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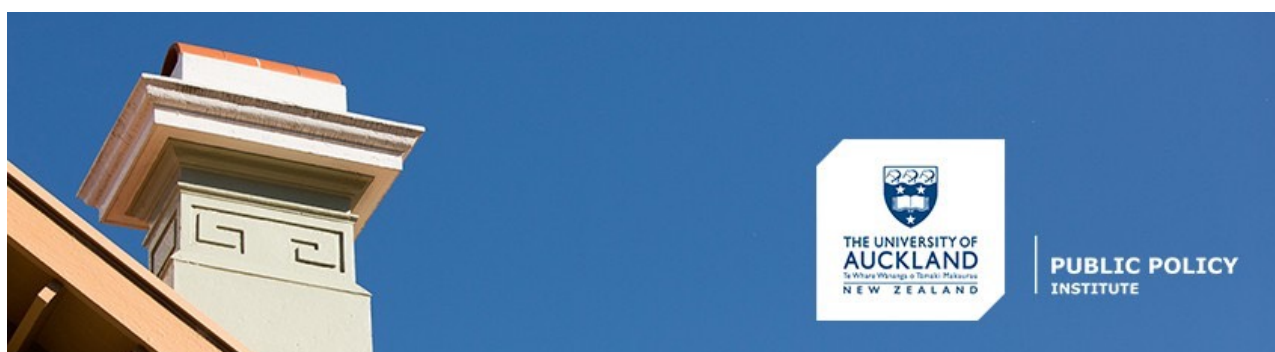
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## Establishment of the Public Policy Institute

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2017 saw the establishment of the University of Auckland Public Policy Institute, led by inaugural director, Professor Jennifer Curtin. The PPI follows in a bold tradition of public-facing institutions at other prestigious universities and aims “to foster independent, critical research on key policy issues” at the state, regional, and global scales. The PPI has already published a number of white papers targeting health, human geographical, and environmental issues.

In addition to its public-facing functions, the PPI also hosts a [Master of Public Policy](#) program, which is coordinated by Professor Curtin. It has both [120- and 180-point tracks](#).

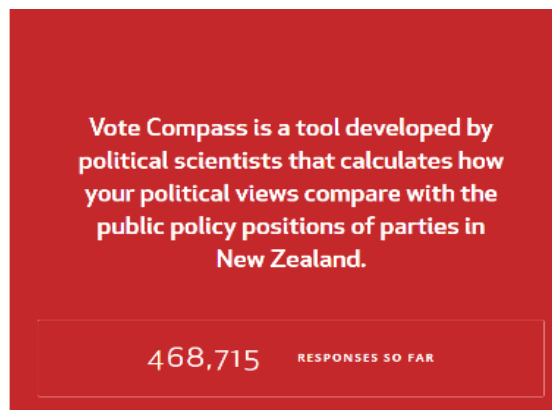


# New Zealand Election Contributions & Coverage

Members of Politics & International Relations at the University of Auckland participated in various aspects of election coverage leading up to New Zealand's 2017 election. [Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment spearheaded a coordination effort](#) between the university, TVNZ, and the Auckland University Students Association that resulted in the first-ever Young Voters Debate, featuring representatives from the 7 largest political parties in New Zealand.



Some of the representatives who participated in the Young Voters Debate.



The 90-minute debate was informed by results from [Vote Compass](#) - a short questionnaire that asks general questions about contemporary political issues - the utilization for which Associate Professor Lees-Marshment also served as academic advisor. Vote Compass 2017 attracted

nearly 469,000 responses, and facilitated the University hosting of a TVNZ live-streamed debate focused on youth, called the Young Voters Debate, which had 60,000+ viewers on livestream and 154,000 on TV channel Duke

## Academic Staff Awards

**Dr. Maria Armoudian**  
University of Auckland Early Career Research Excellence Award

East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, September 2017 to February 2018.

