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WEDNESDAY 11 MAHURU
SEPTEMBER 2024

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HŌTAKA PROGRAMME

9.30   Arrival and registration for presenters

10.30   Presenters' briefing

11.00   Jury briefing

11.30   Mihi welcome and introductory remarks

11.45   Pitch presentations (1-10)

12.45   Kai a te rānui lunch

1.45   Pitch presentations (11-19)

2.45   Networking break / kaiwhakawā jury evaluation session

3.45   Award ceremony / group photo and closing remarks

4.15   Networking and connecting reception

6.00   Karakia whakamutunga event closing blessing

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KAUPAPA CONCEPT

The Falling Walls Foundation
founded the Falling Walls Lab
in 2011 to:

CONNECT aspiring innovators

DISCOVER and develop talents

SUPPORT interdisciplinary dialogue
and international cooperation

DEVELOP new ways of scientific
communication

BUILD new and strong networks

KAIWHAKAWĀ JURY

Professor Phil Lester Jury Chair

**Insect Ecology, School of Biological Sciences,
Te Herenga Waka — Victoria University of Wellington**

Professor Lester works at Te Herenga Waka — Victoria University of Wellington, where his research is in population dynamics and ecology of social insects. The pathogens and parasites of honey bees, invasive ants and social wasps in the Pacific region are a particular focus. He is a Specialty Chief Editor for the journal *Frontiers in Bee Science*. Phil has been the recipient of both a Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship and a Royal Society Te Apārangi James Cook Fellowship. He has previously been Head of School for the School of Biological Sciences, and is a prior President of the Entomological Society of New Zealand.

Associate Professor Riz Firestone

Senior Research Officer, Centre for Public Health Research, Massey University

Associate Professor Firestone is a Senior Researcher and Associate Dean – Pasifika at the Centre for Public Health Research. Her research involves investigations on social-cultural and health inequalities, specifically among young Pasifika people with non-communicable diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand. She also has a wider focus in co-developing community-based interventions with Pasifika and Māori communities to: (i) tailor interventions to ensure the needs of the community are met and; (ii) ensure the interventions are relevant, and adaptable for long-term uptake by people within their communities.

Outside of academic life, Riz has a passion for empowering others into healthier lifestyles as Head Teacher for Group Power classes at one of Aotearoa New Zealand's largest gyms.

Associate Professor Alex Gavryushkin

Biological Data Science Lab, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Canterbury

Associate Professor Gavryushkin, Associate Dean of Research for Engineering and a Rutherford Discovery Fellow, is an expert in algorithms, biological data science, and genomics. He works on scalable approaches to big data analysis in cancer research, epidemiology, and drug discovery.

Alex works with his colleagues at the Biological Data Science Lab and collaborators to develop mathematics and computer science necessary to answer rigorous questions about molecular data. Their ultimate goal is achieved when they observe how molecular biology and data science shape modern mathematics and computer science.

Associate Professor Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni MNZM

Criminology Programme, School of Social Sciences, University of Auckland

Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni is a Samoan academic in sociology/criminology at the School of Social Sciences, University of Auckland.

Her academic work draws on and contributes to the building of Pacific indigenous knowledges, especially Samoan.

Her teaching and research currently focuses on issues of "Pacific jurisprudence" (particularly the relationship between law and custom/custom law), Pacific epistemology and Pacific research methods/methodologies.

Veronika Meduna

New Zealand Editor, The Conversation

Veronika Meduna is the New Zealand editor for *The Conversation*, a not-for-profit media organisation working with academics to provide evidence-based news and current affairs analysis. She is an award-winning science/environment writer and broadcaster, with experience across all multi-media publishing platforms. Before joining *The Conversation*, she produced and hosted a weekly science programme for New Zealand's public broadcaster RNZ, for which she won several journalism awards, including the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union's prize for best documentary.

She has written several books on science, most recently *Towards a Warming World*, published by Bridget Williams Books, and *Science on Ice: Discovering the Secrets of Antarctica*, published by Auckland University Press and, in an international edition, by Yale University Press. This book was a finalist in the 2013 Science Book awards.

