

## PhD Completion Seminar: Lila Moosad

### Communities, constraints and continuities Young Pasifika Women's wellbeing experiences in Melbourne

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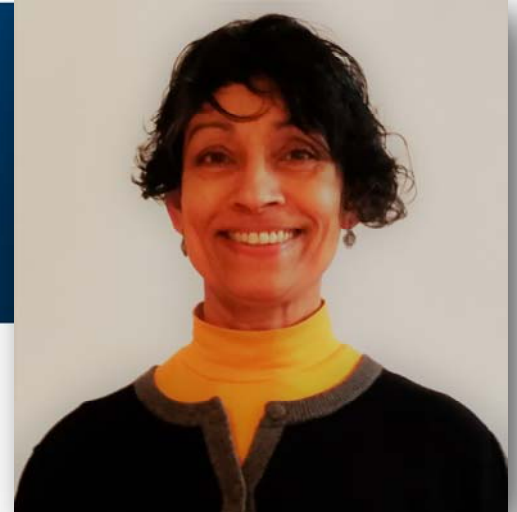
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Seminar Room 410, Level 4  
207 Bouverie Street



*Much of my professional work has been in the vocational education sector with migrant and refugee communities. I am interested in the intersections of population movements, the politics of health, structural barriers to positive health outcomes and health discourses and representations of minority populations. I completed my Masters in Health Social Science at the Centre for Health and Society, The University of Melbourne in 2012 and began my PhD in 2015.*

In this ethnographic study, I analyse how the young women negotiate and shape their wellbeing by drawing on their transnational histories, community strengths and the potential of Pasifika youth. Using Pasifika relational, temporal and spatial concepts and critical health approaches, I examine their social practices in familiar and institutional spaces. I argue that wellbeing must be understood as an ongoing process shaped against the constraints of socio-economic and structural forces. My approach contests wellbeing perspectives that obscure structural impediments to young people's wellbeing.