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Editorial

At a meeting held at Victoria University of Wellington on 12 September 1990 it was decided to establish a New Zealand Politics Research Group. based at Victoria University and closely associated with the Stout Research Centre. The main aim of the Group is to encourage research in the area of New Zealand politics, including work with comparative and theoretical emphases and, also, the politics of foreign relations. The membership of the Group, it was decided should be fairly wide, including interested individuals involved in New Zealand politics and government as well as academic researchers. The membership and research of postgraduate students will be especially encouraged.

The first activity of the Group was a Conference on the 1990 General Election, held at the Stout Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, 7 December 1990. Some funding was generously provided by Victoria University in order to encourage the formation of the Group. The papers presented at this Conference, and the discussions, were edited and have been published by the Department of Politics, Victoria University of Wellington. (Further information has been sent to all members.)

An informal meeting of the New Zealand Politics Research Group was held at the Conference to discuss further activities. It was agreed that specialist groups would be established within the parent Group. So far, however, only one has proceeded, the New Zealand Branch of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group. (See Announcements for further information.) Please write to me if you wish to know which specialist groups have been suggested.

The meeting of the Group on 7 December 1990 also affirmed the earlier decision of the Department of Politics, Victoria University of Wellington, to distribute a regular Newsletter to inform all members of the activities of the Group and its members. The Newsletter is heavily reliant on members' contributions. You are all urged to send in information regularly. The deadline for No. 2 is May 1992.

The Department of Politics, Victoria University has funded this first Newsletter. If you wish to continue to receive it and, also, notice of interim activities, would you please complete the enclosed form, and include a cheque for \$10.00 (\$5.00 for postgraduate students and retired persons). If sufficient information is sent to the Editor of the Newsletter, there will be two editions per year. If not, a Newsletter will be distributed once a year. I have agreed to edit the Newsletter for the first two or three years.

Future Newsletters will be expanded to include a summary of the political events of the previous year. Some comment might also be included. This will be a fairly onerous task. It is hoped therefore, that members will volunteer their services so that no-one contributes more than once. Peter Aimer, Department of Political Studies, University of Auckland, who suggested this addition to the Newletter, has generously offered to write the 1992 summary. A Directory of researchers on New Zealand politics is being compiled. If you wish to be included please complete the enclosed questionnaire (if you have not already done so) and send it to me.

A further informal meeting of the Group was held in May 1991 at the New Zealand Political Studies Association Conference at the University of Waikato. It was decided that a second, annual conference should be held, and that the topic would be 'Referendums' (or Referenda?). It was felt that this topic would be of great interest to researchers and decision-makers, given the Government's plans to introduce referendums on both constitutional and other issues. Alan Simpson, Department of Politics, University of Waikato, agreed to convene the Conference. (See Announcements.)

The members also agreed that a tentative timetable for the next two annual conferences of the New Zealand Politics Research Group would be:

1992: The New Zealand Caucuses

1993: Women and Politics

Finally, if you have any suggestions to make, both about this Newsletter and concerning possible future activities of the New Zealand Politics Research Group, would you please let me know.

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Announcements and Activities

Conference Marking the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the New Zealand Labour Party.

Margaret Clark is organizing a day-long seminar at the Stout Research Centre on Tuesday 29 October 1991, to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the New Zealand Labour Party. Eight papers are being prepared on varied themes relating to the party and it is planned to issue them as a collection subsequently in the VUW Department of Politics' monograph series. If you would like an invitation to attend the seminar (or wish subsequently to be sent the collected papers) please write directly to Professor Margaret Clark, Department of Politics. Victoria University, Wellington.

New Zealand Politics Research Group Conference: Referendums

This will be a day-long seminar on Friday 6 December 1991, held at the Stout Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington. For further information please write to either Alan Simpson, Department of Politics, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Auckland, or Elizabeth McLeay, Department of Politics, Victoria University of Wellington, P.O. Box 600, Wellington.