Veronika contributes to other broadcasters and publications in New Zealand and internationally, including the *NZ Listener*, *NZ Geographic*, *New Scientist* and *Deutsche Welle*.

Monique Surges

**CEO, German-New Zealand
Chamber of Commerce (GNZCC)**

Monique Surges is a seasoned CEO who
has been leading the German-New Zealand
Chamber of Commerce since 2000.
In 2015, she also joined the Supervisory
Board of BayWa AG. She has also been
instrumental in the establishment and
growth of the New Zealand Europe
Business Council, where she held several
leadership roles including Vice President,
President, and Treasurer.

Monique brings extensive expertise
in facilitating and nurturing business
relationships between New Zealand and
Germany. Her hands-on approach has been
invaluable in assisting companies with their
exhibition needs at various international
trade fairs in Germany. Over her impressive
30-year career, she has been a key driver
in cultivating a thriving trade relationship
between these two countries.

With its mandate to help New Zealand
and German business entities thrive in an
increasingly competitive global market
environment, the GNZCC is a uniquely
positioned bilateral trade office. It is
supported by the German Federal Ministry
of Economics and Climate Action and is the
largest European Chamber in New Zealand.

SCORING SYSTEM

Each presentation is evaluated on a scale
from 0 – 5 based on three weighted criteria.

50% | Breakthrough factor

- Is the project original
  and does it have potential
  for innovation?
- Does it represent a
  groundbreaking idea,
  initiative or discovery?
- Could it trigger other
  innovation processes?

40% | Relevance and impact

- Who is the target group?
- Does the idea affect a broad
  group or does it have a deep
  impact on a small group?
- Does the idea have short-
  term or long-term effects?

10% | Structure and performance

- Is the presentation well
  structured? Does it clearly
  explain breakthrough and
  impact?
- Does the candidate present
  a proof of concept / the
  feasibility of the project?
- Is the candidate able
  to explain the idea well?

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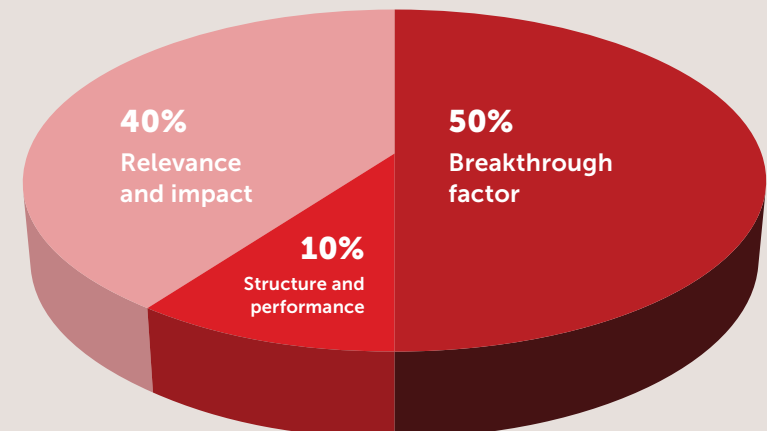
KAIWHAKATAETAE PARTICIPANTS

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Lincoln Agritech Ltd / University of Canterbury

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Fiji National University

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University of Canterbury

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University of Auckland

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Riddet Institute, Massey University

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NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi /
University of Canterbury

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University of Canterbury

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University of Waikato

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Sustainable Nutrition Initiative®,
Riddet Institute, Massey University

15. Petera Whaiao Hudson
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Massey University

16. Sarah Lockwood
Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

17. Shalini Guleria
Liggins Institute, University of Auckland

18. Thomas Gillman
National Centre for Research on Europe,
University of Canterbury

19. Yasas Sri Wickramasinghe
HIT Lab NZ, University of Canterbury

1.

Alice Sai Louie

Lincoln Agritech Ltd / University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Hidden Waters

Shallow groundwater flooding, exacerbated by climate change, threatens many low-lying cities globally. We lack a high spatial resolution method to measure shallow groundwater over large areas. By repurposing existing dark strands of fibre optic telecommunications networks with Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS), measuring temperature could enable real-time groundwater monitoring of shallow groundwater dynamics across extensive regions, allowing for improved water management.

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Alice is a research scientist at Lincoln Agritech Ltd, as well as a PhD candidate at the University of Canterbury. Alice's current research focuses on surface water-groundwater interaction in braided rivers, investigating how river loss varies seasonally at a high spatial resolution. Her research uses heat as a tracer using novel Active-Distributed Temperature Sensing (A-DTS) methods. She is also interested in exploring new uses of fibre optic technologies for environmental sensing.

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2.

Baadsha

Fiji National University

Breaking the Wall of Judicial Insights

Judicial independence and accountability in Fiji are not well understood or studied, potentially compromising the rule of law and public confidence in the legal system. When these elements are compromised, they create barriers to justice. My research aims to break down these barriers, much like the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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Baadsha is a practising lawyer and lecturer at Fiji National University. Prior to this he served as a legal advisor at the Office of the Attorney-General in Fiji and private practice. He has practiced in the following areas: Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Commercial Law, Employment Law, General Conveyance Work, Insolvency and Liquidation Law, Probate and Estate, and General Civil Litigation. His doctoral thesis aims to do a comprehensive examination of judicial independence and accountability in Fiji.

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3.

Carol Martinez Camacho

University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Definitions of Life

Through ana-dialectic methodology, we'll implement the design of pluriversal school spaces to problematise the definition of the fundamental unit of life (the cell), introducing indigenous ethics and metaphysics, as well as methodologies and knowledges, into the substantive content of science education. We seek to understand the impact on students' onto-epistemological orientations of science education as a site of socio-political struggle.

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Carol is a PhD student in the University of Canterbury, interpellated by the poorly represented interculturality in the undergraduate curricula. She holds a BSc in Genomic Sciences from UNAM (Mexico) and an MSc in Integrative Biology from CINVESTAV (Mexico). Through communicating science in a culturally relevant way to foster the interest of indigenous children and youth in the areas of STEM, she seeks to increase diversity in academia to enable the production of knowledge based on a principle of solidarity.

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Daiana Yedgey

University of Auckland

Breaking the Wall of Dementia Diagnosis

We are attempting to find a new early and minimally invasive way to diagnose dementia. Currently, the only way to diagnose dementia is by extensive brain imaging, assessment of symptoms and post-mortem staining of brain tissue. We are studying the human olfactory system where the first signs of dementia can be detected.

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Daiana is a doctoral candidate at the University of Auckland, where she is researching early morphology changes and accumulation of abnormal proteins that link to neurodegenerative conditions. Daiana has completed multiple Summer Research Scholarship projects and an Honours project with Curtis Laboratory under the supervision of Dr Victoria Low and Professor Maurice Curtis, deepening her knowledge of olfactory system and dedicating her time to developing new ways of visualizing immunohistochemical staining as quantitative data within the human olfactory mucosa.

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5.

Ejovi Abafe

Sustainable Nutrition Initiative®, Riddet Institute, Massey University

Breaking the Wall of Micronutrient Malnutrition

I aim to break the wall of micronutrient malnutrition by identifying and promoting the production of nutrient-dense crops. This approach targets global food systems, ensuring they provide essential micronutrients, particularly to vulnerable populations, through sustainable agricultural land use practices.

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Before his current PhD at the Riddet Institute, Ejovi earned a master's and a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of South Africa (UNISA) and Delta State University, Nigeria, respectively. His research aims to deepen understanding of how land use can satisfy food and nutritional requirements of a growing global population.

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6.

Evelyn Wen

**NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
/ University of Canterbury**

Breaking the Wall of Public Transport Access

I seek to break the wall of inadequate access to public transport by solving the first- and last-mile challenge. Proposing paid park-and-ride and free carpooling facilities at train stations could boost connectivity, increase daily train commuters by 1500, and generate $6.7M annually. This revenue could enhance peak-hour services and optimise resource allocation without challenging the existing funding model much.

Evelyn is a Senior Analyst at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, developing methodologies to present insights on Transport Services capital improvements portfolio. She is also pursuing a Master of Mathematical Sciences through University of Canterbury, researching cost-neutral solutions for first- and last-mile public transport connectivity. Evelyn has held various roles with Transdev New Zealand, gaining first-hand experience in rail scheduling, workforce planning, performance analytics, and reporting system automation. She has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from University of Otago.

