



## Message from the President

Welcome to the Spring Issue of the NZPSA Newsletter. COVID 19 continues to be defining our collective lives, and our politics, through 2020. As we noted in the last newsletter, in the absence of an annual conference the Executive is encouraging the Association's Networks to become more active in the second half of the year. We see this as a way of continuing to fulfil our core roles as an Association in promoting research into political phenomena in Aotearoa New Zealand and in supporting our community of academics and graduate students.

The Executive has been able to support five networks to hold events in late November and early December through the Bi-annual Grant process, these being the:

- *Aotearoa New Zealand Politics Network,*
- *Political Communication Network,*
- *International Relations Network,*
- *Environmental Politics and Policy Network, and*
- *Gender and Politics Network.*

What follows is information about each of these events - for some networks it is 'preliminary' information, and we will get more details to you as they are developed. There is a good deal of relevant information in this newsletter, so continue reading and please share with your colleagues and graduate students. The Executive sincerely thanks the Network convenors for their efforts in bringing these events together!

We produce this newsletter as a way of supporting the study and teaching of politics in New Zealand, so if you have any information on these topics you would like included in future newsletters, please email us at [admin@nzpsa.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzpsa.co.nz).  
– Patrick Barrett, NZPSA President

## Networks

### Relaunching the NZPSA Political Communication Network

University of Waikato, Tauranga, 26-27 November 2020

Please join us for a two-day workshop to mark the relaunch of the NZPSA Political Communication Network. From public health briefings to viral conspiracy theories, the ongoing Coronavirus crisis – if nothing else - reaffirms the importance of political communication. To improve our understanding of the practices, content, and implications of political communication, the relaunched Network provides a vital scholarly forum for the exchange of ideas and findings.

At our first workshop, we aim to take stock of political communication research by scholars based in Aotearoa New Zealand. We therefore invite paper proposals from a diverse range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. We also recognise that scholars study political communication across a wide range of actors, including – but not limited to – political parties, news media, governmental institutions, international organisations, interest groups, social movements, and digital citizens.

Postgraduate research students are particularly encouraged to participate.

Please submit your paper abstract by 2 October 2020, using the form below:

<https://forms.gle/EZSoTN8zjtdF8roa7>

The workshop is only open to members of the NZPSA. Information about NZPSA membership can be found [here](#).

Workshop registration is \$80 to cover catering costs.

We hope to see you at the new Waikato campus in Tauranga in November. In the unfortunate event that COVID19 lockdown measures prevent face-to-face meetings, the workshop will be held online.

If you have any questions about the workshop, feel free to email the co-convenors of the Political Communication Network:

Dr Olli Hellmann: [olli.hellmann@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:olli.hellmann@waikato.ac.nz)

Dr Justin Phillips: [justin.phillips@waikato.ac.n](mailto:justin.phillips@waikato.ac.n)

# NZPSA

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Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa

## **Aotearoa New Zealand Politics Network**

The Aotearoa New Zealand Politics network will hold an online gathering in early December (either December 8 or December 10) to share updates about research, talk about teaching innovations/resources, reflect on the 2020 election and much more! Post-grads and early career staff are very welcome. If you are interested in hearing more about this event as it develops, please contact the network convenor, Janine Hayward at [janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz](mailto:janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz)

## **Gender and Politics Network**

An event is being planned for the Gender and Politics Network in late November and/or early December, and we will forward information about this as soon as it comes to hand. In the meantime, the next meeting date is Tuesday, September 8 at 9am, everyone with a passion for women's rights is welcome to join us, regardless of gender. NZPSA GPN Project: "Raising women's voices and leadership in post-COVID-19 policies: a fundamental prerequisite for gender equality, democracy and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Aotearoa". For more information please contact Barbara, GPN Coordinator at [barbara.bedeschilewando@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:barbara.bedeschilewando@vuw.ac.nz)

## **Environmental Politics and Policy Network**

The Environmental Politics and Policy Network will hold a virtual workshop via Zoom on Thursday, 10 December. This will be chaired by Network Convenor, Valentina Dinica. The workshop will include two parts. The first will involve seven research presentations, and the second, after a lunchbreak, will focus on teaching innovations and master and PhD student research and mentoring. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Further details and links will be provided in due course. For more information, please contact Valentina at [valentina.dinica@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:valentina.dinica@vuw.ac.nz)

## **International Relations Network**

Following on the creation of the International Relations Network within the NZPSA, we are inviting all network members to an inaugural workshop in Wellington from 23-24 November. This workshop will be the first opportunity to meet in person, share current research, and to contribute to building a community of New Zealand-based IR scholars.

As the broad overarching theme for the workshop we propose 'Back to what normal? COVID-19 and New Zealand in the world' as an invitation to interrogate and explore what 'normality' means for us with regard to our research, teaching, as well as conferencing/collaboration against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paper or panel submissions need not be directly related to this theme. As our primary motivation is to encourage participation from those in the Network, we'd like to invite both single papers as well as panel proposals. We would welcome work that is still very much 'in progress' or in early stages. Please submit your paper/panel abstract by 5 October 2020 via email to: [IRworkshop2020@gmail.com](mailto:IRworkshop2020@gmail.com)

The workshop is only open to members of the NZPSA. Information about NZPSA membership can be found here. Workshop registration is \$50 for academics and free for postgraduate students. There is no travel support available unfortunately.

If a change in COVID-19 alert levels prevents face-to-face meetings, the workshop will be held online. If you have any questions about the workshop, feel free to email Jeremy Moses ([jeremy.moses@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:jeremy.moses@canterbury.ac.nz)) or Patrick Flamm ([patrick.flamm@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:patrick.flamm@vuw.ac.nz)).

