

# Tonga, toonga, koloa and oloa: Gift-giving in Western Polynesia

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The anthropology of gift-giving in Western Polynesia has long held that the Samoan 'oloa and the Tongan koloa gift-giving cases are not only different, but entirely contradictory. Join us to hear Professor Tcherkezoff explore:

- The similarity in the kinds of objects exchanged – a local (West Polynesia) or a trans-Polynesian model?
- If there is a recurrent pattern in kind, whether at the local or whole Polynesian level, how can we explain the apparent reversal that occurred in the designation of the categories of gifts?

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Professor Tcherkezoff is a pioneer of implementing research institutions dedicated to Pacific Studies. His research spans across Pacific history, race relations and social and cultural anthropology. He is the Head of Partnership between Australian National University and the Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) and will be joining us at the University of Auckland for this seminar.

