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**'PROTECTING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION: SOME CHALLENGES
FROM THE PACIFIC'**

A collaborative research project under the rubric of 'Property, Transactions and Creations' (PTC) listens to some questions being voiced by Pacific Islanders searching for a Model Law for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture. In particular, Papua New Guinean concerns with reproduction lead the anthropologist to ask about the connection between the reproduction of things and the reproduction of relations, and how far analogies with copyright help perceptions of transmission, exchange and appropriate payment.