

The NIDEA Seminar series presents:

Capturing the Diversity Dividend of Aotearoa New Zealand

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ABSTRACT: The University of Waikato is leading a 2014-2020 MBIE-funded research programme to investigate how New Zealand can best plan for, and benefit from, its increasingly diverse population. The study, entitled *Capturing the Diversity Dividend of Aotearoa New Zealand* (CaDDANZ – pronounced cadence) is conducted by a team of researchers from Waikato University, Massey University and Motu Economic and Public Policy Research in Wellington. The 2013 census revealed about 220 ethnic groups in New Zealand and there is also large diversity geographically. People from different cultural backgrounds often have different age structures, fertility, mortality, family structures, mobility patterns and preferences about where to live. Some researchers refer to this new reality as superdiversity. The CaDDANZ research is organised into 21 different projects that will include aspects of employment and economic impacts, ethnic identity in a family context, Māori perspectives, challenges and opportunities regarding diversity, and research on how people deal with aspects of diversity in everyday life. This seminar provides a broad overview of the research. Some key facts, figures and maps regarding cultural diversity will be discussed. Methodological issues regarding operationalizing the concept of diversity will also be briefly addressed. The website for the project is www.caddanz.org

BIO: Jacques Poot has been the Professor of Population Economics at the University of Waikato since 2004. He migrated from the Netherlands to New Zealand in 1979 and was employed in various academic positions at Victoria University of Wellington (where he obtained his doctorate) until 2003. He has also had visiting appointments in Australia, Japan, the Netherlands and the United States; and he will be the NZ-UK Link Foundation Visiting Professor in London from September this year. Professor Poot is the Principal Investigator of CaDDANZ and has also co-led other large projects in New Zealand and in Europe on immigrant integration, migration and regional disparities, and on regional population change and socio-economic consequences. He is an elected Foreign Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Academia Europaea, and an elected Fellow of the Regional Science Association International. In 2013, Professor Poot was the recipient of the NZIER Economics Award.

When: Tuesday, 2 June 2015, 12.30 pm – 2 pm

Where: A light lunch will be served for all seminar participants between 12.30 and 1 pm in JG.17. The seminar will commence at 1 pm in KG.06