George Mason Centre for the Environment Award

Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 2017

**Professor Gerald Chan**  
Joint Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Research Cooperation and Institute of

**Dr. Julie MacArthur**  
2017 University of Auckland Public Policy Institute Research Grant (with

Anna Berka, Steve Matthewman, Steve Poletti, Maria Bargh): Strategies and models for inclusive renewable energy in New Zealand.

2017 University of Auckland Distinguished Visitor Award (with

Manuel Vallee): Michael Carolan, Colorado State University

**Dr. Stephen Noakes**  
NZ-China Fellowship at School of International Studies, Peking University, June 2018

## Academic Staff Promotions

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**Dr. Jennifer Curtin:**  
Professor



**Dr. Thomas Gregory:**  
Senior Lecturer



**Dr. Maria Armoudian:**  
Senior Lecturer



**Dr. Stephen Noakes:**  
Senior Lecturer



## Academic Staff Publications

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### Books

[A Bark But No Bite: Inequality and the 2014 New Zealand General Election](#)

Professor Jennifer Curtin, Professor Jack Vowles,  
Associate Professor Hilde Coffe  
Australian National University Press



While there was a lot of talk about inequality before the 2014 general election in New Zealand, and during the campaign, concern about inequality appeared to have no tangible effect on the election outcome...When voters did consider policy, inequality and related concerns were second to the economy. Traditional priorities about health and education, and perceptions of party differences on these matters, had faded into the background...This book confirms that Labour's proposal to increase the age for superannuation gained Labour no new votes...A comprehensive study of the 2014 election, this

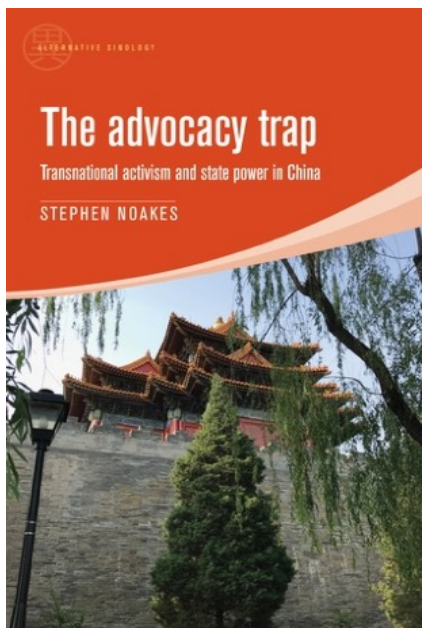
book provides a detailed account of all these findings, and a host of others.

(Summary Source: ANU Website)

### [The Advocacy Trap: Transnational Activism and State Power in China](#)

**Dr. Stephen Noakes**

Manchester University Press



What does China's rise mean for transnational civil society? What happens when global activist networks engage a powerful and norm-resistant new hegemon? This book combines detailed ethnographic research with cross-case comparisons to identify key factors underpinning variation in the results and processes of advocacy on a range of issues affecting both China and the world, including global warming, intellectual property rights, HIV/AIDS treatment, the use of capital punishment, suppression of the Falun Gong religious movement, and Tibetan independence. Built on a unique blend of

comparative and international theory, it advances the notion of "advocacy drift"-a process whereby the objectives and principled beliefs of activists are transformed through interaction with the Chinese state. The book offers a timely reassessment of transnational civil society, including its power to persuade and to leverage the policies of national governments."

(Summary Source: Manchester University Press website)

[Magna Carta and New Zealand: History, Politics and Law in Aotearoa](#)

Dr. Stephen Winter and Chris Jones (Eds)

Palgrave McMillan

This volume is the first to explore the vibrant history of Magna Carta in Aotearoa New Zealand’s legal, political and popular culture. Readers will benefit from in-depth analyses of the Charter’s reception along with explorations of its roles in regard to larger constitutional themes. The common thread that binds the collection together is its exploration of what the adoption of a medieval charter as part of New Zealand’s constitutional arrangements has meant - and might mean - for a Pacific nation whose identity remains in flux. The contributions to this volume are



grouped around three topics: remembrance and memorialization of Magna Carta; the reception of the Charter by both Māori and non-Māori between 1840 and 2015; and reflection on the roles that the Charter may yet play in future constitutional debate. This collection provides evidence of the enduring attraction of Magna Carta, and its importance as a platform of constitutional aspiration.

