21st C Pacific Museums: Perspectives from Belau

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Focus on OBJECTS:
Wilson pieces, British Museum
PEOPLES & CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Are museums a Western Concept?
Kebtot ‘l Bai

1st Belau National Museum
Bai as Central Icon of Polity
Sole remaining pre-WWII Bai Airrai
Bai Logo 9th Pacific Festival of Arts
Academic Use of Images
Academic use? 2001
Misrepresentation & appropriation

- No knowledge of this by BM (sic!). Apparently were captives of Russians? Hermaphrodite – “Three Graces”. *Body Trade*: *Captivity, Cannibalism and Colonialism in the Pacific* (Creed and Hoorn 2001). Now entering into “academic literature” John Pule’s recent book on Tapa with Nicholas Thomas.

- Extreme concern by British Museum: do we need to reconsider loan policies?

- Rehuher and Nero redress article *Bekeu ‘I buik* in process!
Academic Uses?
Portrait of three Palauans: 2009
Merchandising images

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