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Mō ngā uri whakatipu: Wāhine rangatira paving a pathway for future generations in governance and health.

My research aims are:

1. To contribute a psychological, I/O theory of Māori women leadership that is from an indigenous mana wāhine perspective
2. To conceptualise a mentoring model of leadership and governance that is a by wāhine for wāhine

This study will explore wāhine rangatira experiences in leadership and governance. I have identified that leadership and governance are predominantly defined from cultures that are hierarchical; this does not consider a Māori or indigenous worldview. Leadership from a Māori worldview is described as “ranga” the ability to weave and “tira” a group of people together. The traditional Māori leadership values such as, manaakitanga (to show hospitality and support) and whanaungatanga (to build relationships through shared experiences) have been passed down through generations and is also practised by wahine rangatira in governance. I’ve also identified two leadership models that articulate wāhine leadership: mana wāhine (Māori women feminism) and tuakana-teina (mentoring model), these will ground my kaupapa in a by wāhine for wāhine approach to research.

Outputs: (1) Research proposal with comprehensive literature review completed, (2) Ethics approval obtained, (3) PhD confirmed

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