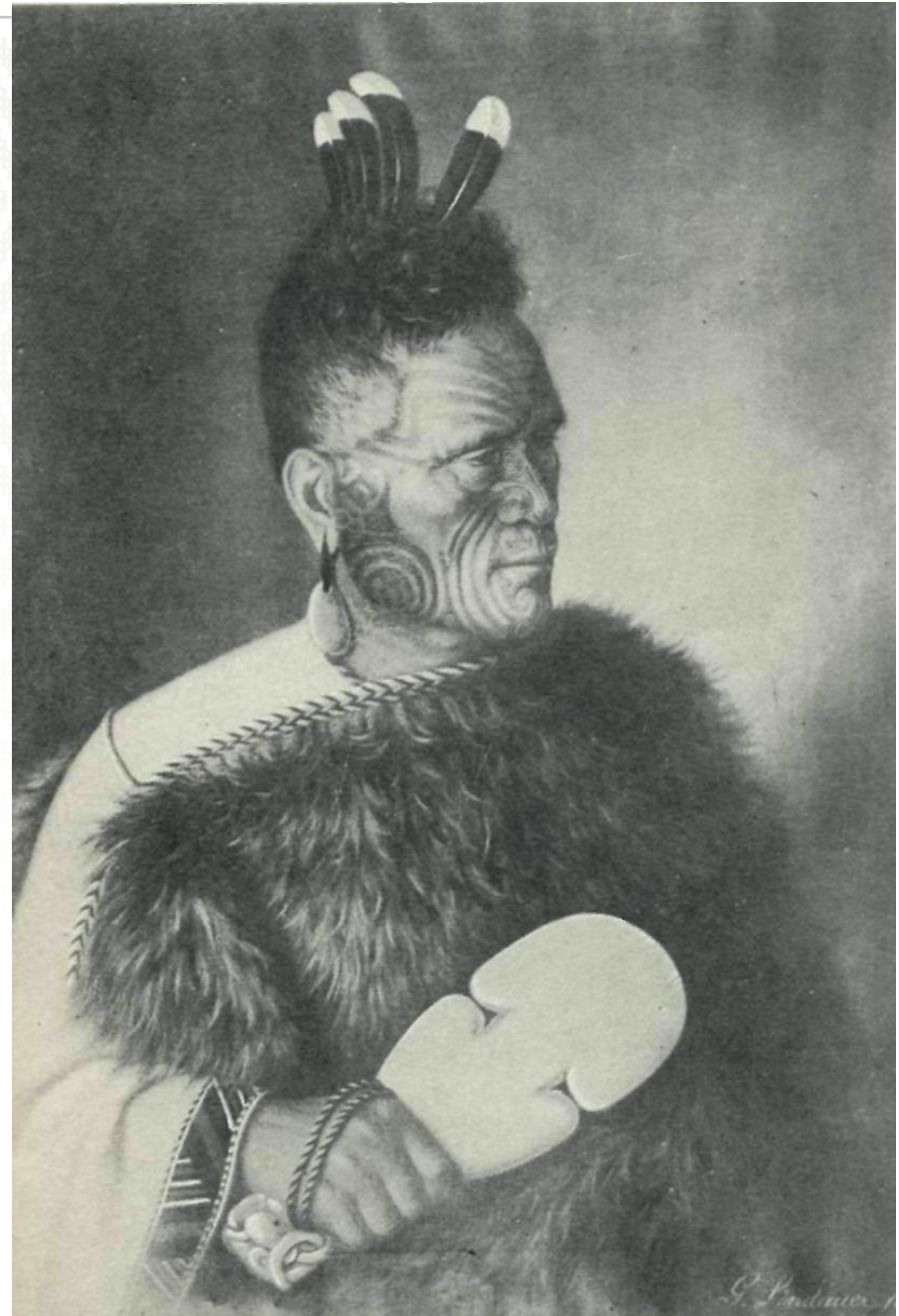


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Discussing Future
Directions in the
Māori Legal
Environment



Tongikura

“Maaku anoo tooku nei whare e hanga,
Ko ngaa poupou o roto he Mahoe, he Patete, ko te
taahuuhu he Hinau

Me whakapatupu ki te hua o te Rengarenga

Me whakapakari ki te hua o te Kawariki”

Discussion

- Legal frameworks are ‘inherently racist’ we need to focus on the intent first, then the content (Peeni Henare)

Māori need

- Champions (Peeni Henare)
- Leadership (Davidson)
- To get involved, to have our say in law reform processes (Peter Johnson)
- To be agile, optimistic and resilient in negotiations and in post-settlement contexts (Kirsti Luke)
- To continue to be innovative and collaborative (Paul Beverly)
- Symbols of hope (Jamie Tuuta)

Māori

- Who 'represents' Māori in discussions with the Crown on important issues?
 - Iwi Chairs
 - What is the role of the NZMC going forward (Whaia Te Mana Motuhake report)
 - Hapū

International

- How effective is UNDRIP? (note comments of Virginia Hardy – Crown Law)
- Is New Zealand the ‘Gold Standard’ as described by Minister Zimmer (Ontario Government, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs)