

**THE PROGRAMME IN PACIFIC STUDIES AT VUW AND PEACE MOVEMENT
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**Octovianus (Octo) Mote
West Papuan journalist, human rights
advocate, and Chairperson of the
Papua Peace Negotiating Team**

**Tuesday, 30 April 2013, from 12 noon to 1.30pm
Pasifika Haos, 15 Mount Street, Kelburn,
Victoria University of Wellington**

Octo Mote is the former Head of the Papua Bureau of Kompas, the largest Indonesian daily newspaper. Following the 1999 meeting between 100 Papuan leaders (Tim 100) and Indonesian President B.J. Habibie, Octo was forced to leave Papua due to death threats from the Indonesian security services. Granted asylum in the US and US citizenship, since then he has tirelessly lobbied the US government on issues of human rights in Papua and in Indonesia more widely. Octo is the Tom and Andy Berstein Senior Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School.

Octo is the current Chairperson of the Papuan peace negotiating team, which comprises five Papuan leaders living in exile who were appointed at the Papua Peace Conference held in Jayapura, West Papua, in July 2011, to negotiate with the Indonesian government - more than 500 representatives of Papuan customary groups, civil society organisations, church groups, academics and student organisations participated in the Peace Conference.

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