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1 NEWS

1.1 Secret Sounds refers to music from harmonics, the "sounds within sounds" heard in Jew's harps and in (so-called) throat- or overtone-singing. In both instances the performer's mouth cavity amplifies particular harmonics of a fundamental tone from the instrument and from the singer's throat respectively creating another, more subtle level of sound. The "secretive" and mysterious quality of this music is associated in some cultures with functions such as courtship, secret communication, healing, or the singing of epics.

Secret Sounds is a project on throat-singing and Jew's harps with Leo Tadagawa (Japan), Mark van Tongeren (Netherlands) & Benicio Sokkong (Philippines). The Secret Sounds project consisted of an exhibition at the Adam Art Gallery (Victoria University of Wellington), with associated workshops and concerts. The exhibition opened on Saturday May 12 and closed on Sunday June 17. This exhibition included a specially created interactive CD-ROM which reveals the facts behind these "secret sounds." Also on display was an extensive collection of Jew's harps from around the world, showing the variety of size and design.

Leo Tadagawa is an international authority on Jew's harps. He is also an accomplished performer on a wide range of instruments, an instrument maker, and a throat singer. He has published several important CDs on music of the Ainu (original inhabitants of Japan), and the Sakha (Siberia). Mark van Tongeren is a specialist in experimental uses of the voice, particularly the art of overtone-singing. He has completed a book about the phenomenon, covering its physical and metaphysical aspects and its practice in both East and West. He studied throat singing (popularised by the film "Ghenghis Blues") in Tuva, Southern Siberia. Benicio Sokkong, 2001 Artist-in-residence at the Victoria University School of Music, was also a contributor to the "Secret Sounds" workshops and concerts. Benny is a Kalingga musician from the north of the Philippines, a vocalist and player of many instruments including gongs and bamboo instruments (which he builds himself).

A series of workshops, demonstrations and concerts gave opportunity for visitors to experience these sounds live and learn for themselves the techniques for producing them. The project has been sponsored by the Asia 2000 Foundation of NZ, Concert FM, Ford Foundation (Philippines), Japanese Government Peace Friendship and Exchange Programme, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, National Commission for Culture & the Arts (Philippines), NZ-Japan Exchange Programme, Nissho Iwai Foundation, Royal Dutch Embassy (Wellington), Victoria University of Wellington.

(Jack Body, Victoria University of Wellington)

1.2 Bill Willmott Honoured. NZASIA members will be delighted to know that Professor Bill Willmott (Canterbury) has become a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2001. Bill is the National President of the New Zealand China Friendship.

2. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

2.1 News from Wellington

North Korea Roundtable. Tim Beal (Victoria University of Wellington) recently gave a paper entitled "Crossing boundaries: prospects and challenges for DPRK tourism" at the 10th Washington North Korea Roundtable: Changes and Continuity in North Korea. The forum was organised by the Institute for Strategic Reconciliation, a mainly Christian Korean-American organisation, and held at the Brookings Institution (7 June) and the House of Representatives Longworth building (8 June) in Washington.

There was a wide range of speakers from the political, academic and NGO communities, including: Herbert Bodenmann of the Swiss NGO Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA); Nicholas Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, author of *The End of North Korea* (1999); Robert Gallucci, Professor and Dean of School of Foreign Relations, Georgetown University (Gallucci negotiated the 1994 Agreed Framework with North Korea); Aleksandr Ilitchev, one time Private Secretary to then Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and currently a senior political affairs officer with the United Nations; Mark Kirk, congressman, former House staffer, and leading researcher for the "Gilman Report," North Korea Advisory Group Report to The Speaker US House of Representatives on North Korean Threat, 1999 (he was elected to Congress at the last

election); Soon Paik, senior economist with US Department of Labor; Kenneth Quinones, Asia Director of mercy Corps (he was a Korea analysts in the State Department and worked with Gallucci on the Agreed Framework); Joseph Scalise, Director of the Washington office of the UN World Food Programme, the lead agency for aid to the DPRK; Walter Somerville, Executive Director, Christian Friends of Korea; and Yoon Young-Kwan, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University.

