

## The Antarctic

### A Very Short Introduction

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#### Questions for Thought and Discussion

- Why does the Antarctic fascinate us?
- In what ways does the Antarctic differ from the Arctic?
- How might we define geographically the Antarctic and why does it matter?
- In what ways did science, exploration and resource exploitation shape the discovery and colonization of the Antarctic?
- Why was Britain the first to make a territorial claim to the Antarctic?
- Do you think that the seven claimant states should renounce their claims?
- Why did the 1959 Antarctic Treaty transform the governance of the Antarctic?
- Can Antarctic science ever be divorced from geopolitical considerations?
- Should we ever allow mining to happen in the Antarctic?
- Do you think there should be such a thing as 'scientific whaling' in the Southern Ocean?
- How do we regulate illegal fishing in the Southern Ocean given the great distances and remoteness involved?
- Are you in favour of the Antarctic being a wilderness park?
- Should any country with an interest in the Antarctic be allowed to join the Antarctic Treaty System?
- Do you think the wider public need to be better informed about the Antarctic?
- Should the Antarctic be governed in the interests of all humankind?

#### Other Books by the Author

K Dodds *Pink Ice: Britain and the South Atlantic Empire* (I B Tauris, 2002)

#### Further Reading

T Griffiths *Slicing the Silence* (CUP, 2007)

J Rubin *Lonely Planet Antarctica* (Lonely Planet, 2008)

G Walker *Antarctica* (Bloomsbury, 2012)

S. Pyne *The Ice* (University of Washington Press)