From the editor

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This issue of Agriculture and Human Values contains a symposium on food regime analysis, guest edited by Jane Dixon from the Australian National University and Hugh Campbell from the University of Otago, New Zealand. The symposium, consisting of an introduction, five papers and two discussion pieces, examines the impact of two decades of research on food regimes, initiated by the seminal paper by Harriet Friedmann and McMichael (1989).

In addition to the symposium, this issue also contains three research papers, one in the field report, and two book reviews. The research papers are summarized as follows. Roff studies the tenuous relationship between third-party certification organizations and agricultural producers in order to identify strategies for consumer activism in food markets. Lenihan and Brasier consider the effectiveness of agricultural policy by examining how macro level policy is

interpreted and implemented at the local level. Makita shows how household perceptions that a woman's income-generating activities are important determine the success of NGOs that provide such opportunities in rural Bangladesh. Finally, Reid's field report introduces a method by which farmers can assess the degree to which soil moisture might be a limiting factor in farm management planning, and he presents results of a field trial assessing the viability of the planning tool.

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