The Institute of Strategic Reconciliation website is at <http://www.ISR2020.org>. Tim Beal maintains a website on the DPRK at <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/~caplabtb/dprk/>

(Tim Beal, Victoria University of Wellington)

Malay Studies. Professor Yaacob Harun has recently taken up the Chair of Malay Studies at Victoria University, replacing Professor Hood Salleh who completed his term in December last year. Professor Harun, from the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, is a specialist in Malay society and culture, with a special interest in family studies. He will offer in the coming trimester a new stage-two "Malay World and Civilization" course that, among other things, examines the impact of development on Malay society and culture.

Chinese Democracy Activists: Public Seminar. The noted Chinese dissidents Wei Jingsheng, released into "exile" after more than 16 years in prison, and Wang Xizhe, one of the authors of the famous and infamous 1973 Li-Yi-Zhe Wallposter, spoke at a public seminar at Victoria University on 21 May. The third speaker was Yang Jian, currently based at Harvard University.

New Agreement With Singapore Management University. Victoria University's Pro Vice-Chancellor (international), Professor Neil Quigley will be signing, later in June, a Memorandum of Agreement with the newly-established Singapore Management University. The Agreement foreshadows the intention of both Universities to cooperate in a broad range of areas and set up a student exchange programme in the near future.

Twinning Partner Students Increase. After the July 2001 intake, there will be close to 200 students at Victoria from Malaysian Partner Colleges. Most of these students will have completed two years of the Victoria BCA degree in Malaysia before coming to Wellington for their final year of degree study. Despite the offering of full degrees from other Universities in Malaysia, the concept of completing a degree in New Zealand is still very popular. Other new twinning arrangements have been established in Vietnam and Bangladesh and opportunities in Thailand and Indonesia are also under consideration.

Polytechnic Pathways Programme. Victoria has established links with a number of regional polytechnics that, with the University, will jointly recruit students from China, Thailand and Indonesia. The Pathways Programme will provide a bridging period leading to study at the University. Pre-university study will also include the teaching of English language skills. This programme will complement the recently launched Victoria University Foundation Studies Programme.

Development Projects. John McKinnon (formerly of Geography, VUW) has just returned from an extended participatory Action Research exercise in Kampong Spueu, Cambodia (March - May, 2001) where, using an innovative, iterative approach known as Mobile Interactive GIS or MIGIS for short, he prepared, with the help of Dr Jack McConchie (Geography, VUW) and Jean McKinnon (Kinsa), a baseline study for a Sustainable Livelihoods extension of development work planned by the NGO known as SCALE. This was the second of two undertakings funded by the Asia Development Assistance Facility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The first trial (February - May, 1999) was conducted in a remote area of Luchun County, Yunnan close to the border with Viet Nam. A paper on MIGIS presented to an EU/German sponsored workshop on Participatory Technology in Uplands Research and Development held in Chiang Mai (6 -7 June 2001) was well received.

Fieldwork in Sarawak. The connection between Victoria University's School of Earth Sciences (SES) and Sarawak, Malaysia's largest state, originated in 1966 when Phil Morrison served there as a VSA volunteer. A research visit followed over 20 years later, in 1989, and then again in 1991 and 1995. Seed funding from the Asia 2000 Foundation secured by Sallie Yea allowed Sallie and Phil to visit in 1997 and set up an exchange agreement with Sarawak's young University, UNIMAS (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak).

Amy Miles is the latest Geography Honours student to undertake research in Malaysia's largest state, Sarawak. Part of one of the three countries that occupy the island of Borneo, Sarawak was absorbed into the Malaysian Federation in 1964. Amy is the fifth Geography Honours student from SES to be hosted by UNIMAS under this exchange scheme. Her honours research work is also funded from a grant through the Asia 2000 Foundation. Amy will work for three weeks with graduate students from UNIMAS in exploring the sometimes delicate relationship between the preservation of land in National Parks and the traditional use made of those forests by Iban longhouse communities in the Batang Ai area close to the Indonesian border.

