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New Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies (MCTS)

2016 saw the launch of a new postgraduate offering in [conflict and terrorism](#) which “analyses the causes, dynamics and consequences of conflict and terrorism, and explores practical approaches to their prevention and resolution.”

The initiative was led by Dr Chris Wilson, with participation of members of the Conflict, Terrorism and Peace (CTAP) research cluster in the DA.

This new study option is accepting students in 2017 and includes both [120 and 180 point paths](#). It is located within the School of Social Sciences.



Media in the Public Interest

After spending years getting frustrated with the limited coverage of arts, science and humanities in the media, Dr Maria Armoudian and Associate Professor Luke Goode have taken matters into their own hands. They are part of a team that recently received funding from the Vice-Chancellor’s Strategic Development Fund for their Media in the Public Interest project, which they hope to use to add academic knowledge to public discourse.

They plan to start with podcasting and a website dedicated to the arts, sciences and humanities, and to host symposia with international scholars. They will also involve students in creating the platform and its content.

As scholars they both understand the importance the media plays in a healthy democracy, and aim to elevate critical thinking, raise the level of public debate, and counter the trend towards 'soft' news and sound-bite journalism.

They're also looking for collaborators from across the University, so if you're interested, do get in touch. (Source: [Faculty of Arts](#))



U.S. Election Event

In October, the Faculty of Arts hosted a live viewing of the final presidential debate in collaboration with the US Consulate General Auckland.

After watching the 90-minute debate, the packed audience got to hear analysis and commentary from TVNZ United States Correspondent Jack Tame, Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley and Dr Maria Armoudian, chaired by US Ambassador to New Zealand, Mark Gilbert.



US Ambassador Mark Gilbert, Dr Maria Armoudian, TVNZ US Correspondent Jack Tame, Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley, Deputy Dean of Arts Professor Bernadette Luciano.

95bFM were in attendance to record the panel discussion, so that you can enjoy it too. [Listen to the panel discussion](#). (Source: [Faculty of Arts](#))

University of Texas/ UOA Joint seminar

On Friday, June 3rd, 2016, Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin from The University of Auckland- Politics and International Relations and Dr. Rhonda Evans, Director from the Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies at The University



of Texas at Austin, hosted a joint seminar discussing crucial political, cultural, and civic issues facing New Zealand today. U.S. diplomat Craig Halbmaier, a Pol- Econ Officer at the Consulate General, Auckland, was invited to give opening remarks and to observe the thoughtful research

contributions by students at the joint seminar.

Presentations included those by Politics Doctoral Candidate Celestyna Galicki (The costs of voting for low socioeconomic, young and migrant voters in New Zealand) and Bill McAra Scholar Josh Van Veen (Electoral malaise and the Labour Party in New Zealand). (Source: [US Embassy & Consulate in New Zealand](#))

Professor Miller Retires



Professor Raymond Miller retired from Politics and International Relations in 2016. Raymond is a former Head of the Department of Political Studies (2006-09) and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Arts (2011-12). He also received a University of Auckland Teaching Excellence Award for sustained excellence in teaching. Raymond's long been a highly regarded public commentator on New Zealand politics and democratic institutions. His recent work includes two book projects: *Democratic Decline and Democratic Renewal: Political Change in Britain, Australia and New Zealand* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), which was co-authored with Ian Marsh; and *Democracy in New Zealand* (Auckland University Press, 2015).

Staff and students will certainly miss having him around the department in 2017 and we wish him all the best in the adventures to come.

Academic Staff Awards

**Dr Chris Wilson, Associate Professor
Anita Lacey and Dr Tomas Gregory**

Vice Chancellor's Strategic
Development Fund Award to market
the Conflict, Terrorism and Peace
Research and Teaching Initiative.
(MCTS and symposia).

Dr Maria Armoudian

Vice Chancellor's Development Grant –
Media in the Public Interest Institute
(with Luke Goode).
Rutgers Research Fellow Award.
Faculty Research Development Fund
(FRDF) Research Grant.