(Summary from Palgrave McMillan)

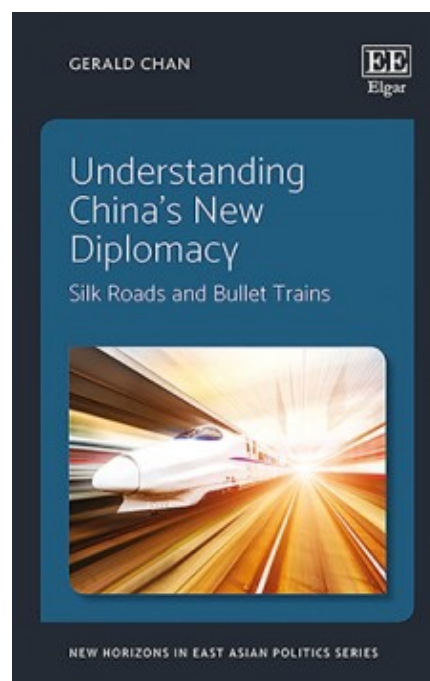
**FORTHCOMING in 2018**

[Understanding China’s New Diplomacy: Silk Roads and Bullet Trains](#)

Professor Gerald Chan

Edward Elgar March 2018

What is China’s high-speed rail diplomacy? What is China’s infrastructure diplomacy? How do they relate to each other and to the country’s Belt and Road Initiative? Can China finance the numerous projects around the world under the initiative? This book assesses the important implications of China’s new diplomacy for the global political economy. It argues that a new developmental path called ‘geo-



developmentalism' is in the making: China plays a leading role in promoting growth and building connections across Eurasia and beyond.

(Summary from Edward Elgar)

## Journal Articles & Book chapters

**Dr Maria Armoudian**

[The Frame Changers: Journalists, the Conflict and the Peace Process](#). Irish Political Studies, Online 22 December 2017, pp. 1-27.

**Dr Geoff Kemp**

“The Politics of Magna Carta and the Ancient Constitution in New Zealand, 1642-c.1860” in *Magna Carta and New Zealand* edited by Steve Winter and Chris Jones, Palgrave MacMillan 2017, pp.111-131.

**Dr. Julie MacArthur**

“Trade, Tarsands and Treaties: The political economy context of community energy in Canada’ Sustainability, 9(3): 464, 2017 doi:10.3390/su9030464

Julie L. MacArthur, “[Chapter 55: Community energy in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)” in Lars Holstenkamp and Jörg Radtke (eds) *Energy Transition and Participation*, Springer VS (Online first, 5 Oct 2017; print January 2018).

Julie L. MacArthur & Anna Berka, “Research Brief - Local ownership of energy assets in New Zealand”, *Women Talking Politics*, November 2017.

**Dr. Stephen Noakes**

Stephen Noakes, and Jessica C. Teets, “Learning Under Authoritarianism: Strategic Adaptations within International Foundations and NGOs in China,” in *Voluntas*, OnlineFirst, 4 January, 2018), pp. 1-21

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**Dr. Stephen Winter**

Winter, S. “[Two Models of Monetary Redress: A Structural Analysis](#)”, *Victims & Offenders*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2017.1280108>

“Review of Yorick Small, Andy Kaladelfos and Mark Finnane (Eds.), *The Sexual Abuse of Children: Recognition and Redress*.” *Australian Historical Studies*, 48 (2), pp. 312-313.

