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The *Australian Year Book of International Law* is interested in receiving contributions around the theme *The Race to the Pacific and International Law*, with insights, where relevant, on Australia's positioning relative to that 'scramble'. Where appropriate, the latter might be done in the light of the newly published White Paper *Australia in the Asian Century*. Whilst the theme bears essentially on the States of the Pacific Rim (which includes the APEC States), Pacific Island States are clearly also impacted by the various strategic movements surrounding them. Poor anticipation in an era of globalisation can prove costly, as for instance the strain placed on China-Japan economic relations as a result of the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands dispute. Hence an understanding of existing legal arrangements as well as anticipation through international law, constitute the overarching themes of this issue.

Sub-themes for consideration might include:

1. Regulation of trade and investment, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership; the implications of recent World Trade Organization membership of regional States, notably Russia, but also Samoa and Vanuatu; issues related to economic activity such as corruption.
2. Territorial disputes, including but not limited to the South China Sea and East China Sea; the related law of the sea and indeed maritime trade and port access issues.
3. Resource, Human, and Environmental Security
4. The adequacy and capacity of current regional institutions to meet current and future challenges, both in terms of their membership, as well as their normative and operational activities;
5. The available legal mechanisms for resolving complex regional challenges, including dispute settlement options. The list remains indicative.

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