**PhD Confirmation Seminar: Lila Moosad**

*Health, Well-being and A Good Life*

An ethnographic study of young Pasifika women in Melbourne

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**Venue:** Seminar Room 515, Level 5 207 Bouverie St, Carlton

There has been limited academic engagement with Pasifika health concerns in Australia despite increasing numbers of Pasifika settling here. Existing health literature about Pasifika populations is framed around biomedical discourses of pathology and risk. This ethnographic study will explore the health understandings of young Pasifika women in Melbourne, understandings that are largely absent in the current literature. In presenting the health perspectives of the young Pasifika women, the research aims to focus on health enabling factors and contribute to strengths based approaches.

Lila has worked as an educator with newly arrived migrant and refugee communities in Australia. She has also worked on projects linking skilled migrant professionals to industry and in developing a tertiary bridging program for non traditional students. Lila is interested in the intersections between migration and health and in the social processes that shape health understandings. She is also interested in the benefits and challenges of participatory research. In 2012 she completed a Master of Health Social Science at the Centre for Health and Society.

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