

EDITORIAL

With great pleasure we introduce the first issue of the *New Zealand Journal for Research on Europe* under our new name and with a new editorial team. Ayelet Zoran-Rosen from New York University has joined us as an assistant editor and adds expertise in history and Middle Eastern studies. While our traditional strength in integrating Asia-Pacific perspectives and European themes will be reinforced in our next special issue on "Universities in the Knowledge Economy", in future issues we expect to publish more articles with a broader view of Europe and its "neighbourhood". Further on, we envisage other special issues and submissions from established and emerging scholars w offering fresh, surprising perspectives on Europe in the global community.

The four articles in this issue offer an exciting mix of topics, ranging from EU citizens' rights and access to justice for victims of human rights abuse by multinational corporations to issues related to the German-Tongan diaspora and the imagined community of the Arsenal Football Club.

Dr Katja Mäkinen's article, "Mobility and unspoken citizens' rights in EU documents", points out that discussion on rights is surprisingly scarce and focuses on mobility instead of other kinds of rights (such as electoral and fundamental rights). Her research material consists of fifteen documents produced by EU institutions in 2003–2007 as part of three programmes on citizenship. She concludes with a call for citizenship to be a political category so that rights are used not only for governing citizens but also for encouraging them to exercise power.

Fiona Robertson's article, "Access to justice for victims of human rights abuse by multinational corporations: Does European civil and commercial litigation provide an answer?", explores how federal courts in the United States and European Union Member State courts have addressed cases involving a) alleged heinous conduct that took place overseas, b) foreign plaintiffs and c) foreign defendants. Together these three factors constitute what has become known as the "foreign-cubed scenario". Robertson seeks to demonstrate that recent, albeit gradual, changes in the legal world have significantly altered the means by which victims of human rights abuse can seek access to justice.

Kasia Cook's article, "German-Tongan diaspora: the movement of German-Tongans to Europe from 1920", studies the German citizens who moved to the South Pacific during the colonisation and emigration period of the mid to late 1800s. This article focuses on relationships and conceived personal identities of Germans in Tonga historically and German-Tongans in Germany today. It explains how several German-Tongans have ended up back in Germany, the homeland of their forefathers, given their confessed lack of connection with those earlier emigrants.

William Sidnam's article, "The Arsenalisation of space: the imagined community of a football club", examines the relationship between the fan community of Arsenal Football Club and time-space distanciation. Using Benedict Anderson's concept of "imagined community," he analyses the conditions that have enabled fans worldwide to identify with a sporting institution based in a country they may have never visited. The study concludes that, with the advent of digital technologies, Arsenal is simultaneously embedded in English culture and accessible to the millions of fans living in the interminable spaces beyond its country's borders.

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