

# LAW FOR ONE OR LAW FOR ALL?

This volume of the *Alternative Law Journal* reveals how the work of the law is never done. Discrimination persists along all the traditional lines of sex, race, gender and ability; Indigenous peoples' interests continue to be vulnerable to exploitation and extinguishment, and in the wake of war fresh questions of the law's role in ensuring accountability for illegal actions and its participation in physical and psychological reconstruction arise in new ways.

The contributors to this volume identify diverse ways to respond to these challenges. Some request revision to existing policy regimes aimed at addressing discrimination and injustice,

pointing out where gaps remain and where the language of the law is inadequate. Others reveal how we fail to use the existing legal architecture to find creative solutions to new problems, and still others encourage us to confront the limits of the law and to find solutions in alternative normative frameworks. In this volume we are constantly reminded that law and justice are not synonymous. Justice needs not only the articulation of worthy principles but effective enforcement of those principles. But by vigilantly scrutinising law's principles, access and execution, we move towards the possibility of one law for all.

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