.

Prof Biesta's recent monograph, *The Beautiful Risk of Education*, won the 2014 Outstanding Book Award of the American Educational Research Association (Division B: Curriculum Studies).

[Check out the abstract for his talk here](#)

Prof. Biesta's visit is being supported by generous sponsorship from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER).

## Other confirmed keynote speakers

**Associate Professor Kabini Sanga**, from Victoria University, Wellington, is a Solomon Islands educator and mentor to hundreds of emerging leaders throughout the Pacific region.

Prof Sanga will talk about "Split-worlds, Side-Questions and Weaving: Storying the politics of Pacific Learning." [Read his brief biography and abstract for his talk here.](#)



**Honourable Dame Tariana Turia**, of Ngāti Apa, Ngā Wairiki, Ngā Rauru, Tūwharetoa, and Whanganui was a New Zealand Member of Parliament from 1996 until 2014. She was the co-leader of the Māori Party since its inception in 2004 until November 2014. Among many other achievements, one of her greatest has been in the area of Whānau Ora, a bold and innovative approach which places the aspirations and outcomes for whānau at the centre. Dame Tariana's biography is also on [the conference news page.](#)

**Dr Cheryl Waerea-i-te-rangi Smith** is the Director of Te Atawhai o te Ao a Kaupapa Māori Research Institute based in Whanganui. She is of Ngā Wairiki/Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu and Te Aitanga a Hauiti descent. She has recently led a Programme of research on Māori Intergenerational Trauma and Healing which is in its fifth and final year. She has led a number of research projects that examine the ways that generations respond when trauma impacts on whanau/families.



Dr. Smith will talk about “Schooling and historical trauma” discussing historical events that have impacted on the lives of Māori within the space of a few generations and the implications of this when looking at education. [Read the abstract for her talk here.](#)

## AARE conference

AARE now have details of their annual conference [on their website](#). Dates are 27 November to 1 December – just after the NZARE conference in Wellington. The AARE conference will be held in Melbourne. Call for papers for this closes in May.

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