## **Call for Papers & Prizes**

### **NZPSA Prizes**

Please take a moment to think about submitting some of the excellent work your students are completing for consideration for two undergraduate prizes the NZPSA will be awarding this year. These are:

- *The undergraduate prize for the best essay submitted in a course on Aotearoa New Zealand politics in a New Zealand University.*
- *The undergraduate prize for the best essay on Māori Politics submitted in a course at any Aotearoa New Zealand University.*

Details can be found here: <https://nzpsa.com/prizes>

## Women Talking Politics

The aim of Women Talking Politics – a mini-journal produced by the New Zealand Political Studies Association – is to promote the work of women (-identified and non-binary) political scientists in New Zealand. The 2020 edition would like to focus on the impact of COVID-19 on women in politics, policy, and the academy. However, we encourage anyone to send their work in, regardless of whether it falls within this focus. Please note that the brief for Women Talking Politics is both women talking about politics, as well as women in politics, so there is quite the range of possibilities open. We will be seeking submissions by New Zealand-based women political scientists (both academic staff and postgraduate students), policy academics, and social scientists for the following sections:

*Research Briefs of 200-300 words.*

*Articles of 800-1,000 words.*

*Book reviews.*

*Creative writing, ideally not more than 800 words, but this is flexible*

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, and should be emailed to [lara.greaves@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:lara.greaves@auckland.ac.nz) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

More information and back-issues can be found in the Women Talking Politics page on the NZPSA website: <https://nzpsa.com/women-talking-politics>

## 2021 IPSA World Congress Call for Proposals

Paper and panel proposals on any political science-related subject are welcome. The 2021 Congress will have a diverse program under the theme *New Nationalisms in an Open World*. You will find more information at [wc2021.ipsa.org](http://wc2021.ipsa.org) as well as important deadlines and submission guidelines. You do not need to be an IPSA member to submit proposals. If you do not currently hold an IPSA account, you will be asked to create one. Once your proposal is accepted, you will have to become an IPSA member and register to attend the World Congress.

We invite you to view the [Congress Sessions](#) open to proposals.

**Submit a Paper or Closed Panel by 20 October 2020.**

- [SUBMIT A PAPER](#)
- [SUBMIT A CLOSED PANEL](#)

Note that WC2021 will take place at NOVA University and no online/remote presentations are foreseen. However, if the COVID-19 pandemic persists, the Congress participation procedures and guidelines may be revised in the upcoming months. Any update will be announced on the Congress website.

Please refer to the [Congress Postponed to 2021](#) page and the [Important Dates](#) for more information. The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) section may also provide answers to some of your concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [wc2021@ipsa.org](mailto:wc2021@ipsa.org)

## 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Policy – Call for Panels

Following the success of the four previous International Conferences on Public Policy in Grenoble (2013), Milan (2015), Singapore (2017) and Montreal (2019), we are happy to announce the opening of the call for panels for the fifth International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), the leading international conference for public policy scholarship. Jointly organized with the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), ICPP5 will take place at the Raval Building of the University of Barcelona from June 30 to July 2, 2021, with the pre-conference at IBEI's headquarters on June 29.

The Call for Panels for the ICPP5 is currently open until October 26, 2020. Scholars are invited to submit a panel proposal to participate in ICPP5. The panels can address any theoretical, methodological, or empirical research question and cover a large range of topics provided they are related to Public Policy.

For all information about Barcelona and ICPP5, don't hesitate to [visit our website](#), we will regularly provide up-to-date information regarding flights, hotels, discounts, and grant opportunities.

For all information and instructions to submit a panel proposal [visit the dedicated webpage](#) or send us an email at [icppublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:icppublicpolicy@gmail.com).

## Conferences & Collectives

### 2020 New Zealand Post-Election Conference

Please note that the 2020 New Zealand post-election conference, hosted by Professor Stephen Levine of Victoria University of Wellington, will be held on Wednesday, 9 December in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

Further information about registration and the conference programme can be found at: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/hppi/about/events/2020-new-zealand-post-election-conference>

### Upcoming Events

Two webinars are being organised by Assoc. Professor Rachel Simon-Kumar (University of Auckland) and Prof. Priya Kurian (University of Waikato) as part of their Marsden-funded research, entitled “Ethnic women in politics: Meet the candidates” on 29 & 30 September (TBC), 6-7.30 pm. The two panels, one involving young ethnic women running for Parliament for the first time, and the second involving established ethnic women politicians, will explore questions about issues of identity and politics, aspirations and challenges, and the impact that ethnic women’s presence in politics has on ethnic women in the community. Links to the webinars will be circulated ahead of the event.

### Stop Sexual Harassment on Campus Aotearoa (SSHOC Aotearoa)

SSHOC Aotearoa is a newly formed, pan-University collective of staff and students, launched on 21 August 2020. It is aimed at ‘preventing bullying, discrimination and sexual violence on University campuses.’ SSHOC has called on Universities NZ to set up an independent commission to investigate complaints of harassment and assault, as well as collect information that would prevent predatory staff from moving on without checks or penalties.

More details are available here: <https://twitter.com/sshocaotearoa>

The NZPSA supports SSHOC’s broad aims of developing more effective standards, monitoring, and independent oversight of the investigation of complaints of bullying, harassment and assault. In light of the on-going national and international conversations on sexual harassment and assault, we support developing an Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy to govern NZPSA national and network conferences and symposia. We welcome expressions of interest in setting up a working group to create a draft of such a policy for discussion and ratification by the membership. An example may be seen here:

<https://www.apsanet.org/divresources/policyprocedures>

## PhD Page

The PhD page 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 theirs, please contact us with the details so that we may share your success.



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