Professor Gerald Chan

Fellow, East Asian Institute, Seoul.
Visiting Professor, Chinese University
of Hong Kong, July 2016.

Dr Thomas Gregory

University for Auckland & Faculty of
Arts Early Career Teaching Excellence
Awards.

**Dr Thomas Gregory & Associate
Professor Anita Lacey**

University of Auckland Faculty of
Engineering BEST (Big Engineering,
Science and Technology) Challenge
Grant for collaborative project on
water purification system solutions for
urban development contexts.

Dr Julie MacArthur

[Marsden Fund Fast Start Grant](#) for
“Power to the People” project. This
research examines the politics of
community renewable energy. It
focuses on comparing institutional
developments in Denmark, the United
Kingdom and New Zealand in the
context of climate change mitigation
and adaptation.

Professor Raymond Miller

2016 NZPSA Honorary Lifetime
Membership Award

Academic Staff Promotions



Julie MacArthur was
promoted to Senior
Lecturer



Anita Lacey was
promoted to
Associate Professor



Martin Wilkinson was
promoted to Professor

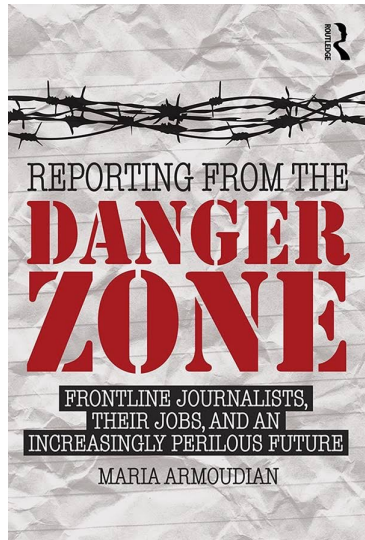
Academic Staff Publications

Books

[Reporting from the Danger Zone: Frontline Journalists, Their Jobs and an Increasingly Perilous Future](#)

Dr Maria Armoudian

Routledge 2016



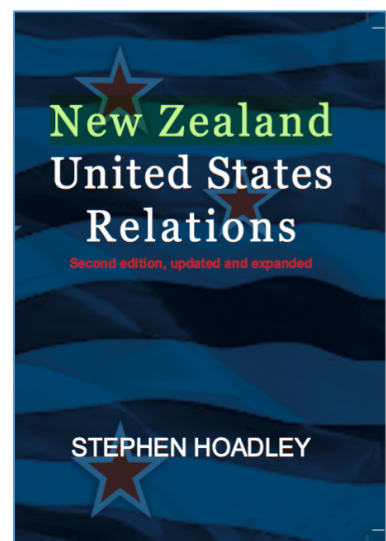
Journalism is a dangerous business when one's "beat" is a war zone. Armoudian reveals the complications facing frontline journalists who cover warzones, hot spots and other hazardous situations. It compares yesterday's conflict journalism, which was fraught with its own dangers, with today's even more perilous situations—in the face of shrinking journalism budgets, greater reliance on freelancers, tracking technologies, and increasingly hostile adversaries. It also contrasts the difficulties of foreign correspondents who navigate alien sources, languages and land, with domestically-situated correspondents who witness their own homelands being torn apart.

New Zealand United States Relations (2nd edition)

Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley

Auckland, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, 2016.

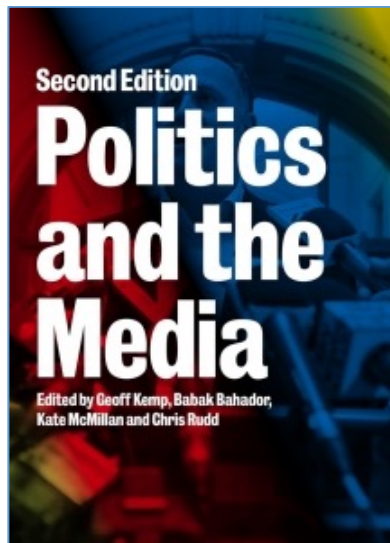
Published by the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs with the assistance of the NZ US Council, this book was launched at the Auckland Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade the week before the NZ Navy's 75th anniversary week in anticipation of the first US Navy ship visit to New Zealand for 33 years. This book aims to make New Zealand and American readers more aware of their countries' links and shared goals, and also their differences. It reviews examples of disagreements and disputes over the past century to show how most of them have been resolved, or at least managed, so that the overall relationship remains mutually beneficial today.



