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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of volume seven of *SITES* for 2010 in which we feature a diverse collection of writings focused primarily on New Zealand society.

In this specific issue we present the research findings of scholars who draw on a range of disciplinary backgrounds to elucidate historical, ethnic, political, and social issues. Together these contributions provide an insightful understanding of some of the broader complexities evident in contemporary New Zealand society. Webster's article begins the collection with an ethno-historical reconstruction of a Tuhoe descent group at the beginning of the last century. In addition to providing empirical information about the organisation of Maori hapuu groups, this essay clearly demonstrates the value of applying meticulous ethno-historical methods to archival data. Drawing on political anthropology perspectives, Sluka provides a critical analysis of the 2007 police 'anti-terrorism' raids in the Ruatoki Valley, contextualising these events with ethno-national armed resistance in other parts of the world. Contemporary educational challenges in New Zealand are highlighted in Ferguson's article examining the transfer of Maori pedagogical practices to e-Learning environments. Qualitative health and science perspectives are also examined in this issue. Oxley and Fitzgerald explore the personal experiences of postpartum depression and the moral uncertainties associated with parenting, while McLauchlan, MacCormick, and Park proffer a revealing analysis of the New Zealand Parliamentary debates on Human Assisted Reproductive Technology. Finally, Blenkinsop presents a reflexive account of fieldwork challenges, providing a practical reminder of the value of serendipity in ethnographic research.

The book reviews cover a similar range of topical political, historical, religious, and social contributions to the field of social anthropology and cultural studies. I wish to thank the book review editor, Graeme MacRae, for his invaluable assistance.

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