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# LUNCHTIME SEMINARS WEDNESDAYS – 12 NOON

**Ramona Boodoosingh** has successfully passed the doctoral dissertation towards a PhD in Development Studies pursued at the National University of Samoa. Her dissertation explored the support services available to abused women in Fiji and Samoa. A quintessential explorer for new knowledge, Ramona has completed a Masters in Environmental Health at Tufts University, USA as a Fulbright Scholarship awardee and prior to moving to Samoa as a CARPIMS Scholar, worked for eight years in Trinidad and Tobago as a senior lecturer in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety and Health at COSTAATT. During her time in Samoa, Ramona contributed to research publications on Women's Political Participation and Empowerment in Samoa and Ethnographic Case Studies on Gender Based Violence in the Pacific Region, produced independent research on plural legal systems in Samoa, the importance of quality data in the planning for support services, and supervised an exchange student at the University of the South Pacific. She also served on the teaching faculty at the National University of Samoa and as an Ending Violence Against Women Intern at UN Women. Presently Ramona serves as a PAHO Intern and as adjunct faculty at COSTAATT. Her research interests include gender based violence, public health access and evidence driven decision making.

You are invited to the  
IGDS, St. Augustine Unit Lunchtime Seminar

## **Plural Legal Systems in Samoa The Impact on Access to Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

with

**Ramona Boodoosingh**

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

12 Noon

IGDS Seminar Room

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Access to legal and judicial remedies is an essential component of support mechanisms for survivors of domestic violence. However, state mechanisms may not incorporate the local customs and traditions of a country and may limit the access to justice due to the time for processing, distance, cost and limited number of legally trained professionals. In this seminar presentation, the plurality of the legal systems present at the local (village) and state level in Samoa will be explored as justice mechanisms for survivors of domestic violence.

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