Other News. Dr Stephen Epstein (Classics) delivered a paper on "North Korean Fiction at the Cusp of the New Millennium" at the North Korean Culture after a Half Century Conference held at the Intercultural Institute of California in San Francisco on 19 May. While in the US, Stephen was also invited to speak at the Korea Society in New York on "Globalization, Identity, and Korean Youth Subculture."

Dr Pauline Keating (History) has been elected to membership of the Beijing-based International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (Indusco).

Dr Jay Shaw was a Keynote Speaker at a conference at King's College, London, in January this year. The topic was "Causality in Indian Philosophy." He was invited to speak at a Cambridge University seminar in February, on "The Advaita Vedanta on Meaning," and at a Nottingham University seminar, on "Subject-Predicate and Related Pairs". Also in February, the Society for Comparative Philosophy organized, in Calcutta, a seminar on Dr Shaw's philosophy, titled "Seminar on Contemporary Philosophy and Jaysankar." Dr Shaw was a guest speaker at this seminar; the proceedings will be published next year.

Jack Body was commissioned recently by the XXIXth International Viola Conference to write the piece "After Bach for Gamelan and Massed Violas." It was performed at the Riley Centre, Wellington, 12 April 2001. Also, he has released several recordings:

Rafiloza and Friends (Auckland, Portal, 2000). Recordings made with 1999 VUW School of Music Artist-in-residence, Rafiloza bin Rafii, from West Sumatra.

BEAT: Selections from the Beat International Festival of Gamelan (Auckland, Portal, 2000). Recordings by the VUW Gamelan Padhang Moncar, and guests ensembles, both national and international.

Pulse: Transcriptions, Melodies for Orchestra, Campur Sari, African Strings, Three Transcriptions, Pulse (Rattle, Auckland, 2001). Compositions and transcriptions based on traditional music from, among other places, China, Indonesia and India. A double CD, the 2nd CD being field recordings from which the transcriptions are sourced.

(Pauline Keating, Victoria University of Wellington)

2.2 News from Massey

On-Line Learning. Massey University's Japanese Programme has an on-Line Learning site at <http://language-studies.massey.ac.nz>. The contents of this site are exercises to practise and consolidate the lessons of the Waseda University texts "Total Japanese" for years one and two, with additional material for year three papers. In all, over 500 exercises have been prepared for the Macintosh platform using HyperCard and the software is available to students as a CD. At the moment more than half of the lessons for first and second year students are available and the remainder are being added as the year progresses. The third year material is yet to be made web-compliant and is expected to be available for the next academic year if not sooner. At this time access to the site is open to anyone wishing to practise Japanese, though it will be more useful for those having the texts "Total Japanese" as the exercises aim to provide the opportunity for practice with little or no explanatory material.

(Paul Knight, Massey University)

Visit to Bangladesh and India. Srikanta Chatterjee of the Economics Department of Massey University visited the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and the Economics Department of North South University in Dhaka in December 2000. He presented seminars in both places on aspects of New Zealand's recent economic reforms, and their outcomes. Professor Chatterjee also gave a public lecture in Calcutta in December 2000 organised by the William Carey Research and Study Centre. The subject of his talk, delivered in Bengali, was "Globalisation and the Developing World: Opportunities and Conflicts."

Third World Studies Center. In January and February 2001, Dr Donovan Storey, the Institute of Development Studies, was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman. Dr. Storey was there gathering data and interviewing people for research which examines themes of poverty and prosperity in the post-war development of Quezon City. The trip was funded by MURF.

(Rosemary Haddon, University of Massey)

2.3 News from Otago

Hirosaki Link. The University of Otago Asian Studies Emerging Research Theme, which is lead by Professor Bob Catley, has recently been awarded a University grant to initiate collaborative research with Hirosaki University, Japan. Working on a project entitled "Japanese regionalism and the nation state," the Otago/Hirosaki research team will investigate the interconnected and contested boundaries between Japanese regionalism and the nation state, and how political and cultural identities are influenced within and formed by this process within the larger context of globalisation.

