

NZPSA

New Zealand Political Studies Association
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa



Welcome to the 2016 Winter Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. It has been a busy few months with a submission to the Commerce Commission, involvement in the Royal Society Constituents' Forum and our presence at IPSA for the first time as a Collective Member. Our colleagues at Waikato are busy with the NZPSA conference and I would encourage you to remind your students and colleagues of the graduate and undergraduate prizes listed below. Our next newsletter will be out around 1st November, so any news or information do let us [know](#).

— [Jennifer Curtin](#), NZPSA President

2016 NZPSA Conference

This year the NZPSA Conference will be hosted by the University of Waikato in Hamilton on 28-30 November, with the Postgraduate Pre-Conference Event on Sunday 27 November. The deadline for abstract submissions (200 words) for individual papers and panels has been extended to **12 August, 2016**. Click [here](#) to submit your paper, or contact Reuben Steff at rsteff@waikato.ac.nz

Upcoming Prizes and Applications:

- Applications for the [2017 UKPSA Conference](#) are due to the [NZPSA Executive Secretary](#) by 1 October 2016
- Entries for the [Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics](#) are due by Monday 14 November 2016 and should be submitted to [Dominic O'Sullivan](#)
- Entries for the [Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics](#) are due by Monday 14 November 2016 and should be submitted to [Jack Vowles](#)
- Entries for the [NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by Monday 7 November 2016 and should be submitted to [Jack Vowles](#)
- Entries for the [NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by Monday 7 November 2016 and should be submitted to the [NZPSA President](#)
- Entries for the [Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by 1 September 2016 and should be submitted to [Julie MacArthur](#)

NZPSA presence at IPSA World Conference 2016

There were at least nine NZ scholars at the 24th IPSA World Congress in [Poznan, Poland](#). This was the first IPSA where NZ was represented by both individual paper givers and as an Association. A full report on NZPSA's involvement in IPSA is forthcoming, but you can find out more about the Conference highlights [here](#). After some debate, IPSA's Statement on Academic Freedom was endorsed by Council (you will recall we had input as an Association). The final version is [here](#). In 2018 the IPSA World Congress theme will be *Borders and Margins*, and the Conference will be hosted by the Australian Political Science Association in Brisbane (21-26 June). There will also be an inter-Congress State of the Discipline conference in 2017 (dates to be advised).

Royal Society Constituents' Forum

Our Treasurer, Ben Thirkell-White attended the Royal Society's Constituents' Forum on 11th May. Below is a summary of his report, but you can find the full version [here](#).

The Royal Society was purely a natural-science organisation until 2010, now it includes the humanities and social sciences. It exists to 'advance and promote science, technology and the humanities for all New Zealanders'. In addition to administering the Marsden fund, fellowships and other funding other activities, it also produces 'expert advice' on issues that are publicly relevant to NZ.

The Royal Society has recently become much more enthusiastic about engaging with constituent organisations like NZPSA and has three standing 'discipline-based forums', including one on the Humanities and Social Sciences. At our forum there was much discussion about expert panels and advice documents, and promoting social science-based panels or papers. In theory the Society is open to this. However, it is also committed to producing 'neutral knowledge that informs debate', in a way that cannot be construed as political or normative.

If anyone would like to offer suggestions for further panels or papers, please contact [Ben Thirkell-White](#).

NZPSA Submission NZME-Fairfax merger

Thank you to all who participated in the drafting of our submission to the Commerce Commission on the NZME-Fairfax merger, and special thanks to Matthew Gibbons for his work on this. An overwhelming majority of those who responded to our call for views on this issue supported making a submission. You can find our final version [here](#).

Women Talking Politics

Greta Snyder and Priya Kurian would like to remind all members that the deadline for contributions to the 2016 edition of *Women Talking Politics* is **1 September**. Details of the call for papers and other contributions may be found at nzpsa.com/women-talking-politics.