

## Message from the President



Patrick Barrett  
NZPSA President

Kia ora koutou. I hope you have all had a good start to the New Year, and that 2021 will be somewhat less traumatic than 2020! On behalf of the executive, let me begin by expressing gratitude to the network convenors who organised workshops and kept in touch with members through the disruptions of 2020. Those who attended NZPSA events in November and December 2020 will be aware of what great opportunities they were to keep in contact. Just to recap, workshops were held by the new International Relations Network, the re-launched Political Communication Network, the Aotearoa New Zealand Politics Network, the Environmental Politics and Policy Network, and the Gender and Politics Network. The Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy Network also hosted two zoom events, and there are great videos from these available online. The first was on the new civics and citizenship curriculum resources. View [here](#). The second video, on the proposal to lower the voting age to 16, with input from local and international experts from Scotland, Wales and Austria, can be viewed [here](#).

## Introducing New NZPSA Representatives

Welcome to Lara Greaves who is now the University of Auckland Representative (Māngai Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau), replacing Julie McArthur who has moved to a new position in Canada. Julie has served the NZPSA in a number of Office and Network roles (including a very constructive period as Executive Secretary) and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Welcome also to the two new Postgraduate Representatives (Māngai Tohu Paerua) Kaitlin Martin-Feek and Jessica Valisa. We would like to express our thanks to the outgoing postgraduate representatives for their work. If you wish to join as a postgraduate, please see the [NZPSA's Postgraduates page](#).

## Message from the editors of *Women Talking Politics*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic (especially considering the unequal impact of caring responsibilities across gender), the editors made the decision to combine the 2020 issue of *Women Talking Politics* with the 2021 issue. We had some submissions and these will be carried over to the 2021 bumper issue. The editors will be re-sending a call for papers early in 2021. Ngā mihi ki a koutou.

## NZPSA Conference 2021

Our colleagues at AUT are organising the annual conference later this year, and we look forward to being together again in Auckland.

## Congratulations to our Undergraduate Prize Winners

In the absence of the 2020 conference, we were unable to award postgraduate conference prizes, but the NZPSA did award prizes for the best undergraduate essay in Maori Politics and New Zealand/Aotearoa Politics.

- *Best Undergraduate Essay in Māori Politics*: Hanna Thompson (supervised by Lara Greaves, University of Auckland)
- *Best Undergraduate Essay in New Zealand/Aotearoa Politics*: Niamh O'Donnell (supervised by Brian Roper, University of Otago)

## Calls for contribution & conferences

### ***Royal Society***

As a Constituent Organisation of the Royal Society, the NZPSA is routinely invited to provide news for inclusion in the Royal Society Link Newsletter. So do let us know if you have news you may like to us share on:

- Award or medal winners
- Scholarship winners
- Books published by members

### ***Virtual IPSA World Congress Update***

The revised procedures and timelines for the 2021 Virtual IPSA World Congress to be held on 10-15 July 2021 are now available on the Congress website. The main theme of the Congress, New Nationalisms in an Open World, will not change. All accepted papers and panels remain in the 2021 Congress program. All sessions, meetings, and exhibitions will take place in virtual rooms. Therefore, we encourage all our delegates to keep their papers and panels in the program. Click [here](#) for more information.

### ***International Public Policy Association – International Conference on Public Policy***

IPPA is pleased to confirm the 5th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5) is coming to Barcelona in 2021! Jointly organized with the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), the Conference will take place at the Raval Building of the University of Barcelona, from July 6 to July 8, 2021, with a pre-conference at IBEI's headquarters on July 5. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Special Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to NZPSA member Professor Bronwyn Hayward who has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to political science, particularly sustainability, climate change and youth. The award recognises Bronwyn's outstanding and sustained service, and more information on this honour can be found [here](#), or [here](#).

## PhD Page



Budi Annisa Sidi graduated in August 2020 with a PhD from the Politics programme at the University of Otago with a thesis titled "Unity and Diversity: National Identity and Multiculturalism in Indonesia" under the supervision of Assoc. Prof Vicki Spencer, Assoc. Prof James Headley and Dr Lena Tan, which was awarded a recognition of Exceptional Thesis. After the PhD, they resumed their work as a diplomatic officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

*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. If you have any material you would like to have featured in an upcoming newsletter, please contact us at [admin@nzpsa.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzpsa.co.nz). We will also reach out closer to the publishing of the next newsletter for material.*