



Crisis in New Caledonia

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Wednesday 29 May 2024: 5:30pm for 6 – 7pm AEST at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

This event will be held under the Chatham House Rule and is in-person only.

Following the recent riots and clashes that have devastated Noumea - capital of the French Pacific dependency of New Caledonia – France has declared a state of emergency and deployed thousands of police and military forces to the South Pacific.



So what happens next?

Nic Maclellan is correspondent for *Islands Business magazine* (Fiji) and has been visiting New Caledonia for nearly four decades.

Nic will discuss the current crisis in New Caledonia, the drivers of conflict, and the implications for France-Australia relations. He'll present details of the regional response from Pacific Islands Forum and Melanesian Spearhead Group, and the way that French colonialism is contributing to regional insecurity.

As supporters and opponents of independence grapple with the economic, social and political impacts that follow the riots, AIIA Victoria invites you to join us in person to discuss the future for one of Australia's closest neighbours.



Nic Maclellan works as a journalist and researcher in the Pacific islands. As a broadcaster and correspondent, he has contributed to *Islands Business magazine*, *Radio Australia*, *The Guardian*, *Inside Story*, *The Contemporary Pacific* and other regional media and journals. He has written widely on the environment, development, decolonisation and demilitarisation in the Pacific, and was awarded the 2015 'Outstanding Contribution to the Sector' award by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), and the Walkley Foundation's 2020 Sean Dorney Grant for Pacific Journalism.

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