Formation of the New Zealand Branch of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group

A meeting held at Victoria University of Wellington on 30 May 1991 agreed to form a New Zealand branch of ASPG, complementing the activities of the New Zealand Politics Research Group. The principal activities will be to provide a forum for speakers (New Zealand and visiting) and an occasional newsletter. Those interested should write to John Martin, Public Policy Group, Victoria University of Wellington, P O Box 600, Wellington, enclosing a small contribution (say \$10 per annum) to cover postage and other costs. Please make cheques payable to ASPG - New Zealand branch.

The speaker at the meeting of 30 May was Geoff Skene, who spoke about his recent research on select committees. His talk was based upon his recent publications, New Zealand Parliamentary Committees: an Analysis, available from the Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. P O Box 600, Wellington (cost \$5.00).

Election Questionnaires

There are hundreds of questionnaires left over from the 1990 Election Survey conducted by Peter Aimer and Jack Vowles. If anyone wants a number of questionnaires (for example for teaching courses on methods or voting behaviour, for classes to criticise and discuss) contact Peter Aimer, Department of Political Studies, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland. They are free, although if a very large number was wanted the Department of Political Studies might have to ask for postage.

Oxford University Press: Series on New Zealand Politics

Oxford University Press is producing a new series of publications on a range of New Zealand topics, beginning in 1992. The first two will be on 'Electoral Behaviour' and 'Environmental Policy'. All researchers on New Zealand politics who have a manuscript proposal are invited to contact the Series General Editor, Martin Holland, Department of Politics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

Submission to the Electoral Law Select Committee

Jack Vowles, Department of Politics, Waikato University, made a submission pointing out how the present legislation obstructs the dissemination of electoral roll information to social science researchers. Elizabeth McLeay wrote on behalf of the New Zealand Politics Research Group in support of Jack Vowles' submission.

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Please send in material for the 1992 Newsletter by the end of May, 1992.

Courses on New Zealand Politics Taught in New Zealand Universities

University of Auckland

30.107 New Zealand Politics and Government (Stage I)
(Professor Mulgan with Dr Miller)

Who governs New Zealand and in whose interests? Where, if anywhere, does political power really lie? What influence, if any, can the ordinary citizen exert on government? Can the political system meet the needs of both Maori and Pakeha? The course aims to throw light on these complex issues through a study of the main features of the New Zealand political system, including the major institutions of government (Parliament, Cabinet, the Public Service), the function and organization of political parties and other interest groups, the role of elections and the behaviour of voters. The political significance of the Treaty of Waitangi and the place of the Maori people within the political system are examined Competing theories of the role of the State, eg. neo-liberal ('new right') and Marxist theories are introduced.

30.204 New Zealand Foreign Policy (Stage II)
(Associate-Professor Hoadley)

This paper surveys New Zealand's diplomatic, trade and security interests in the post-World War II period. The institutions and administration of foreign policy and the politics of decision-making are studied. Topics include CER and EC links, the ANZUS and French disputes, the South Pacific and Antarctic, and problems of defence and immigration policies. Videos, outside speakers, Ministry of External Affairs and Defence resources, news items, oral reports, essays and lectures will be used to develop students' analytical skills and capacity to present a cogent argument and increase their factual knowledge.

30.211 Public Administration: Central and Local (Associate-Professor Bush)

The paper introduces the administrative structures and processes of central and local government. It traces the evolution of public administration as a discipline and examines the growth of government and of its associated public bureaucracy, and the attitudes and role of

public servants. Particular reference is made to the workings of the machinery of government in New Zealand, and to the interface with politics. Local government is dealt with primarily in context of the New Zealand constitutional system. Attention is paid to the political and administrative processes as well as the administrators themselves and the techniques of management they employ. Several functional areas are treated in detail. The emphasis will be on how local government actually works.

University of Otago

Paper 102: New Zealand Government and Politics.

Paper 204: Introduction to Policy Studies (Dr Brian Roper).

Paper 308: The Politics of Economic Policy in New Zealand (Dr Brian Roper).

Paper 453: New Zealand and Canada - The Westminster Model (Assoc. Prof. Anthony Wood).

Paper 458: Politics and Society: Theories of Social Inequality and the State (Dr Brian Roper).

Victoria University of Wellington

Pols 110 Introduction to Politics (Coordinator: Professor Clark)

This course introduces students to the study of politics with special reference to New Zealand government, comparative politics, and political theory.