[Politics and the Media \(2nd Edition\)](#)

Dr Geoff Kemp, Babak Bahador, Kate McMillan and Chris Rudd (Eds)

Auckland University Press 2016.



Journalists and presidents, hacks and spin doctors, media moguls and prime ministers: in New Zealand and around the world, politics and the media are deeply intertwined. *Politics and the Media* is the second edition of New Zealand's leading introduction to the subject.

The book introduces students to the rich literature on media and politics internationally, covering history, political economy and contemporary trends, and then analyses the particular shape of the media in New Zealand and its political role. This second edition features extensive coverage of the 2014

'Dirty Politics' campaign, the increasing importance of online media, and updated material in all chapters

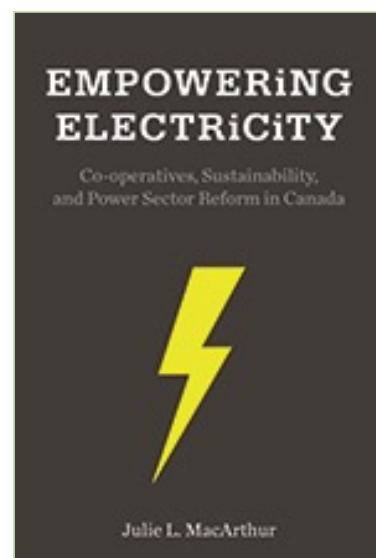
[Empowering Electricity: Co-operatives, Sustainability and Power Sector Reform in Canada](#)

Dr Julie MacArthur

Vancouver: UBC Press 2016

Canada is known for being an energy-producing nation – with much attention being paid to the Alberta tar sands and their large carbon footprint. This book looks at a very different part of the Canadian energy sector: the hundreds of renewable energy co-ops that have sprung up across the nation. These co-ops are democratically structured, community-based organizations that use sun, wind, rivers, tides, and plant and animal waste as sources of local power generation.

Empowering Electricity offers an illuminating analysis of these co-ops within the context of larger debates over climate change, renewable electricity policy, sustainable community development, and provincial power-sector ownership. It looks at the conditions that led to this new wave of co-operative development, examines their form and location, and shines a light on the promises and challenges accompanying their development.



[Applying Political Theory \(2nd Edition\)](#)

Associate Professor Katherine Smits

London, Palgrave MacMillan 2016



Fully revised and extended, the new edition of this innovative and engaging text introduces the central elements of political theory from an applied perspective. Focusing on twelve high profile contemporary social and political issues, both domestic and global, this book shows how political theory illuminates and helps makes sense of important debates in public life.

Now drawing on an even wider range of contemporary and historical political thinkers from different philosophical traditions and updated to take recent important cases and controversies into account, including a new chapter which examines the leaking of classified documents, this is the perfect introduction for students interested in how political theory can be used to help us solve the political questions of our time.

Journal Articles & Book chapters

Dr Maria Armoudian

"Introducing new datasets on Northern Ireland's media in the peace process and a test of newsworthiness in times of 'troubles.'" *Media, War and Conflict*, 9(2): 137-161.

"The Political Impact of Media Framing" In Geoff Kemp, Babak Bahador, Kate McMillan and Chris Rudd (eds), *Politics*

and the Media

(Auckland: University of Auckland, 2016).