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7.

Hadi Vatankhah-Ghadim

University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Trans-Tasmanian Isolation

Energy systems in Australia and New Zealand face severe bottlenecks and storage issues, hindering their clean energy transition. A proposed trans-Tasmanian sub-sea power cable can boost energy security, aid decarbonization, and create jobs, strengthening the strategic alliance of Kiwis and Aussies.

Hadi received his BSc degree in power electrical engineering, and MSc in electrical energy systems management and planning from Iran. He is currently working toward his PhD degree with the Sustainable Energy Research Group (SERG) at the Civil and Natural Resources Engineering (CNRE) Department, University of Canterbury. His research interests include renewable energy integration, multi-carrier energy systems planning, and modern power system dynamics.

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8.

Jack Scanlan

School of Social Work, Massey University

Breaking the Wall of Racism in Youth Justice

South Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand, has the largest global Polynesian population and is home to a recent study that revealed Samoan practitioners in dominant white spaces experience feelings of marginalisation, bullying, and exclusion. The study named "Ululaau—The power of transformation to curb Samoan youth offending" has sought to understand effective ways to reduce Samoan youth offending from former Samoan youth-at-risk turned social practitioners.

Jack is a Massey University social work lecturer and Doctor of Social Work candidate. His doctoral research, Ululaau, examines the transformational journeys of Samoan social practitioners who were former youth-at-risk to better address Samoan youth offending. Formerly a Police youth development Project Manager, Jack has worked with youth offenders in South Auckland for close to 30 years. A proud Māngere, South Auckland, Aotearoa, New Zealand-born Samoan, Jack is married to his beautiful Ngati Tūwharetoa wife, Nicky and has three children.

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9.

Jeff Lang
Lincoln Agritech Ltd

Breaking the Wall of Earthquake Forecasting

We seek to test a new method of reconstructing prehistoric earthquake records, based on chemical signals of earthquakes encoded in stalagmites. Current paleoseismic methods are limited in record length and dating accuracy, whereas stalagmites, often tens of millennia in age, can be dated precisely. Longer records of past earthquakes will lead to improved seismic hazard assessment and earthquake forecasting.

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Jeff is a postdoctoral researcher with the Environmental Research (ER) team at Lincoln Agritech Ltd. He has a strong background in geology and geochemistry. Currently he works with the ER team investigating the pressures of climate change on river ecosystems (freshwater acidification), while continuing to seek opportunities to build on his PhD research co-developing new cave-based methods of investigating prehistoric earthquakes. His PhD (Geology), MSc (Earth Sciences), and BSc (Geology, Geophysics) are from the University of Auckland.

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10.

Joseph Balfe
University of Otago

Breaking the Wall of Asthma

Every day, the lives of more than 1000 people are cut short because of an asthma attack, and most of these deaths are preventable due to a simple delay in obtaining inhaled medications during the final attack. Because of this, we are developing a smart, wearable, bronchodilator device that can detect and rapidly intervene during asthma attacks using advanced neuromodulation technology.

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Joseph is a Clinical Trials Associate at Pacific Edge Ltd., a world-leading cancer diagnostics company specialised in non-invasive genomic urine testing for bladder cancer. After completing a Bachelor of Music in Performance, Joseph pursued his science career, and recently completed a Master of Science with distinction in Neuroscience at the University of Otago. As an inventor of a patented neuromodulation device, he is committed to leveraging the therapeutic potential of neuromodulation technology to solve biomedical problems.

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11.

Mahya Tavan
Sustainable Nutrition Initiative®, Riddet Institute, Massey University

Breaking the Wall of Diet Sustainability

My research is focused on developing a ground-breaking dietary optimisation tool, The iOTA Model®, which is designed to integrate all facets of diet sustainability. Using advanced mathematical modelling techniques, I have utilised national dietary data to simulate diets that not only adhere to nutritional guidelines but also champion environmental sustainability.

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Mahya is a postdoctoral research fellow with the Sustainable Nutrition Initiative (SNi®) at the Riddet Institute. Her research focuses on dietary optimisation and sustainable diets. Prior to joining SNi®, she held a research role at University of Melbourne, Australia, where she carried out various research projects on sustainable food production, resource use efficiency and biofortification of fresh food.

