



Welcome to the first edition of the NZPSA newsletter for 2018. A belated happy New Year to all – I hope you managed to get some relaxation in over the Summer. In this, my first newsletter as President, I'd like to thank Jennifer Curtin for her hard work as President over the past two years, and Ben Thirkell-White for his as Treasurer. I look forward very much to working with Julienne Molineaux, who continues as Secretary, and Jack Vowles, the incoming Treasurer, as well as all new and continuing Council Members. Welcome also to Sarah Hendrica Bickerton, our new Administrative Assistant. If you have information you'd like included in future newsletters, please email us at admin@nzpsa.co.nz. [Kate McMillan](#), NZPSA President. In the meantime, all best with the first trimester.

2017 NZPSA Conference

Reflections

The 2017 NZPSA Conference at the University of Otago on 29 November-1 December was a great success with over 150 in attendance, more than 100 papers on the programme and an inspiring keynote address by Professor David McNally. Our thanks go to the team at Otago for their hospitality and efficiency. The 2018 NZPSA Conference will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington in late November, with more details to follow in the next newsletter.

Feedback from our Postgraduate Representatives

The Postgraduate Workshop prior to the 2017 NZPSA conference was a valuable academic and social event for all who attended. Feedback is welcomed, so if you have ideas or comments on what can be done to improve the day in advance of Victoria hosting the conference, please send these through to your postgrad reps: [Astrid](#) and [Luke](#). A reminder that there is a dedicated Facebook page for the NZPSA PG community and this is a useful site to find out about what is going on in the world of politics and political science.

NZPSA membership and networks

A reminder to those who were unable to attend the 2017 conference to ensure your membership is current. This is necessary if you wish to continue to participate in our Research Networks. If you would like to join, the Network coordinators are listed on the [website](#)

2018 IPSA World Congress and Collective Membership

All papers and panels have now been accepted for the IPSA Congress in Brisbane in July and it is looking like an exceptional line-up. You can find info on registration and accommodation [here](#). Don't forget that our Association-level membership entitles us to advertise our own conferences, events, job advertisements through the online IPSA portal and newsletter. [Contact us](#) for more info.

NZPSA Prizewinners 2017

- The [Undergraduate Essay Prizen Māori Politics](#) was won by Darryn Ooi for his essay titled 'How do Tauwiwi become "accomplices"?'
- The [Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics](#) was won by Oliver Dearnley-Smith for his 'Marxist analysis and critique of 'neoliberalism's war on higher education'
- The [NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) was won by Samira Ghoreishi for her paper titled "My Stealthy Freedom" Facebook page: An opportunity for the Iranian Feminist Movement?
- The [Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) and the [NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) were not awarded in 2017.

Many congratulations to our winners and we encourage all postgraduates keen to present their work at NZPSA 2018 to keep an eye out for the call for papers later this year.

Women Talking Politics

Priya Kurian and Gauri Nandedkar launched the [2017 edition](#) of Women Talking Politics, featuring a range of pieces by early career scholars as well as profiles of recent graduates. You can find it on our website, along with back issues of the publication. If you wish to contribute to this year's edition, please see the details [here](#).

Executive and Council

New NZPSA Executive and Council Elected

There are a number of new faces on the NZPSA leadership team beginning 1st February 2018. Dr Kate McMillan is President, Dr Julienne Molineaux continues as Executive Secretary for another year, and Professor Jack Vowles is incoming Treasurer. [Sarah Bickerton](#) at VUW is the new administrative assistant.

The Council is made up of the following representatives, so please let them know of any info for the newsletter, announcements or issues of import for the NZPSA membership. Our thanks go to all outgoing members of Council for their contributions over the past 2-3 years.