Professor Gerald Chan

"The rise of multilateralism and the remaking of order: the role of China," (in Chinese) Moon Honghua and Pu Xiaoyu (eds) *China Strategic Report* (Shanghai: Shanghai People's Press, 2016), pp. 225-39. Also

translated and published in Korean. "China's New Silk Roads: a new global financial order in the making?" in BO Zhiyue (ed), *China-US relations in global perspective* (Wellington: Victoria UP, 2016), pp. 91-107.

"International financial institutions," in Wang J. and Song W. (eds), *China, the EU and International Politics of Global*

Governance, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 137-56.

Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin

"Organising for a more diverse political science: Australian and New Zealand", Marian Sawer and Jennifer Curtin, *European Political Science*, 15 (4): 441–456.

"Specialised Parliamentary Bodies and the Quality of Women's Substantive Representation: A Comparative Analysis of Belgium, United Kingdom and New Zealand", Karen Celis; Sarah Childs; Jennifer Curtin, *Parliamentary Affairs* 2016; doi: 10.1093/pa/gsw007.

Dr Tom Gregory

"Civilian Casualties, Non-combatant Immunity and the Politics of Killing: Review Essay", *Critical Studies on Terrorism* (Online First).

"Twenty-five years of Bananas, Beaches and Bases: A conversation with Cynthia

Enloe" (with Cynthia Enloe and Anita Lacey), *Journal of Sociology*, 52(3).

"Disappearing Bodies", in Christina Hellmich and Lisa Purse (eds) *Disappearing War: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cinema and Erasure in the Post-9/11 World* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press).

Dr Geoff Kemp

"Media, Politics and Democracy", "Media History", "Journalists and Journalism", in Geoff Kemp, Babak Bahador, Kate McMillan and Chris Rudd (eds), *Politics and the Media* (Auckland: University of Auckland, 2016).

Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley

"Europe after the British exit: demise or reinvention?", *New Zealand International Review*, (September 2016).

Dr Anita Lacey

"Biopolitical Governmentalities of Women's Lives:

Security and Development in Solomon Islands" in M. Griffiths, ed., *Biopolitics and Memory in Postcolonial Literature and Culture* (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2016).

"Twenty-five years of Bananas, Beaches and Bases: A conversation with Cynthia Enloe" (with Cynthia Enloe and Thomas Gregory), *Journal of Sociology*, 52(3).

Dr Stephen Noakes

"A Disappearing Act: The Evolution of Administrative Detention under Xi Jinping," *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, (November 2016)

"Forging Free Trade with China: The Maple Leaf and the Silver Fern" (with Charles Burton), *Pacific Affairs*, (December 2016).

"Can Canada Follow New Zealand's Model for Free Trade with China?" *Asia Pacific Memo*, (December 2016).

Professor Martin Wilkinson

T.M. Wilkinson and I. Dittmer 'Should Children Be Given Priority in Kidney Allocation?' *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 13 (4), 535-45.

Martin Wilkinson and Stephen Wilkinson 'The Donation of Human Organs' Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

T.M. Wilkinson 'Counter-Manipulation and Health Promotion' *Public Health Ethics*, advance access

doi: 10.1093/phe/phw044.

Dr Chris Wilson

"Ongoing Rebel Violence in Autonomous Regions: the case of Assam, Northeast India", *Pacific Affairs*, vol 89, no 2, 2016: 287-307.

Selected Media Commentaries & Public Presentations

Dr Maria Armoudian

- 21 appearances on TV, Radio and webcast in New Zealand and the USA, including CSPAN, TV3, TVNZ, Radio New Zealand, BFM, RadioLive, NewsTalk ZB, Free Speech TV, KGOU, the New Zealand Herald/Herald TV.
- Produced and hosted 52 syndicated radio programs, The Scholars' Circle.
- Newspaper articles:
"Family of slain US journalist sue Syrian government." in Truthout.org.
"Erdogan has failed democracy's test. The world, NZ included, must respond," in the Spinoff.
"Turkeys Erdogan Fails the Test of Democracy" in the Huffington Post and the Los Angeles Progressive.
"Young Turks and Dead Armenians" in the Los Angeles Progressive.
"Building a Better New Zealand."

Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin

- Regular appearances on TVNZ Q+A panel show.
- ['New Zealand's Political Shake-Up](#), Jennifer Curtin, Inside Story, 6 December, 2016 .
- [Millions of Australians join global chorus saying 'screw you' to political establishment](#), Jennifer Curtin, The Spinoff, 4 July, 2016.

Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley

- Media commentary on TVNZ, TV3, NZ Herald TV, Radio NZ, Radio Live, Radio 1ZB, ABC Pacific Beat, and CNBC Squawk Box, and regular weekly commentary on Pacific Media Network Radio 531pi
- NZ Herald articles
['Secure and safe after Brexit'](#) (24 June 2016)

[‘European Security After the British Exit’](#), (13 July 2016)

'Hoadley: [US warship visit triumph of pragmatism](#)' (11 November 2016)

- Public talks on current international events to Lions Club, Northern Club, Probus, U3A, and Continuing Education. Lectures on international affairs to officers at the NZDF Command and Staff College and the RNZN Warrant Officers Development Course.
- Hosted Chinese professional delegations from Sichuan, Shanghai, Guangxi, and Zhejiang for orientation talks and tours regarding the University of Auckland and New Zealand-China relations.

Dr Julie MacArthur

- [Pacific Outlier](#) blog posts on Climate Policy and a Trump Presidency
- Public book launch of Empowering Electricity September 14, Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre.
- Interview on climate change and civic engagement (Scholar’s Circle)
- Public talks on climate change and community energy at ‘Off the Grid’, Great Barrier Island and U3A events.

Dr Chris Wilson

- "Civilian Killings in India", Early Warning Project, United States Holocaust Museum, May 3 2016.
- "Are Lone Wolf Attacks the New Normal?", Dominion Post, July 23 2016.
- Two [Pacific Outlier](#) posts on the Trump presidency and electoral win.

Seminar Series 2016

March 8: Mr Roger Garside, former British diplomat, ‘The future of China: status quo, reform or chaos?’

Brandeis University, USA, ‘The U.S. health care system transformation at the end of the Obama era’.

June 15: Mr Bryce Lyall, Lyall & Thornton, Barristers and Solicitors, ‘The role of the Waitangi Tribunal and the TPPA inquiry’.

March 16: Dr Chris Wilson, ‘Mass killings after conflict: the case of Assam, Northeast India’.

April 6: Frauke Urban, University of London, ‘China’s low carbon transition: the role of technology transfer and cooperation’.

August 10: Dr Nicolas R. Smith, ‘Assessing the ongoing Ukraine crisis’.

March 23: Professor Michael Doonan,

Sept 7: Dr Tom Gregory, ‘Hostile

intent: combatants, noncombatants, and the human terrain’.

Sept 21: Dr John Boswell, University of Southampton, UK, ‘What’s working? The strange persistence of evidence-based policy’.

Oct 5: Professor Geoffrey Craig, AUT,

‘Performance and contestation in political interviews’.

Oct 13: Dr Maria Armoudian, ‘The trials and tribulations of ethical journalism in the new age of war’ .

Nov 16: Dr Matthew Barr, University of Southampton, ‘Iraq,

ideation, and inertia: tracing the construction of regime change and the path to war’.

Dec 8: Mr Stuart Laing, Master, Corpus Christi College; DVC, Cambridge University, ‘Turbulent world: can the Middle East’s wounds be healed?’.

Student Publications & Activities

Graduands

Politics and International relations had 149 BA major students (including conjoint) complete their degrees with us in 2016.

We also had completions of 22 BA Honours, 10 MA, 16 MPP, 8 MPS and 5 PhD students.



PhD Completions

Congratulations to Nicholas Smith, Lyndon Burford, Susan Crabtree, Yadira Martinez Pantoja, Shahzad Akhtar and Jianglin Qin who completed their PhDs in 2016.