Pols 206 New Zealand Politics (Dr McLeay)

The course focuses upon New Zealand's political institutions. The topics studied include: the constitutional framework; the political parties; interest groups; the legislature; Maori politics; and the executive. The following themes are pursued: analysis of the major features of the policy processes; the extent of the powers of executive government and the constraints upon it; the nature of the formal and informal political rights of individuals and groups; and the relationship between the small size of the New Zealand state and its institutional characteristics. Students are encouraged to make comparisons between New Zealand and other political systems.

Pols 235 Concepts and Practice of Public Administration (Mr Martin)

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of public administration with a particular focus on the restructuring of the New Zealand state services. Topics to be considered will include the scope of executive government, administrative theory and public management. The nature of recent changes in New Zealand (including the State-Owned Enterprises Act 1986, the State Sector Act 1988 and the Public Finance Act 1989) will be explored together with the rationale for them.

Pols 244 Introduction to International Politics (Dr Allev)

This course is intended as an introduction to the study of post-war international politics. It will be divided into two parts. The <u>first part</u> will include topics such as realism, idealism, dependency and world systems analysis. Issues such as superpower rivalry, spheres of influence and arms control will be considered, as will international economic relations. The <u>second part</u> of the course deals with New Zealand and its foreign relations - evolution; structures of implementation, policy changes; the role of political parties, public opinion and interest groups; relationships with stronger and weaker powers; New Zealand's regional role in the South Pacific; the analysis of New Zealand's external relations as an illustration of small state behaviour.

Pols 353 Comparative Politics: New Zealand (Dr Levine)

An examination of issues and processes in New Zealand politics from a comparative perspective, with opportunities for empirical research and exposure to the parliamentary setting.

Pols 354 Comparative Politics: Pacific Rim (Dr Vasil)

The course is concerned with ethnicity, politics, and representative democracy and will focus on a croup of ASEAN and Pacific states - Singapore, Malaysia, Fiji and New Zealand.

Pols 381 The Accountability of the Executive (Dr Boston, Ms Pallot)

The course focuses on the constitutional constraints on executive power and the accountability of the executive in New Zealand. Topics covered include: the nature and operations of the executive; the constitutional framework; accountability and accounting; the various mechanics of holding the executive to account; the accountability of local government; financial management reform; constitutional reform proposals; ethics in the public sector.

Pols 419 Government and Politics in New Zealand (Dr McLeav)

This course considers the characteristics of political representation in New Zealand with particular reference to theories of representation and democracy. Topics covered include: the representation of Maori and women, the roles played by the electoral system and the political parties, and the representation of special interests.

University of Waikato

New Zealand Government and Politics (First Year)
Politics and Power in New Zealand (First Year Distance Learning)
New Zealand Government and Politics (Second Year)

Some courses include substantial sections on New Zealand, including: Introduction to Public Administration (1st Year); Public Administration (2nd Year); The Politics of the Working Class (2nd Year); Comparative Ethnic Politics (2nd Year); Comparative Public Policy (3rd Year); Advanced Public Administration (3rd Year); Workers and Trade Unions (3rd Year); Women in Politics (3rd Year).

Recent and Forthcoming Theses on New Zealand Politics

(Completed theses are marked with an asterix)

University of Auckland

1) PhD Theses

Buhrs, Antonius: 'Policy-making on environmental issues in New

Zealand 1980-85'

Cocker, Alan: 'The deregulation of broadcasting'

Devere, Heather: 'Gender differences in political behaviour'

Hope, Wayne: 'The role of New Zealand television news in social

change'

Hudson, Switzer: 'Norman Vazey Douglas, M.P., a political

biography'

Kuipers, Victor: 'New Zealand foreign policy'

Verbitsky, Jane: 'The politics of Maori education in New Zealand

1945-75"

2) MA Theses

Gordon, Kathleen: 'Politics of pre-school'

Keys, Stephen: 'New Zealand and the Anzac Ship Project'. *

Lyon, Stephen: 'Law and order'. *

Wishart, Megan: 'Anti-apartheid movement'. *

University of Canterbury

1) MA Thesis

Mansfield. A.:

'The power elite: the Treasury and New Zealand Business Roundtable's power in the formation of the privitisation programme: A theoretical

analysis, 1991.