Council Members:

Continuing Representatives:

Brian Roper, University of Otago
Bronwyn Hayward, University of Canterbury
Andy Asquith, Massey University
Kate Nicholls, AUT
Dominic O'Sullivan, Māori representative
Astrid Simonsen, PG Rep (Canterbury)
Reuben Steff, Waikato University

New Representatives:

Julie MacArthur, University of Auckland
Xavier Marquez, VUW
Luke Oldfield, PG Rep (Auckland)
Negar Partow, Women's Rep (Massey)

Conference Reports

2017 New Zealand Post-Election Conference

The latest in the Victoria University of Wellington political science programme's post-election conference series (dating back to 1987) was held on 6 December at The Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament. Leaders of all five of New Zealand's political parties represented in the Parliament elected in September 2017 took part, one after the other, in the well-attended conference, which included a highlight moment when Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, midway through her keynote speech, spotted a group of children being taken on a tour through Parliament and invited them to come in and join the conference (an event captured by TVNZ's 'One News': see <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/watch-jacinda-ardern-interrupts-speech-warmly-welcome-delighted-school-kids-into-room>).

The conference was opened by Parliament's new Speaker, Trevor Mallard, and included special 'valedictory' speeches from former Members of Parliament Te Ururoa Flavell and Peter Dunne, reflecting on their political and parliamentary careers. Other conference presentations came from members of the media, pollsters and commentators, and academic contributors. The presentations, augmented by other chapters focusing on the 2017 campaign and on the 'legacy' of the outgoing National-led government, will be brought together in 'Stardust and Substance: New Zealand's 2017 Election', to be published by Victoria University Press in 2018 – the latest book in the Victoria University election series (which will also include a DVD of election campaign highlights).

2017 Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science Annual Conference

The Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science (ASQPS) Annual conference was held at Victoria University of Wellington on December 11 and 12 2017. About 50 attended, principally from Australia and New Zealand, with several others from further afield. 37 papers were presented in two streams, covering a wide range of topics within political science and international relations. The guest and plenary speaker was Professor Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University. The conference was followed by a postgraduate workshop on Wednesday December 12. A special issue of Political Science drawing on papers presented at the conference is in preparation.

PhD Page

The PhD page normally features the profiles of recently completed doctoral scholars, in recognition of their achievement. If you have completed yours, or know of someone from the NZPSA community who has recently completed, please contact us with the details so that we may share your success. In the meantime, here are some opportunities on offer. The IPSA newsletter also provides a list of open international post-docs and PhD scholarships.

Post-Doctoral Opportunities

Two-year Fixed-Term Post-Doctoral Fellowship from 1st July 2018 until 30th June 2020

Political Communication/Science Communication - School of Social Sciences, University of Auckland

With funding from the George Mason Centre for the Environment, this project seeks to solve two of the most vexing problems facing the science of sustainability and conservation—1) public misunderstanding of ecological science and 2) disengagement and lack of support for key sustainability policies and practices. The post-doctoral fellow will work with the principal investigator and the research team to design and implement a series of studies to understand and bridge the knowledge and engagement gap related to marine ecosystem science, conservation, and policy. S/he will help design and develop studies including producing scientifically based multimedia products and test them for effectiveness in conveying ecological understandings and for generating support for sustainable policies and solutions. The experiments will provide insights about how people consume science-based media, the gaps in understandings, and will inform future science communication. We seek suitably qualified candidates for a fixed-term post-doctoral candidate commencing July 2018. The successful applicant will also be expected to lecture at undergraduate and graduate level, and participate in workshops.

Requirements: PhD at time of appointment (June 2018) in relevant field (communication, social sciences, politics, humanities, law, policy, other relevant field). For more information, contact [Maria Amoudian](#)

Apply: Applications close Monday 15th March, 2018. All applications must be made [online](#).

PhD Scholarships

Two PhD Scholarships in Shaping Public Policy

Scholars in the School of Population Health intend to offer two PhD Scholarships as part of a project investigating ways in which unhealthy commodity industries (alcohol, tobacco, gambling and food) influence public policy. The project is funded by a three-year researcher-initiated Government grant (from the Marsden Fund). Both PhDs will involve input from other investigators on the project including Professors Kypros Kypris (Newcastle NSW), Jeff Collin (Edinburgh), Jim McCambridge (York UK) and Boyd Swinburn (Auckland). The project will be based in the School of Population Health at the UOA Tamaki Campus.

Students eligible to enrol in a PhD will be able apply to the University Scholarship Office in early 2018. Both international and NZ domestic students are encouraged to apply.

For more information, email Professor [Peter Adams](#)