EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

This issue of Pacific Geographies covers a range of topics related mainly to economic geographical concerns. Whilst the Chinese photovoltaic (PV) industry may be thriving from a German perspective (after all – it has put a number of local PV companies out of business!) its internal challenges are not well known. Laura Gross explains the political forces behind the development and governance of the PV industry in China. More obvious challenges are faced by the Cambodian tourism industries where so-called sustainable tourism is not well understood and implemented. Nhep Tinat considers possible indicators that could be used by public and private stakeholders in the transformation of Cambodia tourism. Cambodia is also the focus of Giorgio Talocci and Camillo Boano’s article on urban displacement. Exploring displacement practices in Phnom Penh, the authors compare perspectives on the disruption of livelihoods as well as the resulting human rights violations. Also working within a qualitative paradigm, My Tran explores the film industry in New Zealand, using operators in Wellington as an example.

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We hope you enjoy this new issue of Pacific Geographies.

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