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 19. Portrait of a life cast of Koe (painted), Timor 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme
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 20. Portrait of a life cast of Amourami (painted), La Réunion 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme
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 21. Portrait of a life cast of Jaksun (painted), Madagascar 2010
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All works are pigment inks on Hahnmühle Photo Rag, 1460 x 1100 mm

A Govett-Brewster touring exhibition

FIONA PARDINGTON

THE PRESSURE OF SUNLIGHT FALLING

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Fiona Pardington's *The pressure of sunlight falling* is a series of photographs that depict life casts made by medical scientist and phrenologist Pierre-Marie Dumoutier during one of French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville's South Pacific voyages from 1837-1840.

Fiona Pardington (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Mamoe, Ngāi Waewae, Clan Cameron) considers the ways in which photography and the proto-photographic medium of casting register empathy and the presence of former lives. This exhibition explores the meanings, histories and functions of nineteenth-century life casts, bringing together the psychoanalytical, philosophical and metaphysical threads of Pardington's practice. These images, taken from casts held in French museums half a world away from the South Pacific, sees the artist investigate museum collections as imperfect yet infinitely precious archives of cultural memory.

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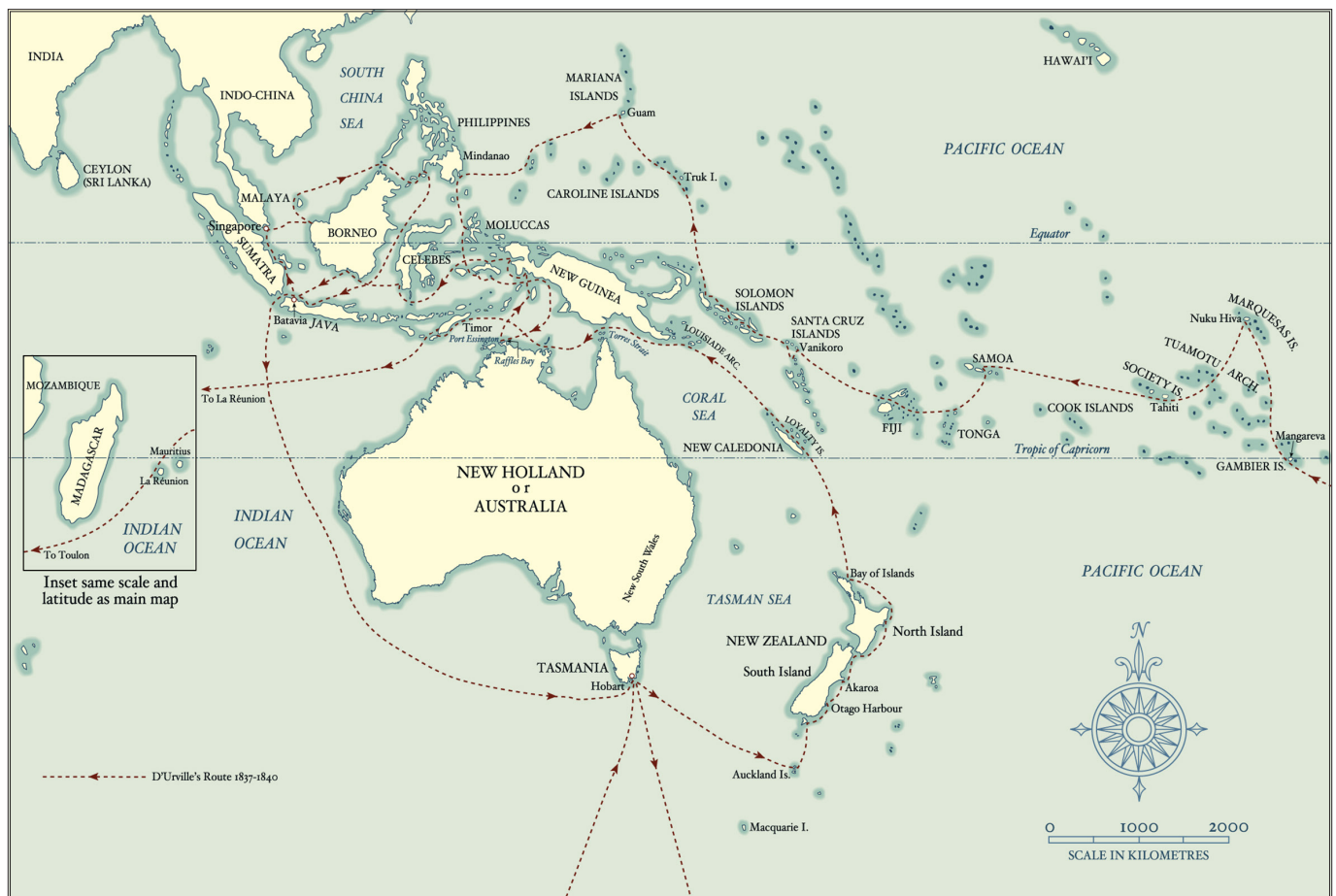


Two Rooms



THE WORKS

1. Portrait of a life cast of Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville 2010
Courtesy of the Musée Flaubert et d'Histoire de la Médecine, Rouen
2. Portrait of a life cast of Pierre-Marie Alexandre Dumoutier 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
3. Portrait of a life cast of Ma Pou Ma Tekao (painted), Gambier Islands 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
4. Portrait of a life cast of Vara Vahi (painted), Hawaii 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
5. Portrait of a life cast of Tou Taloa (painted), Samoa 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
6. Portrait of a life cast of Bouna Bouna (painted), Fiji 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
7. Portrait of a life cast of Kakaley (painted), Solomon Islands 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
8. Portrait of a life cast of Abatz (painted), Caroline Islands 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
9. Portrait of a life cast of Faustino-Tchargualoff (painted), Mariana Islands 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
10. Portrait of a life cast of Orion (painted), Papua New Guinea 2010
Courtesy of the Musée de l'Homme (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Paris
11. Portrait of a life cast of Heroua (left profile, painted), Aotearoa New Zealand 2010
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Map showing the voyages of French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville