No ‘Quick Fix’ Solution: The Viability of a ‘Pacific Union’

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ABSTRACT

THIS ARTICLE responds to the idea that a federation of Pacific Island states would be a viable solution to problems currently faced by these nations. It argues that the acquisition of sovereign nation status by Pacific Island states has been beneficial overall, and outlines the economic benefits that have been available to Pacific Island states by reason of their acquisition of sovereignty. The article argues that these economic opportunities leave the Pacific Island states better positioned than if they were not available. It argues that the current problems faced by many Pacific Island states would not be effectively solved by federation and, furthermore, that a federation of Pacific Island states is not a viable option given the current reluctance of most Pacific Island states to enter into such an arrangement.

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