



New Zealand Political Studies Association



Welcome to the 2014 Winter Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. This edition highlights the findings and recommendations of the "Advancing the Status of Women in Political Science in New Zealand" workshop held in 2012. Many thanks to all of those involved in producing this report. We also welcome a new Democracy Research Network from the LSE Public Policy Group, renew our call for applications for our bi-annual grant, consider whether we should join the Royal Society of NZ, and welcome you to think about running for an Executive position at our AGM in early December.

[Vicki Spencer](#) NZPSA President

### Gender Workshop Report

I'm delighted to announce that the report "Advancing the Status of Women in Political Science and International Relations in New Zealand" has been released and is [available for viewing](#) on our website.

Stemming from a 2012 workshop to assess the status and progress of women in the academic discipline of political studies, [this groundbreaking report](#) brings global research to bear on the status of women in political science, and is the first comprehensive survey of the representation of women in NZ political science.

### Democracy Research Network

Democratic Audit, a research organization based at the LSE has recently established a new Democracy Research Network. The network is an informal, multi-disciplinary international groups for researchers looking at democracy, human rights and constitutional issues.

More information is available [on their website](#) or [download their flier](#). Send any queries to Richard Berry at [r.berry@lse.ac.uk](mailto:r.berry@lse.ac.uk).

### NZPSA AGM – Executive positions

All the executive positions – Treasurer, Secretary and President – are up for re-election this year. As the current Treasurer and Secretary have held their posts for 4 years, the Constitution states that they cannot be re-elected. We therefore encourage you to think about volunteering. Our organization needs you! So please contact us if you are interested.

### Conference prizes

If you are a postgraduate, it is a good idea to start thinking about writing your conference paper so you can be eligible for one of our \$500 prizes.

The NZPSA awards 2 postgraduate conference prizes:

1. For the [best paper in the field of New Zealand domestic politics](#).
2. In [any other field of political studies](#).

Those interested must provide via email an electronic file in word that includes the title of the paper, an abstract, paper and the author's name and affiliation, along with evidence that the paper has been accepted by the NZPSA Conference organizers. Please email these documents by Monday 20 October 2014 to [Dr Vicki Spencer](#).

### Royal Society of New Zealand

We are considering joining the Royal Society as a Constituent Organization member. We can already nominate fellows and we will be establishing a committee to do that next year. However, we would like members to think about the value of us joining for a discussion at the AGM in December. It will cost around \$500 annually.

**Constituent Organizations** help the Society identify and address issues relevant to the research, knowledge and innovation sectors, and link into the research information and activities that the Society undertakes. Other organizations like the NZ Historical Association and the NZ Geographical Society are members and it would fit our desire to become a more professional body. For further information please see the Royal Society [website](#).

### \$2,000 Grant Deadline Extension

The deadline for applications for the bi-annual grant of up to \$2,000 has been extended until September 1. This grant is for a project that will benefit a NZPSA collective such as a Network, the Women's Caucus, the Postgraduate Body or another group of members. The project should also benefit people across institutions.

Please submit applications for project funding by **5pm 1 September 2014** to the NZPSA President. For information on how to apply see our [Grants and Award](#) page.

### Upcoming Deadlines

NZPSA \$2,000 Grant 1 September  
NZPSA Conference Prizes 20 October  
NZPSA Conference 1-3 December