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AUCKLAND (*AUT University: Pacific Media Watch*): Reporting wars is the subject of two events at AUT University on Monday, May 24, 2010.

What – War Reporting: The ongoing challenges

When – May 24, 2010

4.30 – 6.45pm – screening of *Balibo*

7.15 – 9pm – seminar (refreshments from 6.45 pm)

Where – AUT University Conference Centre, WA224, Wellesley Campus

AUT's Pacific Media Centre will host a special screening of the film *Balibo* about the killing of six journalists in East Timor in 1975. It will be followed by a Q&A session with one of the film's consultants, Tony Maniaty, who is also the author of the book *Shooting Balibo* and who was at *Balibo* shortly before the journalists were killed.

Tony, of the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism (ACIJ) and a former ABC journalist, will provide New Zealanders with a personal perspective about this tragic episode in journalism history.

Following the screening will be *Reporting Wars: The Ongoing Challenges*, a seminar hosted by AUT, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC).

The seminar will feature a video message from Chris Cramer, global editor for multimedia at Reuters News, New York, and a panel of leading New Zealand war correspondents and a Red Cross legal adviser who will debate issues such as the safety and protection of journalists and international humanitarian law.

The panel, hosted by Dr Camille Nakhid of AUT's Pacific Media Centre Advisory Board will include Jon Stephenson a guest lecturer at AUT, Cameron Bennett of TVNZ and Mike McRoberts of TV3.

During the seminar a special edition of Pacific Journalism Review about war reporting will be launched by Jean-Luc Metzker, head of the ICRC Regional Delegation in the Pacific, based in Suva, Fiji.

Journalists, communications professionals, journalism students and those interested in international humanitarian law and conflict reporting should not miss this seminar.

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