

Indigenising the concept and process of accountability

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Abstract

Accountability is best understood as a concept driven by key principles that frame the way individuals and organisations engage with one another within certain contexts, rather than a definable word to be applied to any situation. However, accountability is not an end in itself, it is a means to achieve other ends such as securing rights and resources. In this case, indigenising accountability refers to exploring how indigenous knowledge and values can and have been included in understandings and practices of accountability. I believe that this understanding can be used in struggles for self-determination and improved social, environmental, economic and cultural outcomes. The research questions for this kaupapa set out to explore understandings and practices of accountability within Ngāi Tahu and theorise the relationship between context and accountability and how this could change. In exploring all of this, I hope to work with participants to imagine what an indigenised accountability might look like.

Bio

I am Kāti Huirapa – Kāi Tahu and currently undertaking PhD study at the University of Sheffield. My research is broadly focused on exploring ways to hold business and government to account for their wider social, environmental, economic and cultural impacts. I am an urbanized, disconnected Kāi Tahu who has grown up with sparse exposure to tikanga, whakapapa and Kāi Tahutanga on a journey to reconnect. Because of this I have my own unique layers of accountability as a researcher to participants and whānau. This seminar will be an opportunity for me to get valuable feedback on what I have found so far in order to continue to carve out this thesis. It is also the first of many opportunities for me to be held to account as a Kāi Tahu researcher.

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