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12.
Mamehgol Yousefidashliboroun

AgResearch, University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Agriculture Systems

We envision future farm assistants/advisors to support efficient and sustainable agricultural practices. Our goal is to design an intelligent interface, able to process information and support decision-making with intuitive, natural language explanations. We are developing an agentic workflow to be used as an information source or decision support system, enhancing the farmer's decision-making process and seamlessly integrating with it.

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Mamehgol works with AgResearch, researching how design can improve user acceptance and digital technology adoption. She has a strong background in Agricultural Mechanisation with interdisciplinary expertise in smart interactions, and product design. Passionate about transforming ideas into innovative products that enhance farmer interactions with digital tools, she holds a PhD in Agricultural Mechanisation and an MSc in Design and Innovation Engineering from Universiti Putra, Malaysia. Currently, she is pursuing a second PhD in Product Design at the University of Canterbury.

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13.
Nikki Barrett

Te Ngira: Institute for Population Research, University of Waikato

Breaking the Wall of Childbirth Education

Hapū Wānanga, a Māori childbirth education class, is the catalyst for positive birthing and parenting experiences, yielding economic, health, social, and cultural benefits for mothers, babies, and wider society. By integrating traditional Māori birthing knowledge with Western medicine, Hapū Wānanga has significantly boosted attendance rates. Participants enthusiastically endorse and promote the programme for all expectant parents.

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Nikki (Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Porou) is a postdoctoral fellow at Te Ngira: Institute of Population Research, University of Waikato, with extensive expertise in Kaupapa Māori research and evaluation, strategic health policy, and leadership. She was awarded the 2022 Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award for her work on revitalising Indigenous birthing practices. Nikki has held senior roles in project management and leadership, managed Māori health portfolios, and authored several government reports.

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14.
Patricia Soh

Sustainable Nutrition Initiative®, Riddet Institute, Massey University

Breaking the Wall of Unbalanced Vegan Diets

Vegan diets have comparatively lower protein quality than diets that include animal-sourced foods. Advanced tools in machine learning can identify complex eating behaviours and protein intake across meals. This allows us to study how vegan dietary patterns influence protein intake and protein quality throughout the day, thus unveiling the optimal food combinations for healthy vegan diets.

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Patricia is a PhD student with the Sustainable Nutrition Initiative® at the Riddet Institute. Her project aims to investigate the protein quality in the diets of New Zealand vegans. Her main highlights during her PhD were the publication of her review paper in the *Journal of Nutrition* and presenting her findings at the Nutrition Society Conference 2024 in Belfast. Before the commencement of her PhD, Patricia completed her Master of Science in Human Nutrition at Massey University, Auckland.

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15.

Petera Whaiao Hudson

Te Pūtahi a Toi, School of Māori Knowledge, Massey University

Breaking the of Wall of Western-dominated AI

The over-representation of Māori exhibited in poor statistical rates is now evolving in imperial-dominated algorithms and is proving to amplify biased stereotypes in AI systems. We sought to identify mātauranga and tikanga Māori that have the potential to inform next-generation AI systems, which promote cultural well-being for our whānau and their futures.

Petera is pursuing a PhD with Te Pūtahi a Toi, School of Māori Knowledge, Massey University. He is also a Research Assistant for the Tikanga in Technology programme housed at University of Waikato. Petera also had an internship with the Ātea Project researching Māori IT artefacts and AI related development in AI-biased systems. Petera is now researching with the Indigenous Protocol and Artificial Intelligence Working Group developing new conceptual and practical approaches to building the next generation of AI systems.

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16.

Sarah Lockwood

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Breaking the Wall of Maternal Equity in Crises

My research project examines the experiences of pregnant women during a climate crisis and uses this information to build a practical framework for health and crisis practitioners to utilise in the attainment of maternal health equity. This responds to the increased occurrence of climate crisis events in Aotearoa and worldwide, whereby pregnant women are considered among the most vulnerable populations.