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We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Postgraduate Awards

Laura Bunting

- University of Auckland Bill McAra Scholarship (\$10,000) for postgraduate study of the theory and practice of socialism.

Natalie Claireaux (Politics & Development Studies)

- New Zealand Commonwealth Doctoral Scholarship (3 years)

Paul Kramer

- Selected NZPSA Exchanger to 2016 PSA UK Conference

Books

Dr Nicholas Ross Smith

[EU–Russian Relations and the Ukraine Crisis](#), Edward Elgar, 2016.



Recent PhD graduate Dr Nicholas Ross Smith, now a Postdoctoral fellow at the National Centre for Research on Europe at University of Canterbury, published his first book in 2016.

This book assesses the competitive and contentious EU–Russia relationship in relation to Ukraine from 2010 to 2013, focusing on the important areas of trade, energy and security. The key issue explored is whether this relationship played any meaningful role in the deterioration of the situation in Ukraine since late 2013.

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

Hossein Aghapouri

Aghapouri, H., Khosravi, J. (2016). The Islamist Maktab Quran in Iranian Kurdistan and its challenges for Kurdish nationalism, *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Studies*, 3 (1), pp. 59-73.

Andrew Lim

["A Tale of Two Narratives: the New Zealand Print Media and](#)

[the Indonesian-](#)

[Malaysian](#)

[Confrontation,](#)

[1963-1966"](#) *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* (June 2016).

Nicolas Pirsoul

"Between Police and Politics: Rancière's political theory and the dilemma of indigenous politics". *Critical Horizons* (forthcoming)

Weiqun Qui

"East Asian Security Order from the Synthesised Perspectives of Material, Institution and Norms", (With Zailiang Wang), *Southeast Asian Affairs*, 2017 Forthcoming,

"China's Policies on the Islands Disputes Towards Vietnam in the South

China Sea (2010-2015)", World Economy and Politics Forum, July 2016.

"The Risk Analysis of China's Investment in

New Zealand Under the Background of OBOR", in the Oceanic Blue Book —Oceanic Development Report, November 2016, Social Sciences Academic Press China.

"Global Political Economy", Composed by Bill Dunne, Translated by Yuanbin Deng & Weiqun Qi, Xinhua Publishing House

Media & Conferences

Hossein Aghapouri

"Kurdish diaspora migrants and their reproduction of identity online", paper presentation, Conference on Diasporas and Interdisciplinary Subjects, Oxford University, UK, July 2016

"Kurdish nationalism and the emergence of a Kurdish state," paper presentation, Summer School Training Workshop and Conference on Kurdish Studies, the University of Leicester, UK, June 2016

Mark Boyd

"Lead stories and Elections: Prominence of News Coverage of

Recent Election Campaigns in Liberal Media Markets": [conference paper](#), International Political Science Association, Poznan, Poland, 25 July 2016

Andrew Lim

"Bandung and the limitations of New Zealand foreign policy" [paper presented](#) at International Studies Association's Asia-Pacific conference at City University of Hong Kong June 2016.

Nicolas Pirsoul

2016 ASCP Conference presentation (Deakin University) - "Islam, the West

and the Struggle for Recognition"

2016 European Institute Symposium (The University of Auckland) - What are we afraid of? Local fears, global anxieties - Islam and Terrorism in Europe: from Fear to Recognition?

2016 European Institute Flash Forum (The University of Auckland) – Terror in Europe: Understanding Global Violence (panelist).

Media Commentary: Warning for NZ in rise of extreme form of Islam. NZ

Herald (online and print).

Pirsoul, N. 2016, Post-Saddam Iraq: The Art of Perpetual War. Pacific Outlier (online).

Pirsoul, N. 2016, The fight for Mosul: the danger of arming Sunni opponents to Daesh and the Sunni/Shia power struggle. Open

Democracy (online).

Pirsoul, N. 2016, Plan Canal in Brussels: Belgium vs Molenbeek. OpenDemocracy (online).

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