Visiting Fellow. Professor Sung-Geum Byun is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Otago in 2001. Professor Byun is a leading exponent of traditional Korean music. She is a virtuoso performer on both the komungo and kayagum (zithers) with numerous international performances and recordings. Highlights of her career to date include: Graduated from the National High School of Korean Traditional Music; Graduated from Hanyang University and completed Master of Music at Hanyang University; Member of the Seoul City Orchestra of Korean Traditional Music; Solo performance at the Aberdeen International Music Festival, UK; Solo performance with the KBS Orchestra of Korean Traditional Music; Recitals in Germany, Japan, Italy, and Australia; Special guest performer at 1999 Komungo Festival; Professor at Woosuk University, South Korea. Professor Byun recently gave a well-received performance of music for the komungo and kayagum in the Music Department.

Festival of Asia. The University of Otago Gamelan held two performances at this year's ASIA 2000 Festival of Asia. Held at the Otago Museum, the festival included performers from Korea and the Philippines. The Otago Gamelan included public workshops after each performance.

(Henry Johnson, University of Otago)

3. NEW BOOKS BY NZASIA MEMBERS

Higham, C F W. *The Civilization of Angkor.* Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London. 192pp.

Jay, Shaw, ed. *Concepts of Knowledge: East and West,* The R. K. Mission Institute of Culture, 2000.

Jay, Shaw, ed. *Vedanta: Concepts and Application,* The R. K. Mission Institute of Culture, 2000.

Turner, Sarah. *Indonesia's Small Entrepreneurs: Trading on the Margins.* London: Curzon Press, 1999. ISBN 0 7007 1569 X, 288pp. Hardback. This book explores the use of a new integrative framework for examining small enterprises in developing countries, to gain a greater understanding of their micro-level interactions, as well as interactions on a larger scale. Set in the context of Makassar, on the Indonesian eastern island of Sulawesi, we gain an understanding of what life is like for the small scale entrepreneurs who work in the city. This book is due for release in late 2001, with Curzon Press taking orders now: publish@curzonpress.co.uk, <http://nias.ku.dk/CurzonPress>.

4. CONFERENCES ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 NZASIA 14th International Conference, 28 November - 1 December 2001, University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

http://www.asia.canterbury.ac.nz/NZASIA_Conference_Home

Arrangements for the conference are well under way. Around sixty abstracts have already been received, mostly from overseas, and they are still steadily coming in, so it's shaping up to be a lively conference. Keep 'em coming - as soon as possible now, please!

There will be addresses from four Keynote Speakers. Professor Hayao Kawai has been Director of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, Japan, for the past several years. He is a clinical psychologist and a thought-provoking and entertaining speaker. He has written numerous books, with an emphasis recently on analysis of fairy tales and children's stories, and was earlier this year his work was recognised by the Japanese government with a Cultural Award, Japan's highest national honour for services to culture.

Professor Julia Kwong, Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Canada, specialises in the sociology of education, and will be speaking on private schools in China, past and present. Professor Kwong has won several awards, including Book of the Year Award 1989 from the American Educational Studies Association.

Professor Benedict Kerkvliet heads the Department of Political and Social Change at the Australian National University, Canberra, and his talk is titled "Collapsing Back to the Future: Politics in Vietnam's Red River Delta in the 1970s-1980s (and why this is relevant to the 2000s)." Professor Kerkvliet has published extensively on South East Asia, including several books and numerous papers not only on Vietnam but also on the Philippines and China. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Mr. Anikendra Nath Sen is an eminent Indian journalist who founded The Sunday Times of India and specialises in conflict coverage. He is currently organising the production of a daily newspaper and FM radio in Kathmandu, Nepal. His illustrated talk for us will be "The Medium is the Message: The Indian Media and Changing Times."

The accommodation reserved for us in Canterbury's newest Hall of Residence is clean, comfortable and inexpensive at only \$40.00 per night. It's first come first served, so please book early, using the registration form. Please also advise us of any dietary restrictions.

The Conference dinner will be held at Chung Wah II Chinese restaurant in central Christchurch on the Friday evening. There will be a choice of vegetarian or omnivore menu. The more the merrier, so please purchase your ticket at registration; the cost is yet to be finalised, but please budget around \$35 for the dinner. Elaine Dobson (School of Music) is arranging entertainment for the evening.

