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The development of Māori-led welfare initiatives in New Zealand over the course of our social, political and legal history offer some evidence to suggest a Māori-defined notion of citizenship that is arguably distinct from the broader national idea of citizenship in New Zealand.

["Fires Still Burning? Māori Jurisprudence and Human Rights Protections in Aotearoa New Zealand"](#) 

International Human Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand (Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2017, Forthcoming)

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This chapter aims delves into Māori jurisprudence in order to explore its inter-related values and practices and tikanga. This chapter then asks: what space can there be for the recognition of, and protection for, human rights within Māori jurisprudence? In short, there is room; and the walls between Māori jurisprudential practice and thought, and human rights concerns and analysis, may be more porous than might first be thought.

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This chapter outlines and discusses the human rights to culture, language, and education, within the international rights framework and the New Zealand context. The story of these rights in the international context illustrates how far the theory falls short of practice in the ability of real people to enjoy their full suite of human rights. This chapter also examines, on a selective basis, New Zealand's own performance in enacting and implementing these rights. Generally, New Zealand has been reluctant to import economic, social and cultural rights into domestic law, or to sign up to mechanisms of enforcement at international law. While New Zealand's express legislative provision for the rights discussed or mentioned in this chapter are non-existent or partial, the Treaty of Waitangi has been another gateway for the recognition of these rights, but not in a universal manner.

["The Right to Social Security"](#) 

M Bedggood and K Gledhill (Eds) Law into Action: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand (Human Rights Foundation, Wellington, 2011)

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New Zealand has a well developed social security system, but to what extent can it be said to realise the international right to social security? This chapter traces the evolution of New Zealand's own unique social security system, and then examines the nature of the international right, how it is reflected in the New Zealand domestic system, and what a rights-based approach might well look like.

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