



Welcome to the second edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter for 2017. Since our last issue, the national political landscape has changed, with a new Prime Minister, a new deputy leader of the Labour Party, and a [high-profile](#) line-up of Green candidates with associated commentary by a number of our members. The impending New Zealand Election is just one reason why this issue focuses on the range of forthcoming conferences. And don't forget to 'turn over' to see the profiles of our new PhDs and a postdoctoral opportunity. Enjoy the final weeks of Semester One, [Jennifer Curtin](#), NZPSA President

***Dis(ordering) Politics: Exclusion, Resistance and Participation* – 2017 NZPSA conference at The University of Otago**

The Department of Politics at the University of Otago is very pleased to be hosting the 2017 New Zealand Political Studies Association Conference in Dunedin as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations: 29 November - 1 December, with a postgraduate workshop on Tuesday 28 November.

The theme this year is *Dis(ordering) Politics: Exclusion, Resistance and Participation*: Brexit, the rise of Trump and the increasing viability of far right movements and agendas in many electoral systems are currently challenging the mostly unquestioned liberal triumphalism of the post-Cold War era. Issues of class and inequality, race and gender that many in the mainstream had relegated to the margins have re-emerged at the forefront of the incoming tide of this disorderly political landscape. What explains this re-emergence and the current dis(order) in domestic and international politics? Are these new trends or have they always been there? How have race, gender and class continued to construct and constitute politics today? What are the political and disciplinary avenues for resistance and transformation?

The conference features a keynote lecture by Prof David McNally of the University of York (Canada), and panel discussions on Indigenous Politics and the New Zealand Election. Co-chairs of the conference are Professor Janine Hayward and Associate Professor Vicki Spencer. For enquiries, [email us](#) or see the [NZPSA website](#) for updates.

2017 New Zealand Post-Election Conference

This long-standing conference hosted by Stephen Levine and Jon Johansson of Victoria University of Wellington, will be held on Wednesday, 6 December in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Wellington. Join colleagues for a day of reflections and research on the 2017 general election from party leaders, journalists, commentators and academics.

Discounted registration rates are available for students, and the all-day registration fee will be fairly modest. Registrations open closer to the conference date. Staff or students carrying out research relating to the 2017 election are welcome to be in touch with organisers ([Stephen Levine](#) or [Jon Johansson](#)) about participation in the conference or in the book that will follow.

Australian Political Studies Association Conference

With a focus on *Democracy and Populism: A New Age of Extremes?*, the 2017 APSA conference will be hosted by Monash University in Melbourne on 25-27 September. The call for papers opened in April and closes on 3 July 2017. More information will appear on the [APSA 2017 Conference website](#).

Conference on Quantitative Political Science

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science will be held at Victoria University of Wellington on 11-12 December 2017. The conference keynote speaker will be [Stephen Ansolabehere](#), Professor of Government at Harvard University and expert in public opinion and elections, mass media, and representation and political economy. Call for proposals and further information will be forthcoming later in the year. Contact Professor [Jack Vowles](#) for conference-related questions.

Women Talking Politics Call for Contributions

Priya Kurian and Gaudi Nandedkar are working on the 2017 edition of *Women Talking Politics*, and the call for contributions will go out to NZPSA members in the next month. Please consider submitting a research note or a review essay and encourage your doctoral students to send in a contribution. If you wish to contribute to this year's edition, please contact [Priya](#). Back issues of WTP are available [here](#).

International Political Science Association News:

Brisbane World Congress Call for Papers

In 2018 the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) conference and the Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS) will be incorporated into the IPSA 25th World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane (21-26 July). The call for papers opens on 10 May 2017 and closes in October. You can find more information [here](#).

2016 Biannual Grant Winning Workshop on Small States and the Changing Global Order

Anne-Marie Brady's workshop takes place on 3-4 June 2017 and features a wide range of presentations that address questions relating to the disproportionate effect small states can have on global politics and the ways they are in turn affected by global shifts in power. We wish Anne-Marie and her colleagues all the best for a productive two days. Further information is available [here](#).

PhD Profiles



Paul Gordon Kramer's thesis, "Queer Assemblage Thinking: Governing Sexual Others in Contemporary Turkey" explores the oppression of LGBTQs and their activism in Turkey. Drawing upon three months of fieldwork in Istanbul in 2014, his thesis uses Deleuze and Foucault to understand how queers are constituted as Others by the state, media, religion and family. However, these processes of marginalization create spaces for resistance – as demonstrated in the 2013 Gezi Park protests. Associate Professor Anita Lacey and Associate Professor Kathy Smits supervised his thesis. He recently published on queer activism in the journal *Critical Studies on Security*, and his work on the Gezi Park protests is being published in an upcoming Manchester University Press volume on Identity Politics. Paul has accepted an Assistant Professor position at Nazareth College, a small liberal arts college near his home town in Western New York. He intends to continue researching and teaching on global issues of identity in his new position.

Guillermo Merelo recently finished his PhD under the supervision of Professor Raymond Miller and Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin. His research proposes a new approach to the study of political acculturation by considering this as an intricate semiotic process through which people construct understandings of the state. Based on this approach, Guillermo demonstrated how migrants do not simply become assimilated into the New Zealand political culture but instead create hybrid cultural frameworks through which they interpret incoming political information and give reason to their actions in an alien political world. Such reason, he argues, is most of the time intelligible exclusively within migrant communities sharing a common past and bounded by shared political meanings. Drawing on the classic work of Wittgenstein, Saussure, Bourdieu and Edelman, Guillermo proposes the concept of semiotic repertoires to refer to the accumulated political knowledge migrants bring, deploy, challenge and transform during their political acculturative processes. He is currently working on expanding these theories to the concepts of power and contention in the context of Scandinavian political cultures.



Post-Doctoral Opportunity

The Macquarie University Research Fellowship (MQRF) Scheme - Expressions of Interest.

Macquarie University will offer up to 10 full-time Research Fellowship positions commencing in 2018. Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis and will be fixed-term for three years. Applicants must have been awarded their PhD on or after 1 March 2014, or submit their thesis on or before 7 August 2017 (or make a convincing case for early career researcher status).

If you have an interest in applying for a Fellowship in the 2018 round through the Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations, please send the following to Professor [Stephanie Lawson](#) by **Friday 5 May 2017**:

1. Your current CV with list of publications, as an email attachment with your surname in the file name. Publications should be listed under the headings: books, book chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles and other.
2. Provisional project title and a brief (200-word) project description, also as an attachment with your surname in the file name.

If the Department is able to sponsor your application, you will be notified by **10 May 2017**. Sponsored applicants will then be invited to work with their sponsors to develop their Expressions of Interest that must be submitted in their final form by **24 May 2017**.

It is important that there is a good fit between the research interests of applicants and sponsors. Applicants are strongly advised to review the research profiles of potential sponsors via the Department staff list [here](#). The main themes with which staff are currently engaged are reflected in the following research clusters: Nationalism, Supranationalism and the State; Politics and Religion; Global, regional and transnational governance.

