# Br Budi Hernawan national speaking tour

# West Papua: Human rights, torture, and peace



Brother Budi Hernawan, OFM, is a Franciscan Friar from Indonesia. Before conducting his current PhD research at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, he worked in Papua from 1997 to 2009, for most of the time at the Office for Justice and Peace (*SKP/Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian*) run by the Catholic Church. The SKP, of which he was Director from 2005 to 2008, deals with issues of human rights advocacy, research, and documentation - monitoring the human rights situation across Papua - and peacebuilding, in conjunction with a wide range of non-governmental organisations both national and international.

The SKP has been instrumental in promoting Papuan peace movements under the banner of 'Papua Land of Peace' in close collaboration with inter-faith leaders and civil society. SKP has largely contributed to the human rights documentation in the last decade that provides credible sources of information on the subject. Based on long-term experience and expertise in this area, Br Budi is now undertaking research on the issue of torture in Papua in relation to peacebuilding.

Br Budi holds a BA in Philosophy and Theology from Driyarkara School of Philosophy, Jakarta, and a Masters' degree in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development from ANU.

#### **Dunedin: Monday, 15 November**

• 7pm, at Holy Name Parish Centre, 420 Great King St, Dunedin North; contact email klundert@ihug.co.nz

#### Wellington: Thursday, 18 November

• 12.30pm to 1.30pm, at the Centre for Global Action: Floor 2, James Smith Building, 55 Cuba Street. Organised and promoted by Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, Peace Movement Aotearoa and Global Focus Aotearoa. Please RSVP (if you plan to attend) to email martin@caritas.org.nz - a flyer for this event is available at http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/wp181110.pdf

## Auckland: Thursday, 18 November

• 6pm to 7pm, Faculty of Law, Level 3, Building 803, Auckland University, 17 Eden Crescent

## Auckland: Friday, 19 November

• 12.30pm to 2pm, at the Peace Place, 22 Emily Place, Auckland CBD. Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided, contact email paxnz@xtra.co.nz - a flyer for this event is available at http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/wp191110.pdf

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