“Tear it up? Challenging the Charter” and “Magna Carta’s Promise: Strengthening the Declaration of Rights-Inconsistency” in

## Selected Media Commentaries & Public Presentations

Staff contributed significant media commentary on the 2017 NZ election and a range of other issues for TVNZ Breakfast, evening news and 7 sharp, TV3s AM Show, Radio New Zealand, Te Hiku Radio, Newstalkzb, Mike Hosking Breakfast show, The Dominion Post, New Zealand Herald, Newshub and Newsroom

Dr. Maria Armoudian

- ❖ Made 12 media appearances
- ❖ Produced/presented 45 Scholars' Circle Broadcasts, syndicated, as well as on [www.theBigQ.org](http://www.theBigQ.org).

Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment

- ❖ Invited speaker via skype at the book launch of the PM in the US 2016 Election (Palgrave Macmillan) Emerson College, Boston, 9/10 November 2017
- ❖ 30 appearances on a range of media outlets on the [NZ election](#), [political polling](#), [young voters](#) and [euthanasia](#)

Dr. Julie MacArthur

- ❖ Julie MacArthur, "Whose green energy future? The problem of trickle-down sustainability", Newsroom, October 2017.
- ❖ Julie MacArthur, "Forget Trump, New Zealand Must Up Its Own Climate

Game", Newsroom, 7 June 2017.

- ❖ 2017 Interview for Craccum Newspaper on politics of fossil fuel divestment, University of Auckland. 23 August.
- ❖ 2017 Radio interview for The Wire, on Paris Climate agreement and United States. 30 May. 95bfm. <http://95bfm.com/bcast/trump-threatens-to-say-au-revoir-to-the-paris-agreement>

Dr. Stephen Noakes

- ❖ "China's Environmental Strategy," The Green Circle, 95bFM, Sept. 26, 2017.
- ❖ "North Korea: What's Next?" Radio LIVE with Ryan Bridge, Aug. 13, 2017.
- ❖ "Trump and North Korea," Radio Rhema, April 18, 2017.
- ❖ "North Korea: What's Next?" The AM Show, (April 18, 2017).

Dr. Stephen Winter

- ❖ [A constitutional call to action](#) *Law News*. 16 June.
- ❖ [Proper response needed to abuse in](#)

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## Chapman Lecture

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Benoit Pelopidas, (Centre for International Studies, Sciences Po, Paris)  
Facing nuclear danger: From proliferation to global nuclear vulnerability

(Video available on weblink)



## Seminar Series 2017

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Jennifer Lees-Marshment, Heather duPlessis-Allan, Edward Elder, James Barrett, Mike Lee and Mark Boyd, 'Political Marketing and the 2017 NZ Election'

Babere Kerata Chacha (Laikipia University, Kenya), 'Scars of Memory and Scales of Justice: A History of Political Assassinations in Kenya, 1963-2017.'

Jennifer Curtin, Danny Osborne, Mark Boyd, Tom James, Alastair Bell, 'The 2017 NZ Election Reflections from Academics and Practitioners'.

Astrid Carrapatoso, 'Civil Society and the Environment'

Simon Thrush, Rochelle Constantine, Dan Hikuroa, Nordin Hassan, 'The Future of our Seas', moderated by Maria Armoudian

Katherine Smits, Claire Meehan, Carisa Showden, Nicola Gavey, 'The Politics of Pornography'

Steve Matthewman, Julie MacArthur, Prue Taylor, Manuel Valee, 'Climate, Energy, Disaster & Resilience', moderated by Maria Armoudian

Nicolas Pirsoul, Parisa Kooresh, Davood Bayat Moghadam, 'Presidential Elections in Iran'

Martin Wilkinson, 'Obesity and Welfare'

Mark Amsler, Simon Green, John Morgan, 'Where is Europe Heading?', moderated by Maria Armoudian

Akihiro Iwashita, 'Japan's Geopolitics from the perspective of Border Studies' Cris Shore, 'Universities,

