



**DEBATE: Should West Papua be independent?
Melbourne University Debating Society v Monash Association of Debaters**

**SAMPARI FORUM FOR WEST PAPUA
ACU ART GALLERY, 26 Brunswick St, Fitzroy (Melbourne)**

Thursday 8 December 2016: 6-8pm

- 6pm Lunar Flares (Composer-performer trio from Footscray)
6.10 Welcome: Babuan Mirino (President, FRWP Womens Office in Docklands)
6.15 Moderator: Dr Jonathan Benney (Introduce Debate, Debaters, and the Expert Panel)
6.25 Debate
7.10 Moderator: Reflection
7.20 Questions from the floor to the Expert Panel
7.45 Jacob Rumbiak: Vote of thanks
8pm Coffee & Cake, Viewing Sampari Art Exhibition
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THE EXPERT PANEL

FROM WEST PAPUA: JACOB RUMBIAK (Executive Officer, United Liberation Movement for West Papua; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of West Papua). **ISAAC MORIN** who's just completed a doctoral dissertation on Melanesian identity at La Trobe University. Both are well versed in the difficulties of implementing the independent Melanesian state established in 2011 and how West Papuans feel about the current situation in Indonesian-West Papua.

BISHOP HILTON DEAKIN is Patron of the Australia West Papua Association (Melbourne), and an acute and influential observer of the important role of Churches and activists. A new book *Bonded through tragedy; united in hope* by Jim and Theresa D'Orsa investigates his advocacy for East Timor's self-determination from the time of the Santa Cruz Massacre in 1991 until the present day.

LANCE COLLINS was head of INTERFET (22 nations) military intelligence in East Timor in Sept 1999—Feb 2000 under General Cosgrove. In his historical novel *A Dowry for the Sultan* he explores relations between Muslims and Christians in the eleventh century. His geopolitical perspective embodies rather than denies West Papua's self-determination.

INQUIRIES

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