Call For Papers

Length of presentation: 20 minutes

Language: English only

Information required for paper submission:

Submissions of conference paper for consideration should include the following information:

Full name and title

Affiliations

Postal address

Email address (preferable)

Fax number (optional)

Title of the paper

Field(s) (choose one or more from the above)

An abstract of up to 200 words

A brief biography of up to 100 words, including PhD thesis title or ONE major publication, to facilitate the Chairperson of your panel session to introduce you.

To submit your paper electronically, we prefer that you send it to the conference email address ([click here](#)). We recommend you to paste/type the above required information directly into the message and attach your document files if you have them. To submit your paper by post please send it to:

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The Organization Committee will inform participants whether their paper has been accepted for the Conference. Please note that withdrawal of papers after 31 July 2001 may incur a service fee.

Edwina Palmer

Convener

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University of Canterbury

4.2 NZ Political Studies Association. The 2001 conference of the NZ Political Studies Association to be held at Massey University (Palmerston North) from 7-9 December 2001 promises to be a good event for scholars of Asian studies. There are streams in Asian and Comparative Politics and International Relations and it already seems likely, for instance, that there will be a series of papers delivered on China's role in world affairs. Please send general enquiries to Kerry Taylor at K.A.Taylor@massey.ac.nz. Please send proposals for papers on Asian and Comparative Politics to Katharine Davidson at K.G.Davidson@massey.ac.nz. Please send proposals for papers on International Relations to Robert Ayson at R.F.Ayson@massey.ac.nz. Streams are also available on political theory and New Zealand politics/public policy. We are all in the School of History, Philosophy & Politics, Massey University, PB 11222 Palmerston North, Fax (06) 350 5662; Tel (06) 350 4231.

5. NOTICES

5.1 New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies. The June 2001 volume of the New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies will be published soon. This volume includes the following articles:

"Popularization and Localization of Sushi in Singapore: An Ethnographic Survey," by Waiming Ng, National University of Singapore.

"Interpreting Mencius," by John Makeham, Adelaide University.

"Income Inequality by Ethnicity in Urban China" by Zang Xiaowei and Li Lulu, City University of Hong Kong and People's University.

"The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery: A Legal and Feminist Approach to the "Comfort Women" Issue," by Rumi Sakamoto, University of Auckland.

"Motivational Factors and Persistence in Learning Japanese as a Foreign Language," by Yasuko Obana and Masanori Matsumoto, University of Queensland and Bond University.

"Archive, Discipline, State: Power and Knowledge in South Asian Historiography," by Tony Ballantyne, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

In addition to these featured articles there is a Graduate Research Essay on: "Domiciled Europeans in India" by Dorothy McMenamain of the University of Canterbury, an update on the situation in Korea, by Tim Beal of Victoria University, a major review of new books on Buddhism, by Paul Harrison of the University of Canterbury, and around 30 other reviews recently published books.

We hope to make the graduate research essay a regular feature of the journal, so please let your graduate students know of this opportunity to present their research to a wider audience. We are currently seeking a graduate essay for the December 2001 issue.

Contributions to the Journal should be sent to:

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(Brian Moloughney, University of Otago)

5.2 Asia Pacific Viewpoint

Asia Pacific Viewpoint is published by Victoria University's School of Earth Sciences. The journal's editor is associate Professor Phil Morrison (philip.morrison@vuw.ac.nz) of Geography. The contents of the most recent issue, Volume 41, Number 3, December 2000, is as follows:

Articles

"Marginality and environment in Papua New Guinea: the Strickland River area," Glenn Banks.

"Pan-national identities: representations of the Philippine diaspora on the world wide web," James A. Tyner and Olaf Kuhlke.

"Chuukese travelers and the idea of horizon," Peter Joakim.

Research Note

"Voluntary environmental initiatives, ISO 14001 certified organisations in Singapore," Sanjeev Singh and Martin Perry.

Review Essay

"Suharto's fall and afterwards: meditations provoked by four recent analyses," Gerald Sullivan.

