

## Visit of Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse and Prof. Dr. Tanja Börzel to New Zealand

This year the European Union Centres Network of New Zealand (EUCN) will be hosting a visit from Prof. Thomas Risse and Prof. Tanja Börzel, both from the Institute of Political Science at Freie Universität Berlin. Both Prof. Risse and Prof. Börzel are world renowned experts on the European Union and will be delivering a series of lectures and round table seminars. They will spend the first part of their visit at the National Centre for the Research on Europe at the University of Canterbury where they will be working with Honours and Post-graduate students as part of a Jean Monnet Module Grant. The second part of their stay will see them visiting a number of EUCN Partners around the country. This visit to New Zealand has been made possible by the Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programme and the European Commission's EU Centres' programme.

### **Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse**



Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse is director of the Center for Transnational Relations, Foreign and Security Policy at the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science at the Freie Universität Berlin. Thomas Risse is also co-ordinator of the [Research Center 700 "Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood"](#), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). He is founding director of the [Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies](#), and has been chair of the Executive Committee of the [Joint Master program in International Relations](#) of the Freie Universität Berlin, the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, and the University of Potsdam. He has been associate editor of the journal *International Organization*. In 2003, he received the Max Planck Research Prize for International Cooperation. Thomas Risse is the author of *Cooperation among Democracies. The European Influence on U.S. Foreign Policy* (Princeton University Press, 1995) and, among others, co-editor of *The End of the West. Crisis and Change in the Atlantic Order* (with Jeffrey Anderson and G. John Ikenberry, Cornell University Press, 2008).

### **Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel**

Tanja A. Börzel holds the chair for European Integration at the Freie Universität Berlin. She received her PhD from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy in 1999. From 1999 to 2004, she conducted her research and taught at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the University Heidelberg. Her research focus and teaching experience lie in the field of institutional theory and Governance, European Integration, and Comparative Politics with a focus on Western and Southern Europe. She mainly concentrates on questions of institutional change as a result of Europeanization as well as on the diffusion of European ideas and policies within and outside of the EU. The latter is part of her current research, which deals with compliance with EU norms and rules in member states, accession countries and neighboring countries. In 2002, she published a book on *States and Regions in the European Union* (Cambridge University Press). Her second book on *Environmental Leaders and Laggards in Europe* (Ashgate) came out in March 2003.

