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Disrupting discourses on innovation: Where do Māori fit?

Roundtable discussion with Maui Hudson (Deputy Director of Te Kotahi Research Institute, University of Waikato, Tahu Kūkutai (member of MASS and senior research fellow, population Studies centre, University of Waikato) and Helen Moewaka-Barnes (Director, Whariki Research Group, Massey University)

Although innovation is hardly a new concept, it has become a core part of mainstream scientific discourses in Aotearoa, and is the key focus of the newly branded Ministry of Science and Innovation. For the most part, these imaginings of innovation reveal a rather narrow set of economic interests, with innovation serving as the handmaiden of improved national productivity. These narrow interests have been amplified by the current economic recession and rationalisation of funds across the science and research sector. In this session we discuss Māori perspectives on innovation - what it means, how it can be best achieved, and for what purposes. We also discuss the opportunities and challenges for Māori to engage with innovation, and focus on the potential contributions that can be made from those working in the social sciences.

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