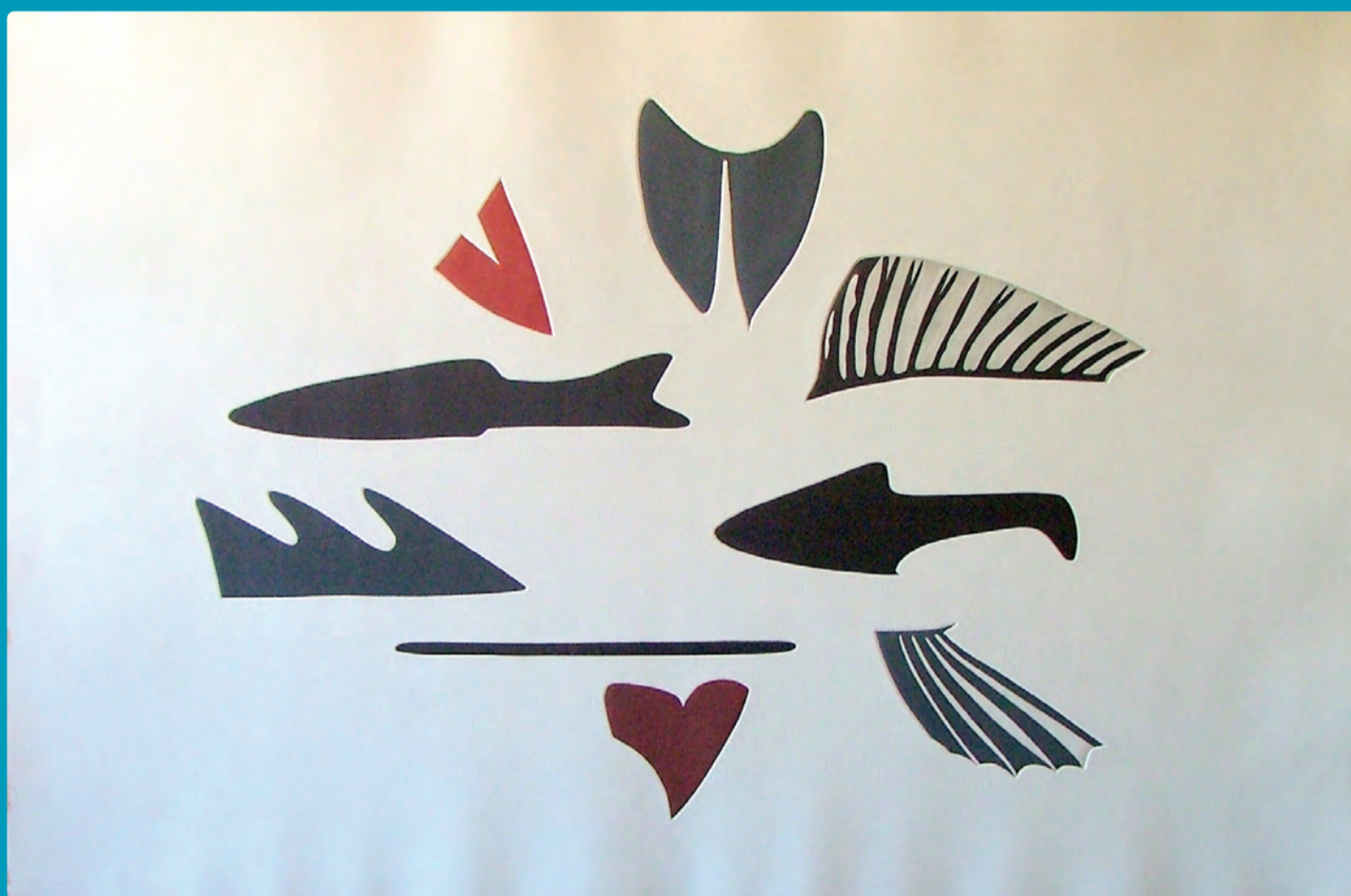# Across the Pacific

The 20th annual conference of the New Zealand Studies Association, together with the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum, Oslo in association with the University of South Australia

Oslo, Norway, 25-28 June 2014

This special 4-day conference marks the centenary of the Norwegian Maritime Museum and of Thor Heyerdahl's birth. It focuses on a range of themes addressing the Pacific, Oceania, New Zealand, Maori culture, ocean and coastal cultures, voyaging and migration, and includes a half-day focus on the Antarctic.

Moana, mezzotint print by Alexis Neal

Keynote speakers

- Professor Bjørn L. Basberg
- Dr Paul D'Arcy
- Thor Heyerdahl Jr
- Professor Edvard Hviding

- Professor Witi Ihimaera, DCNZM
- Professor Helen Lee
- Professor Cluny Macpherson
- Assoc. Professor Susan Najita

- Professor Dame Anne Salmond
- Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith, CNZM
- Dr Roy Smith
- Professor Paul Turnbull

The New Zealand Studies Association has a long and strong history in promoting New Zealand Studies, which now extends within the region through its twice-yearly *Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies*. Building on the successes of the conferences in Nijmegen (2013), Gdansk (2012), Frankfurt (2009), Florence (2008), and Paris (2006), this major event will be held at both the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the neighbouring Kon-Tiki Museum, based on the scenic museum peninsula of Bygdøy in Oslo. On the Thursday, there will be a half-day boat excursion into the local fjords followed by a conference dinner.

Proposals for 20 minute papers to be sent by 20 January to Professor Ian Conrich (ian@ianconrich.co.uk). The papers will consider all themes within any of the following strands [1] The Pacific Ocean and Pacific Island States [2] Polynesia and Pasifika [3] New Zealand as a Pacific nation [4] Maori culture [5] Ocean and coastal cultures [6] Beaches, harbours and boats [7] Pacific migration, voyaging and exploration (to include, among others, Cook, Tasman, Bering and Heyerdahl) [8] Antarctica.