Sarah is a Senior Researcher at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, specialising in social and cultural responses to crisis events. Sarah is currently leading a research project that addresses maternal health equity during a climate crisis. Sarah has lent her expertise to Pacific Island nations to help build local capacity to crisis response and is passionate about transferring academic research into community outcomes. Her PhD is from University of Waikato and MMS/BCS (Distinction/Hons) degrees are from University of Waikato and Sweden.

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17.

Shalini Guleria

Liggins Institute, University of Auckland

Breaking the Wall of Early Immunity

Maternal breastfeeding delivers essential nutrients and immune factors, like regulatory T cells (Tregs), to newborns, aiding in immune tolerance and reducing allergy and autoimmune disease risks. We aim to investigate how breast milk-transferred Tregs contribute to immune tolerance in babies, potentially identifying new Treg molecules for treating immunological issues and preventing future allergies and autoimmune disorders.

Shalini, a postdoctoral fellow at the Liggins Institute, University of Auckland, recently completed her PhD and returned to Aotearoa. She specialises in T cell immunology, particularly regulatory T cells, with a focus on autoimmune diseases. Her expertise extends to breast cancer immunology and cellular heterogeneity. She holds a PhD in Cancer Medicine from La Trobe University, Australia, and an MSc in Molecular Biology and a BE (Honours) in Chemical and Biological Engineering from the University of Waikato.

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18.

Thomas Gillman

National Centre for Research on Europe,
University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Access to Sports Facilities

The Smaller Island States of the Pacific have limited access to quality sports facilities that could provide community wellbeing, economic opportunities through sports tourism and professional roles associated with sport, and in a climate-friendly manner. A climate neutral high performance training facility could provide income and professional opportunities, while also supporting sustainable development ambitions of the country it is located.

Thomas completed his PhD at the National Centre for Research on Europe exploring the private sector's role in sustainable development in the Smaller Island States. Currently, Thomas is working in meaningful refugee participation while also developing a model of sustainable tourism designed to support tourism operators to embed sustainability. Thomas has a strong background in research in cross-cultural settings, participatory philanthropy and community-led development. He is passionate about sports and believes that sport can play a crucial role in achieving sustainable development.

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19.

Yasas Sri Wickramasinghe

Human Interface Technology Lab,
(HIT Lab NZ), University of Canterbury

Breaking the Wall of Loneliness through Play

We are focused on using Augmented Reality (AR) to break the wall of loneliness and create meaningful connections through play. Existing technologies for connecting with others fall short in providing a sense of presence and meaningful interactions. We have developed a technology that fosters engagement, connection, and brings people and places together.

Yasas Sri is a doctoral candidate at the HIT Lab NZ, University of Canterbury. He is researching the development of novel technologies to connect people and places using location-based augmented reality games. Yasas has a strong background in software engineering, human-computer interaction, and game development. Additionally, he is a lecturer and a blogger.

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KŌRERO MŌ ABOUT FALLING WALLS LAB AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Falling Walls Lab Aotearoa New Zealand is a challenging, inspiring and interdisciplinary pitch competition to showcase the next generation of students and early-career professionals.

In a 3-minute presentation, participants will present their research, business model or innovative idea, showcasing a breakthrough that creates a positive impact on science and society. All disciplines are welcome: from agriculture, medicine, economics, engineering to social science and the humanities. The event is inspired by the world-changing event of the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989, with the question: **Which walls will fall next?**

The most inspirational presentation will be selected to represent Aotearoa New Zealand and travel to the Falling Walls Lab Global Finale held in Berlin, Germany in November, where they will compete to become the Breakthrough Winner of the Year in the Emerging Talents category of Falling Walls.

At the Berlin Lab, finalists from across the globe have the opportunity to pitch their innovative idea in front of a high-calibre jury and receive a ticket to take part in the prestigious Falling Walls Science Summit, where leaders from science, industry, and policy meet and discuss which walls will be the next to fall in science and society. Berlin finalists are also invited to take part in an exclusive extended programme, which in the past have included a Springer Nature event on science publishing, an 'Insights into German Research' information session and science excursion, a networking dinner, and more.

Photo: 2022 Finale, Berlin © Falling Walls Foundation

KŌRERO MAI FEEDBACK

- As an audience member, what was your overall impression?

- What did you enjoy most?

- Do you have any suggestions to improve the event?

Please provide your feedback to:
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