Reviews

Yongnian Zheng, *Discovering Chinese nationalism in China: Modernization, identity and international relations*, Peter Harris.

Peter Drysdale and Dong Dong Zhang, eds, *Japan and China: rivalry or cooperation in East Asia?* Mark Te Punga.

Eva-Marie Kroller, Allan Smith, Joshua Mostow and Robert Kramer, eds, *Pacific encounters: the production of self and other*, Sara Kindon.

Lee Kam Hing and Tan Chee-Beng, eds, *The Chinese in Malaysia and Edmund Terence Gomez and Jomo K.S. Malaysia's political economy: Politics, patronage and profits*, James Chin.

Patrick V. Kirch, *On the Road of the Winds*, Nancy Pollock.

R. Le Heron, L. Murphy, P. Forer, M. Goldstone, eds, *Explorations in Human Geography: Encountering Place*, Richard Willis.

5.3 The Centre for International Developments, Auckland University of Technology, presents a lunchtime seminar on Wednesday 26 June 2001, noon-1.30 pm: Mr John Laird, Lecturer at AUT School of Communication Studies, "Commercialisation and the failures of development: Insights from Asia." A light lunch will be provided. Registration (\$12.50) is essential. Venue: AUT Chinese Centre, Room 503, Level 5, H Building, corner of Mayoral Drive and Wellesley Street Auckland. Please RSVP by Friday 11 June to: Suzanne Jackson on 917 9999 ext 8389 or email suzanne.jackson@aut.ac.nz. Cheques must be made out to AUT and received no later than 18 June. Credit card payment is accepted on the day, if registration confirmed by Monday 18 June.

John Laird developed a strong interest in issues of development and global ecology during a career of more than 23 years as a writer, journalist and United Nations official in Asia and Africa. From 1979 to 1983 he reported for Reuters and subsequently The Associated Press news agencies in Bangkok, covering events in Thailand, Myanmar and Indochina. Major news events during that period included the Vietnamese overthrow of Pol Pot and occupation of Cambodia by the Vietnamese army, and the influx of more than 300,000 Cambodian refugees into Thailand. Mr Laird left Bangkok to become the media officer for the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, organising media events and campaigns to promote global environmental concerns. He later carried out similar duties for the World Health Organisation regional office in Manila, promoting Health for All among countries of East Asia and the Pacific. In 1989, he returned to Thailand to become an independent consultant and writer on issues of media, environment and development, contributing articles to magazines and journals; and undertaking writing and editing assignments for various UN agencies in Bangkok. From 1990 to 1992, during the attempts of the ASEAN countries and the Permanent Five members of the UN Security Council to promote a peace settlement in devastated Cambodia, he contributed extensive analyses of the politics of reconciliation and of the potential role of the UN in Cambodia, to the Bangkok press (the major public information source for Cambodia watchers). Through the cooperation of the UN coordinating office for Cambodia in Bangkok, Mr Laird forwarded recommendations on the Cambodian peace process to the peacekeeping division of the United Nations in New York, the body responsible for organising the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia. In June 2000 Mr Laird published a 364-page book on sustainable development in a globalising world, entitled: *Money Politics, Globalisation, and Crisis: the Case of Thailand*. It describes how speculative international financial practices in an environment of corrupt politics brought on Thailand's financial crisis, with global repercussions. John Laird returned to New Zealand last year and is presently a lecturer in journalism at AUT.

6. POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Lectureship in Japanese. The School of Asian and European Languages and Cultures, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Your primary role will be to teach undergraduate and postgraduate language courses, and to supervise postgraduate students. You will be fully conversant with contemporary approaches to language teaching, and experienced in teaching language at tertiary level. You will be able to speak, read and write both Japanese and English fluently. A publication record and research interests in one or more areas of Japanese Studies; and a completed or nearly completed PhD are necessary. Available from 1 February 2002. Applications close: 31 July 2001. Please quote ref HSS 117. For more information about the above vacancy please visit <http://www.nzjobs.co.nz/vuw> or contact the HR Assistant, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, phone +64 (4) 463 5208, fax: +64 (4) 463 5209, email hss-appoint@vuw.ac.

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