



**EARLY CAREER  
RESEARCHER  
NETWORK**

NZGS CONFERENCE 2022  
**Pre-conference Event**  
22 NOVEMBER

# WELCOME

## Programme

TIME	PROGRAMME	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC
1:00 pm -2:30 pm	Masterclass	E223	Prof. Richard Le Heron Dr Erena Le Heron Ms June Logie	Making participatory decision-making count
2:30 pm-2:45 pm	Tea break			
2:45 pm-3:00 pm	Publishing and the NZ Geographer	E223	Prof David Conradson	"Thinking about publishing as ECR?"
3:00 pm-4:00 pm	Panel discussion	E223	Dr Naomi Simmonds (Raukawa, Ngāti Huri) Dr Ritodhi Chakraborty Dr Pascarn Dickson	"En route or Destination": Experience of being an ECR
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Evening Social event	The Foundry		

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Main venue: Rata/Engineering Core, 63 Creyke Road, Ilam, Christchurch  
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# MASTERCLASS


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## Making participatory processes count

**Presenters: Erena Le Heron, Richard Le Heron, June Logie**

We are excited as geographers to be able to explore how we engaged in frontier participatory research aimed at strengthening decision-making in coastal and marine spaces as part of Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge Phase I. In the Workshop we delve into the research process of a project 'Trialling participatory processes to advance Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)'. We showcase two participatory tools we helped design then have an interactive debate about locating a hypothetical windfarm in a marine setting.

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**Erena:** Social and cultural geographer, PhD research on landscape performativity in film, geographers at work in disruptive human-physical projects, participatory processes as C21 social knowledge technology, narratives and metaphors as boundary objects, boundary crossing resources for EBM and Moving the Middle (of farmers) for regenerative agriculture.

**Richard:** Research has centred on elaborating global and local economic and environmental influences on decision-making in Aotearoa New Zealand. This ranges across land-based production, spaces, flows and subjects of the globalising economy, experimentation as innovation in biological economies, and impediments to decision choices in regulatory and institutional settings.

**June:** as a secondary geography teacher and an advocate of Aotearoa New Zealand geographic education, coastal management and visitor impact at international geography conferences; a member of International Geographical Union Commissions (Geographic education, Coastal systems, Geographic research), a former member of the Piha Environment Committee (coastal management and conflict resolution), and the West Coast Planning committee; with more recent research focus on diversity in participatory processes and risk and uncertainty in marine management.



# ACADEMIC SKILLS TALK

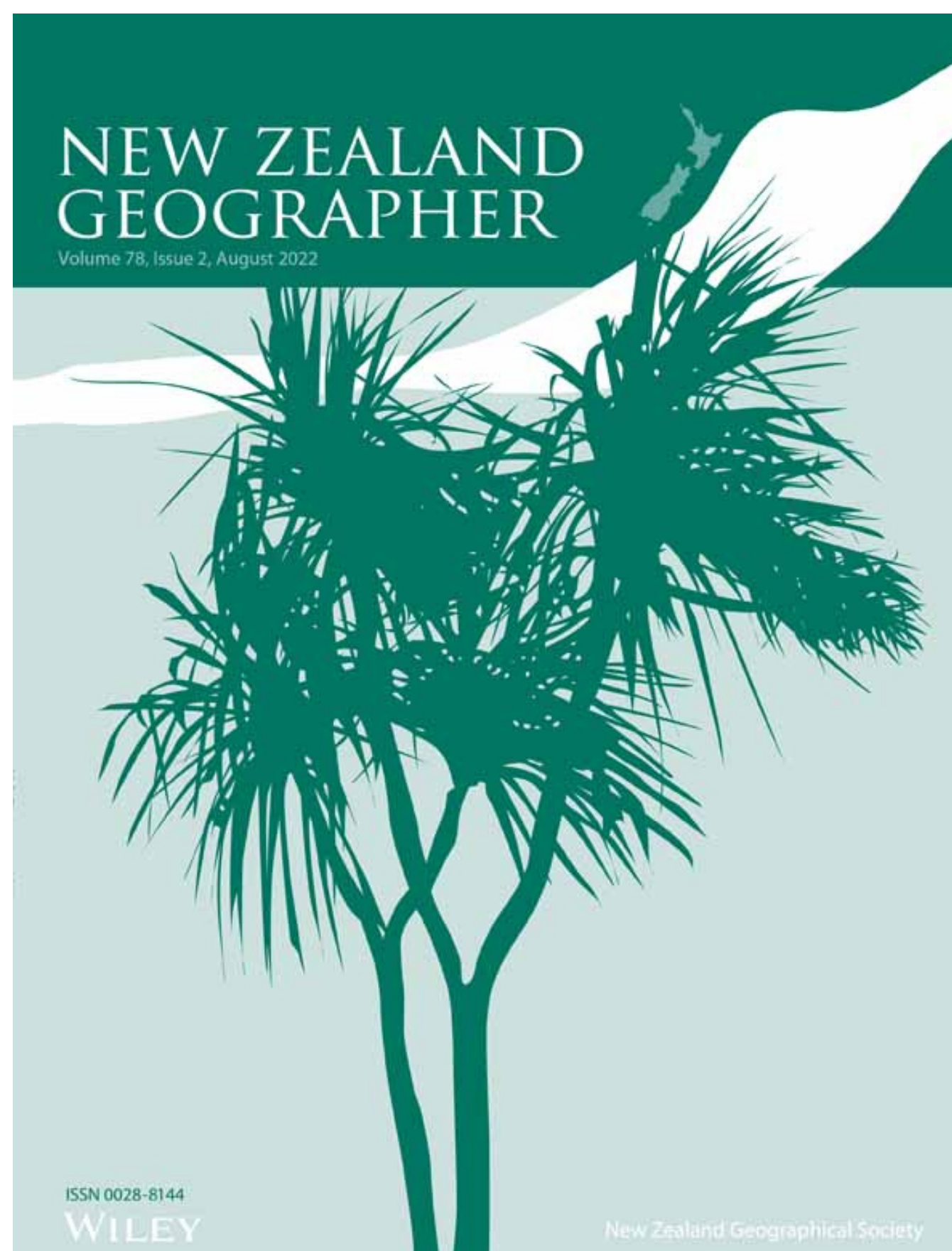
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## Thinking about publishing as ECR?

