

Call for Papers

Inaugural SINU Security Briefing Series (2026)

Safe and Secure in the Solomon Islands? **Security, Livelihoods and Resilience in a Changing Pacific**

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) is pleased to announce the launch of its inaugural Security Briefing Series, to be released in October 2026. The first Special Issue, *Safe and Secure in the Solomon Islands?*, will critically examine evolving understandings of safety, security, resilience and wellbeing in the Solomon Islands amid a rapidly changing regional and global environment.

The Solomon Islands continues to navigate complex and interconnected challenges, including the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and environmental insecurity, economic pressures, geopolitical competition in the Pacific, transnational crime, cyber risks, governance challenges, social inequality, urbanisation, and changing livelihoods. At the same time, communities across the country continue to demonstrate resilience, innovation, and locally grounded approaches to peacebuilding, adaptation, and collective wellbeing.

This inaugural issue seeks to bring together diverse perspectives on what it means to be “safe and secure” in the Solomon Islands today, and what future pathways may strengthen human security, justice, stability and sustainable development in the years ahead.

We invite contributions from academics, practitioners, policymakers, civil society actors, development partners, community leaders, and other stakeholders working across the Solomon Islands and the wider Pacific region.

Suggested Themes

Submissions may engage with, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Human security and community resilience
- Climate change adaptation, disaster preparedness, and environmental security
- Livelihoods, economic insecurity, and development challenges
- Public health security and post-pandemic recovery
- Gender, youth, and social inclusion
- Governance, justice, and political stability
- Cybersecurity and digital resilience
- Transnational crime, border security, and maritime security
- Geopolitics and security partnerships (agreements, frameworks) in the Pacific
- Indigenous knowledge systems and local security practices
- Education, social cohesion and peacebuilding
- Urbanisation, migration and informal settlements
- Food, water, and resource security

- Media, communication, and information integrity
- Creative, cultural, and community-based approaches to security and resilience

Types of Contributions

We welcome:

- Original research papers
- Theoretical and conceptual perspectives
- Policy analyses and briefing papers
- Case studies
- Practitioner reflections and field insights
- Collaborative and interdisciplinary submissions

Particular emphasis will be placed on submissions that centre Pacific-based knowledge, Indigenous perspectives, community voices, and equitable regional partnerships.

About the Briefing Series

The SINU Security Briefing Series aims to provide short, accessible, policy-oriented analyses of contemporary issues affecting security, livelihoods, governance, and resilience in the Solomon Islands and the wider Pacific region.

Briefing papers should:

- Be approximately **2,000 words** (excluding references)
- Be written in an accessible and policy-relevant style
- Present clear arguments, insights, or recommendations
- Engage with contemporary regional issues and debates

Submissions may present new research or adapt existing work for a broader policy and public audience.

Creative Launch Opportunity

To mark the release of this inaugural issue, selected contributors will be invited to participate in a hybrid *Security and Livelihoods Dialogue Event* hosted by Solomon Islands National University. The event will bring together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, civil society representatives and students to reflect on emerging security challenges and opportunities in the Solomon Islands and the wider Pacific region.

The launch event will feature:

- A keynote presentation based on the featured contribution in the inaugural issue

- Short overview presentations from selected contributors highlighting the key insights of their papers
- Audience discussion and engagement on the future of security and livelihoods research in the Solomon Islands and the Pacific

The event will also provide an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between academia, policy, and community stakeholders working across the region.

Timelines

- **Call for Papers Released:** May 2026
- **Submission Deadline:** 31 August 2026
- **Publication Release:** October 2026

Submission Process

Authors are encouraged to consult the [Writing Guidelines/Template for Authors](#) and the [Submission Guidelines](#) for detailed formatting and submission requirements. If you do not have access to these guidelines, please request these by sending an email to the Editor: Editor.Series@sinu.edu.sb

For general enquiries regarding the Security Briefing Series, collaboration opportunities, or practitioner submissions, please contact Editor.Series@sinu.edu.sb