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Topic/Debate: Do we need a national blueprint for Aotearoa?

This workshop-styled seminar is meant to promote conversation, interaction, and analytical thinking by academics coming together to challenge existing beliefs and ideologies. The format will be based on introductory remarks lasting only 20-30 minutes with the remaining time spent considering the benefits, challenges, and risks of a national blueprint. The whole issue of NZ's evolving 'consensus governance' (improving our capabilities at getting agreement) is an essential ingredient to development of a strategy for Aotearoa. Is a strategic direction dependent on how MMP evolves? We will discuss efforts to develop a more strategic approach for the future of Māori; concerns about the perceived lack of strategic leadership in and for Māori; and how local iwi, and other Māori communities can develop the longer view, share aspirations for future generations and work across diverse cultures.

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