

History Department Seminar
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**Andrew Clark's *Invasion of New Zealand by People
Plants and Animals* in review**



Clark's (1949) *Invasion*, based on his Berkeley PhD, has enjoyed some renewed interest in New Zealand coincident with the growth of environmental history. Within Geography it has long been recognised as an exemplary example of a diachronic approach to Historical Geography as the study of 'geographical change'. The book was widely reviewed – the reviews, as an under examined aspect of academic practice, and the reviewers are examined for common themes. The criticisms of New Zealand reviewers are closely scrutinized. Suffice to say no one realized at the time they were reading what was to become a classic text.

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