University of Otago

1) PhD Thesis

Roper. B.C.:

'The dynamics of capital in crisis: The political economy of New Zealand business, 1974-1987'. *

2) MA Theses

Alderton, B.N.:

Explaining the growth of government expenditure

in New Zealand'. *

Burke, F.:

'Public relations. the media and the fourth Labour

Government'.

Crabtree, P.S.:

'A structural analysis of an environmental dispute

in New Zealand: the Black Head dispute'.

Dickson, J.R.:

'The historical relationship between the Labour Party and the trade union movement and its implications for labour market reform under the

fourth Labour Government'. *

Taylor, A.C.:

'The Vietnam protest movement in New Zealand'.*

3) BA Hons Theses

Hamilton-Hart, N.:

'International cooperation'. *

Hansen, L.:

'New Zealand's recognition policy regarding

Cambodia'. *

Ojala, A.M.: 'Maori Affairs, 1984-1990: A critique', *

Scanlan, P.D.: 'The role of the Manufacturers' Federation in the

formation of economic policy, 1983-1990'.

Scott, S.: 'Open all hours: the Retail Union response to shop

trading hours disputes 1987-90'. *

Slatter, K.: 'Towards pay equity in New Zealand? A study of

the Employment Equity Act 1990'. *

Williams, P.D.: 'Local Government reform and Dunedin'.*

Victoria University of Wellington

1) PhD Theses

Boteju, Badras: 'Assessment of privatization of public enterprises.'

Choopen, Prisdang: 'State and the economy: a comparative study of

public enterprise.'

Cijffers, Kathleen: 'The first citizen: Mayors in New Zealand local

government.'

Harding, Russell: 'Individual transferable quotas: a New Zealand

approach to resource management.'

Kay, Stephen: 'Governmental and organisational decision-

making processes concerning policing with

particular reference to development of policy and

practice relating to police interaction and

involvement with minority groups.

Rainbow, Stephen: 'The potential of green politics: A study of four

green parties."

Ricketts, Rita: 'A critique of the assumptions of rationality used

in rational choice decision-making models'.

Wong, Mun Loong: 'The ideology of administration.'

2) MA Theses

Boot. Adam: 'New Zealand's international relations.'

Boyce. Simon: 'State Advance Corporation: the financial and

political context.'

Collins, Deborah: 'New Zealand Labour and National Party

manifestoes, 1972-1987, and theories of party

competition.'

Dibley. Rozalind: 'Some aspects of Maori representation.'

<u>Dickens</u>, David: 'An evaluation of New Zealand military

operational Policy, 1945-1990.

Hashim. Noreha Haji: 'The politics of New Zealand education

restructuring: the case of the Picot report.'

Kulpaijitr. Porntip: 'Ministerial responsibility and agency theory: a

comparative review.'

McRae, Thomas: Study of New Zealand parliamentary reform, with

Commonwealth comparisons.'

Michaels, Elena: 'The politics of sexuality: a study of homosexual

law reform."

Owens. Jacqueline: 'Some aspects of pressure groups and policy in the

New Zealand political system: a study of abortion

law reform.'

Ryan, David: 'International trade policy: government assistance

for exporters.'

Stewart, Sally: 'New Caledonia/New Zealand relationships.'

Thiensirisak. 'Popular participation in New Zealand local

Warrawoot: government.

Wilson. Vicki.: Autonomy/accountability of universities.'

University of Waikato

1) MPhil/DPhil Theses

Bae. Sun Kwang: 'Contextual and regional influences on New

Zealand voting behaviour in 1987 and 1990.'

Ellis, Roger: 'The Leninist Tradition in New Zealand.'

Jansen, Ross M: 'The local government reforms of 1987.'

2) MA Theses

Bosomworth. John: 'An analysis of television news in New Zealand.'

Churchill. Kevin: 'Democracy and the media.'

Curtin, Jenny: 'A feminist analysis of the Ministry of Women's

Affairs.

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 Reshaping the State: New Zealand's Bureaucratic
 Revolution (Auckland: Oxford University Press, 1991),
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