Professor David Conradson who is the managing editor for the New Zealand Geographer will briefly cover the topics on how to write a journal article as a Geographer.

### Related topics:

- Publishing as a PhD scholar/early career researcher
- The place of national/regionally focused journals in a personal publishing strategy
- Distinctive features and benefits of publishing in the New Zealand Geographer.
- Shaping your work to meet the journal scope and style of the New Zealand Geographer





# PANEL DISCUSSION

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## "En route or Destination": Experience of being an ECR



### **Dr. Naomi Simmonds (Raukawa, Ngāti Huri)**

Naomi works as an independent researcher with a focus on land-based learning, women's land-based knowledges, Māori maternities and whānau (family wellbeing). Her research looks at the intersections between land, identity, and wellbeing. Her most recent research, a Royal Society Marsden Fast Start funded project, involved researching and re-walking 378km following the journey of her ancestress, Māhinaarangi, to understand the transformations, knowledges and rituals for women that are embedded in the footprints of her ancestors. Naomi's PhD research awarded best Doctoral Thesis 2015 by the New Zealand Geographic Society looked at Māori understandings and experiences of pregnancy and childbirth.

Naomi also has a part-time role working with Māori communities on climate change for the Deep South National Science challenge. She is a mother to two girls and spends most of her spare time at her ancestral home, Pikitū, working on environmental protection and restoration projects.



Ritodhi is a political ecologist and interdisciplinary social scientist that collaborates with indigenous and agrarian communities to explore pathways of environmental and social justice. For the past decade, he has worked with various universities, think-tanks, public and civil society institutions in United States, India, Bhutan, China and Aotearoa New Zealand on issues of plural knowledges, environmental and social justice, rural transformation, youth subjectivities and masculinities, working as an activist, educator and analyst.



Pascarn is currently an Analyst at Nicholson Consulting, and is involved primarily in Research and Evaluation work. In his time at Nicholson Consulting Pascarn has led and participated in various research activities, spanning from data analysis and report writing through to applications for funding and responding to varied requests for proposals. He works with a range of clients (both public and private sector) and continues to develop his research and professional networks.

Prior to working at Nicholson Consulting, Pascarn completed a Master's in Human Geography and held several teaching and research roles at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington from 2015 through to 2021. Most recently, Pascarn held the permanent position of Senior Tutor in Human Geography from 2018-2021, navigating multiple courses, students, and tutors through the bulk of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

After leaving Te Herenga Waka, Pascarn was granted the position of Adjunct Research Fellow in the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences, allowing him to more easily maintain his university research connections. He is also a member of the Committee of the Wellington Branch of the NZGS, and is an ex-member of the NZGS ECRN Executive.



# LOCATIONS

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