Academic Capitalism and the Global Knowledge Economy'

Mark Jennings, Chloe Swarbrick, Maria Armoudian, Corin Dan, 'Fake News and the New Zealand Election', moderated by Gavin Ellis

Stephen Hoadley, 'US-NZ relations in the Trump Age', as part of the symposia 'The Trump Presidency: A View from New Zealand'

Katherine Smits, 'Trump: A Unique Phenomenon in a Right-Wing Context', as part of the symposia 'The Trump Presidency: A View from New Zealand'

Maria Armoudian, 'The media's role in the election of Donald Trump', as part of the symposia 'The Trump Presidency: A View from New Zealand'

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## Student Publications & Activities

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### Graduands

Politics and International relations had 156 BA major students (including conjoint) complete their degrees with us in 2017.

We also had completions of 16 BA Honours, 7 MA, 22 MPP, 3 MPS, 5 PGDip and 2 PhD students.



### PhD Completions

Congratulations to our students who completed their PhDs in 2017.

- ❖ Guillermo Merelo Alcocer: “Not from around here: The political acculturation of Mexican migrants in New Zealand”
- ❖ Zbigniew Dumiencki: “Political Survival and Economic Development in Microstates: the Cases of Liechtenstein, the Cook Islands and Niue”
- ❖ Paul Kramer: “Queer Assemblage Thinking: Governing Sexual Others in Contemporary Turkey”

Ph.inisheD.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

### Provisional Year Presentations

- ❖ Sereyvcheth Chunly “Liberation Technology? The Internet and Online Political Participation in Cambodia”
- ❖ Lap Fung Chan “Hong Kong’s Executive-Legislative Gridlock after the 1997 Handover”
- ❖ Raghuvir Dass “The media framing of terrorism in the U.S, U.K, and India”
- ❖ Yang Du “Poverty Reduction in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Recommending the United Nations’ Role in China”
- ❖ Andrew Lim “Israeli and Palestinian public diplomacy in the English-speaking world”
- ❖ Samuel Morales Flores “Institutional and Social Perspectives on Integration: Explaining Comparative Refugee Naturalization Rates”

- ❖ Jordan Hanford “Toward a Realistic, Cosmopolitan Theory of Global Justice”
- ❖ Qiu Jing
- ❖ Yuri Zhukov “Democratic Deliberation and Policy-Making Practices in Higher Education in New Zealand”

## Journal Articles & Book Chapters

### Wisdom Iyekekpolo

Wisdom Oghosa Iyekekpolo, '[Political Elites and the Rise of the Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria](#)', Terrorism and Political Violence, 2018.

### Aitor Jimenez

Aitor Jiménez & Daniel Montañez. (2017) “Vulneración de Derechos humanos en poblaciones indígenas del este de México”, in “Derechos Humanos y Extractivismo”. México: Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos.

## Media & Conferences

### Andrew Lim

“A Model of Public Diplomacy and Advocacy”, NZPSA Conference, University of Otago

(2017) "Plurinational Democracies: Between Race and Law". NZPSA. University of Victoria, Dunedin.

### Aitor Jimenez

(2017) "The Catalan conflict: a partisan perspective", Pacific Outlier Blog (2017)

(2017) "The colonial dimension of the war on terror". War and the Politics of Ethics. Auckland University, Auckland.

(Multiple Entries), Nuda Vida Blog at elsalto (newspaper). <https://www.elsaltodiario.com/nuda-vida>

### Jordan Hanford

“Should Sentimental Cosmopolitans be Realistic?” MANCEPT workshop on Human Solidarity, Sentiment, and Cosmopolitan Justice

(2017) "¿Es España un Estado sin nación?: [Cuatro escenarios posibles para su desarrollo](#)" at Publico (newspaper).

2017 Newsletter Editors: Jordan Hanford and Dr Julie MacArthur

To submit items for 2018 please do so via the [online form](#)



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