



New Zealand Political Studies Association  
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa



Welcome to the 2015 Autumn Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. Massey University is now [calling for abstracts](#) for the NZPSA conference in Palmerston North 30 Nov – 2 Dec. Please bookmark the [conference webpage](#) and keep an eye out for further updates. Our work on the NZPSA constitution is now complete and we require members to vote to accept this constitution so we can continue steps to join the Royal Society and IPSA. Please also see opportunities closing in May, including the [Macquarie University Research Fellowship Scheme](#) and the [AUT Strategic PhD scholarships](#) and keep an eye out for great essays for our two undergraduate prizes each worth \$500. If you have an upcoming event or deadline you wish to include in the next newsletter, please send it to [admin@nzpsa.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzpsa.co.nz) by June 30  
– [Vicki Spencer](#) NZPSA President

### Constitutional Update

Last week we sent out a request for you to vote on the final version of the proposed NZPSA Constitution and the incorporation of the Association. It is vital that you vote, as we need a majority of members to accept both proposals so we can join the Royal Society and IPSA as the membership wish. If we remain unincorporated, it also means that we are all individually responsible for any Association debts, as opposed to the society itself. Thanks to all of you who have voted so far, but we still need over 70 more affirmative votes. It really will only take a few seconds of your time.

### 2015 NZPSA Conference – Call for Abstracts

200 word abstracts are now being called for individual papers and panels. **The deadline is 30 June 2015.** The 2015 NZPSA Conference Theme – Disrupting the Discipline – is bound to raise a host of interesting ideas for discussion. Further details are available on our [conference page](#).

The 2015 NZPSA Conference will be hosted by Massey University in Palmerston North 30 November – 2 December with the Postgraduate Pre-Conference Event on Sunday 29 November. Co-Chaired by Bethan Greener, Richard Shaw, Emily Beausoleil and Nigel Parsons, the 2015 NZPSA Conference includes a half-day women's caucus workshop on gender equity in the discipline of political studies in New Zealand.

### 2015 APSA Award - Extension

Due to the autumn newsletter being slightly late, we have extended the deadline for the APSA award until 15 May 2015. Postgraduates and others in financial need are prioritised, but all members are eligible to apply if you cannot receive funding elsewhere. Members interested in applying need to make a submission to the NZPSA Executive Secretary Dr Julie MacArthur: [j.macarthur@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:j.macarthur@auckland.ac.nz) For information about what to include in your application, see our [Grants and Awards page](#).

### APSA Conference & Registration

**When:** 27 September – 30 September 2015

**Where:** The University of Canberra

Remember that you are definitely entitled to members' rates for the registration fee, although APSA, despite our request, have again neglected to include NZPSA members on the registration form. So if you are attending we suggest that you tick the APSA members box in accord with the accepted procedure last year: [REGISTER NOW](#)

### Strategic PHD scholarships

The School of Social Sciences and Public Policy at AUT is calling for applications for a set of Strategic PHD scholarships, closing date 14 May 2015. The information required is available [here](#).

### New Prize in Māori Politics

We are very pleased to announce a new \$500 prize for the Best Undergraduate Paper in Māori Politics submitted as part of the requirements for a 100-300 level course at any NZ university. As this applies to first and second semester, please look for potential candidates as you are currently marking. Course convenors need to send an electronic copy of the essay in word and an email with the student's name and email, the convenor's name, his/her affiliation, and the name, level and nature of the course by 5pm Friday 6 November to the NZPSA's Māori Representative, Associate Professor Dominic O'Sullivan: [dosullivan@csu.edu.au](mailto:dosullivan@csu.edu.au) Each convenor can only submit one essay per year.

### Best Undergraduate Essay in NZ Politics

Along with the new prize in Māori politics, those of you who are currently marking should be considering any potential undergraduate essays in NZ politics that could be candidates for NZPSA's best undergraduate essay prize. The \$500 award is for the best essay in any NZ politics course in a NZ university throughout the year. Nominations should be sent by 5pm Friday 6 November to Prof. Jack Vowles as the convenor of the NZ Politics Network: [jack.vowles@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:jack.vowles@vuw.ac.nz) For the rules on how to apply see our [Prizes page](#).

### Membership Directory

The Membership page on our website is now looking far healthier thanks to those of you who filled out your details and made them available to the public. If you missed Julie's email, you can still log into your member profile and enhance your organizational details. Follow these simple steps:

1. Log in at <http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/> using your email and password. Don't know your password? Reset it [here](#).
2. Select 'view profile' in the top right of the page.
3. Select the 'privacy' tab and then 'edit profile'
4. Check the box beside 'show profile to others'
5. Click 'save' at the bottom of the list.

Your basic information will then appear in the public directory. The only items set to appear in the directory are your name, organization, job title and expertise. You may, of course, amend your settings at any time.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

**14 May** [AUT Strategic PhD scholarships](#)

**15 May** 2015 APSA Award

**15 May** [Macquarie University research fellowship](#)

**02 June** 2015 CPSA conference

**30 June** Abstracts due for the 2015 NZPSA Conference

**03 September** 2015 American PSA conference

**28 September** 2015 Australian PSA conference

**30 November** 2015 NZPSA conference

See all future conferences [here](#).