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UNIVERSITY OF FRENCH
POLYNESIA, TAHITI



PACIFIC UNIVERSITIES BIENNIAL

Guided by the stars of Matari'i, let us sail together
to the crossroads of knowledge & cultures across the Pacific.

PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL SESSION

> Open to everyone

7 : 30 AM	Welcome coffee Forecourt of the Research center (UPF) <i>Registration desk – name badge pickup for participants of the workshops</i>
8 : 15 AM	Official Opening Amphi A3 (UPF) Keynote speeches & signing of memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Nārua partners
9 : 00 AM	
9 : 00 AM	INAUGURAL LECTURE BY EVELYNE HEYER Amphi A3 (UPF) What connects us: the Odyssey of genes
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10 : 00 AM	Exploring, through the genetics of Oceanic peoples, what connects us and inspires us to build a regional academic community focused on the future
Break	
10 : 20 AM	HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE : CROSSED PERSPECTIVES WITH ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL LEADERS Amphi A3 (UPF)
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12 : 00 PM	Dreaming together: <i>What might a “Pacific academic Community” look like in 2035?</i> · Inspiring youth through education: <i>How can this community remain locally relevant while being globally impactful?</i>
Lunch & art exhibition University Library (UPF)	
(> for participants registered in the workshops)	

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS : WORKING WITH THE COMMONS

> 4 options - BY REGISTRATION

1 : 30 PM	RETHINKING LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATION <i>G2.1 (UPF)</i>
-	What are our common areas of interest in educational innovation to strengthen student engagement and prepare for current challenges?
5 : 00 PM	What new innovative teaching methods and/or tools (including AI) can we offer to transform our teaching practices?
OR	
	CO-CREATING THROUGH STUDENT PROJECTS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP <i>G3.1 (UPF)</i>
	How can student projects become real drivers of territorial and regional cooperation?
	How can we help students to develop entrepreneurial skills and an awareness of impact within local, regional, and international environments?
OR	
	BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CAMPUSES & STUDENT COMMUNITIES <i>A3.2 (UPF)</i>
	How can we build a shared vision for sustainable campuses in the Pacific that integrates environmental, cultural, and human dimensions, while placing student voices and leadership at the heart of this transformation?
OR	
	STORYTELLING, HERITAGE AND LIVING CULTURES <i>Conference room of the University Library (UPF)</i>
	How can we strengthen the role of Oceanian cultures, languages, and narratives as drivers of cooperation and academic innovation?

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

From 5 : 00 PM	Screening with a glass in hand Forecourt of the Research center (UPF) «Patutiki l’art du tatouage des îles Marquises» In partnership with the International Oceanian Documentary Film Festival – FIFO (> for participants registered in the workshops)	
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7 : 30 AM

Morning coffee | Hall of the Research center (UPF)

PACIFIC UNIVERSITIES HACKATHON, FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

A hackathon is a highlight of collective creativity and collaboration. Over the course of a day, students, teachers, researchers, staff and local partners come together to tackle a concrete challenge. It fosters collective intelligence, mobilizes knowledge in action, and encourages new ways of innovating and learning within the university community.

8 : 00 AM

Hackathon opening | Auditorium of the Research center (UPF)

3 GROUPS - 3 CHALLENGES

BY REGISTRATION

9 : 00 AM

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5 : 15 PM

(Hosted lunch)

- TOWARDS A PACIFIC CORE CURRICULUM FOR TRANSITIONS

- THE OCEAN AS A SHARED CAMPUS

- ON THE ROAD TO COP31

Auditorium & Hall of the Research center (UPF)

5 : 15 PM

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5 : 45 PM

Public Votes & Hackathon Results | Auditorium of the Research center (UPF)

> Open to everyone, no registration required

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

From 6 : 15 PM

Stories under the stars and Foodtrucks | Tahua Park, Motu Ovini, Faa'a

(> for participants registered in the workshops)



IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

> 5 options - BY REGISTRATION

7 : 30 AM

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10 : 30 AM

DEEP TIME WALK | *Fataua Valley, Pirae*
Expanding our sense of time: seeing the present through the depths of geological history, and restoring humanity's place in Earth's story.

An educational and sensory experience
in the heart of the Fataua Valley

OR

ATELIER D'ÉCRITURE CRÉATIVE *(in french - start at 8:30 AM)*
L'Université de Demain | *G2.2 (UPF)*

Explorer les imaginaires et les visions de l'université de
demain, afin de transformer vos idées et aspirations
en récits inspirants, portés collectivement par les
communautés du Pacifique.

OR

COLLABORATIVE INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOPS

Climat Fresk | *G3..1 (UPF)*

Understanding the causes and consequences of
climate change, based on scientific data
from the IPCC (GIEC)

OR

- *Fresque de l'économie régénératrice (in french)*
Salle 1 du Pôle Recherche (UPF)

Élaborer une vision partagée et inspirante
pour orienter les décisions stratégiques.

OR

- *Biodiversity Fresk of French Polynesia* | *A3..2 (UPF)*

Raise awareness of the richness and fragility of island
ecosystems in order to inspire concrete actions for
preservation and regeneration,
connected to local knowledge and sustainability
challenges

SCIENCE-FOCUSED SESSION

BY REGISTRATION

10 : 45 AM

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11 : 15 AM

Ceremonial opening of the traditional āhima'a
(Tahitian earth oven) | *University Restaurant (UPF)*

11 : 30 AM

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3 : 30 PM

*(Hosted
lunch)*

RESEARCH, NETWORKING AND LUNCH SESSION (WORLD CAFÉ)
Auditorium of the Research center (UPF)

A new format to spark dialogue between researchers and PhD
students, explore the grand challenges of the Pacific, and foster
fresh interdisciplinary collaborations.

2 themes :

- *Island environments and societies*
- *Cultures, heritage, economy and education*

Break

OFFICIAL CLOSING

3 : 45 PM

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4 :15 PM

**INSTITUTIONAL SESSION
WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE «ROADMAP TO THE 2027 BIENNIAL»**

Auditorium of the Research center (UPF)

4 : 15 PM

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5 :45 PM

Cocktail | *Research center (UPF)*