



New Zealand Political Studies Association
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa



From the wintery deep south, welcome to the 2015 Winter Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. Abstracts for the 2015 NZPSA Conference have been extended to **30 August**, please see the [conference website](#) for more information and keep an eye out for further updates. You can also [register now](#). Our work on the NZPSA constitution is complete and we are now an Incorporated Society with all the benefits that status brings. Postgraduates please note the deadline for the 2015 NZPSA conference prizes, the APSA award and the Facebook [page](#) and [group](#). If you have an upcoming event or deadline you wish to include in the next newsletter, please send it to admin@nzpsa.co.nz by September 30.

– **Vicki Spencer** NZPSA President

NZPSA Incorporation

NZPSA has been successful in applying for status as an Incorporated Society. Thank you to everybody who approved our constitution. We are now awaiting acknowledgement of our application to join the Royal Society and Ben Thirkell-White as our Treasurer is working with an accountant to sort out the financial issues raised at our last AGM. Once all that is complete, we can turn to our application for IPSA.

2015 NZPSA Conference – Extension – Call for Abstracts

The deadline for submission of abstracts to the 2015 NZPSA Conference has been extended to **Sunday 30 August**. 200 word abstracts are being called for individual papers and panels. The 2015 NZPSA Conference Theme is Disrupting the Discipline and we already have many impressive abstracts that are bound to cause some discussion. All abstracts should be submitted online via the [NZPSA website](#). If you would like to chair a panel at the conference, please indicate this on the registration form when you [register](#). Further details and helpful information is available on our [conference page](#).

Co-Chaired by Bethan Greener, Richard Shaw, Emily Beausoleil and Nigel Parsons, 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**.

Women Talking Politics – Call For Papers

Established in 1988, [Women Talking Politics](#) is now the NZPSA's annual research magazine. It aims to connect women researchers in NZ and beyond, and provide publishing opportunities for female postgraduates and early career researchers. For this year's edition, 200-300 word news items are due **1 November** and 800-1000 word research notes, which are refereed, are due **1 October**. Further information and instructions will soon be available on the [WTP page](#), but in the meantime check out the 2014 issue [here](#).

Sadly, the current Editor of *WTP*, Dr Valentina Cardo, has had to step down. The NZPSA and *WTP* Board would like to thank her for her extraordinary effort last year in developing a tremendous new format for the magazine. Dr Lena Tan from the University of Otago has kindly agreed to take over as the main Editor this year. The *WTP* Board is also working on how best to sustain it into the future with the hope that departments will rotate responsibility for it.

Civics & Citizenship UC-led NZPSA Working Group

On **August 1 – 2**, the Department of Political Science at the University of Canterbury is hosting the UC-led NZPSA Working Group on teaching political literacy, civics and citizenship in the NZ school curriculum. It will also explore options for the introduction of political science at year 13. 1-2 representatives from all NZ universities' politics programmes will be attending to develop strategies for this very important initiative. For further information [click here](#).

News from the Postgraduate Reps

Geoff Ford and Lara Greaves have taken over administration of the postgrad Facebook pages:

1. NZPSA Postgraduate Network Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NZPSAPostgrads/>. This is a private group for academic discussion, event planning, connecting postgraduates with similar research interests, and sharing experiences. All New Zealand based postgraduates studying politics are welcome to join. Currently there is some discussion on the upcoming Pre-Conference Postgraduate Workshop on Sunday 29 Nov.

2. NZPSA Postgraduate Students Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NZPSA.Postgraduates>. This is an open page for postgraduates. Is your department running an event for postgrads? We invite people to send us resources, photos, and news. Please join the group and like the page! It would be great to see some intellectual and social connections established before the NZPSA conference. Thanks, too, to Anthony Deos for all his work maintaining the Facebook page and group over the past few years.

NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Prizes

It is time for our postgraduates to start thinking about writing a paper to receive one of our \$500 conference prizes and for supervisors to encourage them to do so. Nominations for the New Zealand Postgraduate Conference Prize should be sent to Prof. Jack Vowles by **Monday 19 October**: jack.vowles@vuw.ac.nz. Nominations for the NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Prize (Other Fields) should be sent **by Monday 19 October** to the NZPSA President Vicki Spencer: vicki.spencer@otago.ac.nz. For full details on how to apply and requirements for the papers see our [prizes page](#).

APSA Postgraduate Award Extension – 31 July

We had no applications this year. We can see if it is still possible to provide help with the registration fee and conference dinner for a postgraduate who has not received departmental assistance. Please contact the Executive Secretary [Julie MacArthur](#) by 5pm Friday 31 July with the required information on the [grants and award page](#).

APSA Conference & Registration – 27 – 30 Sept 2015

Remember that you are entitled to members' rates for the registration fee. Tick the APSA members box in accord with the accepted procedure last year: [REGISTER NOW](#)

Upcoming Deadlines/Dates

31 July: New APSA Award Deadline

1-2 August: UC-led Civics & Citizenship Working Group

30 August: Abstracts due for the 2015 NZPSA Conference

31 August: Early-bird registration ends, NZPSA Conference

1 October: *WTP* 800-1000 word research notes due

19 October: Postgraduate Essays for Conference Prizes due

1 November: *WTP* 200-300 word news items due

6 November: Essays for Undergraduate Prizes due

Dates for other PSA conferences are available [here](#).