Hi, I’m Siewfang. I’m a lecturer and a post graduate International Community Development program co ordinator at Victoria University. So I’ve just finished a class, it was about twenty five students of probably twenty nationalities in my class. When we learn about Community Development, in my view, we just come to the class and debate and discussion, the content of the learning is just so rich and wonderful. The relationship is not just within the class room, its actually beyond the classroom- how do you build confidence and identity in someone’s career. And we have relationships with students and our graduates even far after their graduation and these students have come back and taken on intern students to work in their organizations. I think this kind relationship is really important. I’ve just finished a class on conflict resolution in groups and communities. One of the students commented that ‘Look, I never really realized my conflict resolution technique when I was a manager in the organization. I always used the power approach to conflict- you go fix the problems right now and that’s it. ’ And he said that in the last two days he learnt that it was not a sustainable approach to conflict and he actually came to the realization that needs-based approach to conflict was more workable because it engaged the participant, the disputant in dialogue. And I found that it was really rewarding because that means that my teaching and the students learning actually can result in positive change. The cutting edge of this university is that we are really community oriented. A lot of our subjects are quite progressive