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IPSA Statement on the Situation in Ukraine Ko tā IPSA whakapuaki mō ngā āhuatanga ki Ukaraina

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) joins with our colleagues across the world in expressing deep concerns for the unjustified and illegal military incursion into Ukraine by the Putin regime. We are greatly alarmed by the grave humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, by the attacks on democracy and its core values such as human rights, the principle of sovereignty and peaceful cohabitation amongst the peoples of the world.

IPSA's mission is to support the development of political science in all parts of the world by building academic networks linking East and West, North and South, and by creating an inclusive and global political science community in which all can participate. IPSA supports the principles of peace and collaboration within and between states. Therefore, we urge the Putin regime to stop all violent action and pursue efforts of finding a diplomatic solution.

We stand with the political science communities in all nations and will collaborate with partner organizations to assist colleagues affected by the situation.

Staying informed about Ukraine Kia mōhio tonu koe ki ngā āhuatanga ki Ukaraina

For those of you looking for good sources on what's occurring in Ukraine, our colleague Jeremy Moses from Canterbury has these suggestions:

[Amy Goodman, *Ukrainian Pacifist in Kyiv: Reckless Militarization Led to This War. All Sides Must Recommit to Peace*](#)

[Theodore D. Johnson, *Explaining the Ukraine Invasion*](#)

[Juliet Kaarbo, *What happened to Vladimir Putin?*](#)

[Nela Porobić, *F*** you and your world order! Voices for peace, freedom, and solidarity*](#)

[Nicholas Ross-Smith, *Finland model offers pragmatic way forward for Ukraine and Russia on Nato and EU*](#)

[Sławomir Sierakowski, *The View from Kyiv*](#)

Message from the President He karere nā Te Tumuaki



Richard Shaw

Kia ora koutou katoa.

As the new President I would like to welcome you all to the Summer 2022 Issue of the NZPSA/TKTToA Newsletter. The best place to begin, I think, is with a **round of sincere thanks** – to Kate, Julianne and Peter from AUT for their remarkable resilience in delivering the conference we enjoyed a couple of weeks ago; to Peyton Bond for her stint as Administrative Assistant; to Jack Vowles for his sterling service as Treasurer; and to Patrick Barrett for having calmly led the Association through some very challenging times.

A warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Xavier Marquez, and to Will Dreyer who, as incoming Administrative Assistant, takes credit for the new (but tastefully retro) design of the Newsletter.

You'll notice that the major sections of the Newsletter appear in both te reo Māori and English (I'd

like to thank Te Rā Moriarty (Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitāne) for the te reo translation). That's a small but important symbolic prelude to a wider conversation about the Association's **constitutional commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi** which I'd like to support during my time as President (the constitution is up on our website if you're keen for a look at it.) More on this as things develop.

This iteration of the Newsletter contains an important affirmation of the right (and value) of academics to fulfil the 'critic and conscience of society' role; news about members of our community; and information about the activities of some of the Association's networks.

Here is some information, too, on arrangements for **this year's NZPSA conference**. Since we all met up at the AUT-hosted online event in February the Exec has been working through possible options for this year. We're conscious that everyone would like a quick return to face-to-face (F2F) conferences but the probability of ongoing Covid-related uncertainty, and the fact that no-one is presently in a position to host a F2F event, means that for 2022 we will also be going with an **online conference**. Waikato has generously taken responsibility for arranging this year's event (which is likely to be from **29 November – 1 December**), for which we are very thankful. The Waikato conference will be complemented by optional F2F Network events (support for which will be available through the biannual grant process). Ideally, these will be timed so as not to detract from registrations for the Waikato conference. Finally, and all Covid things equal, Auckland have agreed to hold a F2F conference in 2023, following which we hope normal rotational business will be resumed. So, a big vote of thanks to them as well.

We will also shortly call for applications for the **Association's biannual grants**. The grant process, which was established in 2013, allows for projects that will benefit either the NZPSA/TKTToA collectively or a significant part of it - such as a network, the Women's Caucus or the Postgraduate Body. Details will be out soon, and **applications will be due in June**.

We hope you find the Newsletter useful – and do let me know if you have something of interest to the wider political science/political studies community in Aotearoa that you think we should include in the next version (which Will tells me will have a *tasteful* autumnal look).

Mauri ora
Richard

NZPSA/TKTToA statement on academics' 'critic and conscience of society' role

Ko tā NZPSA/TKTToA whakapuaki i tā ngā pūkenga mātauranga mahi hei 'kaitātari, kaiwhaiwhakaaro o te hapori'

At its recent Annual General Meeting, the New Zealand Political Studies Association discussed the increasing incidence of harassment and intimidation academics are facing from outside of the university, especially in response to activities associated with commenting publicly in the media. The experiences of members included being sent abusive emails, phone calls or messages, and having personal information posted online. The New Zealand Political Studies Association/Te Kāhui Tātai Tōngarapū o Aotearoa **stands by its members** who comment publicly in the media expressing their statutory role as 'critic and conscience of society' as established in Section 162 of the Education Act. We note that university staff and students are held accountable to high ethical and academic standards, and **call on universities to support academics exercising this 'critic and conscience' role**.

2021 NZPSA/TKTToA Annual Conference Report

Ko tā NZPSA/TKTToA pūrongo mō Te Hui Taumata 2021

After various Covid-related stops and starts last year's conference finally took place online this year. Patrick Barrett did a lovely job of capturing the scope and feel of the event in his President's Report to the AGM. Here's what Pat had to say:

"The conference itself has been excellent. The theme of the 'politics of crisis' is most appropriate for the time we are in, and has provided for papers that address issues across a wide range of politics, public policy and international relations issues. The plenary session on 'Leadership and Governance in Times of Crisis' with the Rt Hon Helen Clark, Cr Fa'anānā Efeso Collins, and Professor Jennifer Curtin provided an insightful account of key issues in crisis leadership at an international, national and local level. Professor Dominic O'Sullivan presented a powerful critical account of the role of crises in shaping relationships between the state and indigenous peoples as they relate to Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. We have had an equally insightful plenary panel on crises in academia.

I note that even though we have been meeting virtually, the plenaries and paper sessions have been marked by the warmth and supportive collegiality that has come to characterise NZPSA conferences."

Bumper Issue of Women Talking Politics Ko te Bumper Issue a Women Talking Politics

In case you missed it, the 2020-2021 Bumper Issue of *Women Talking Politics* can be found [here](#). This edition covers both 2020-2021. This decision was made for numerous reasons, not least because of the added pressures on women academics over this time period. Thus, some of the pieces included here were submitted during 2020: the order of each section of the issue begins with those submitted earlier and ends with those submitted later. Some of the authors opted to update their work for late 2021, whereas others did not - leaving the work as a time capsule of sorts.

We would like to thank the contributors for their excellent pieces and efforts in trying times. We are pleased to have brought together a collection of pieces that are diverse in career stage and areas of the discipline.

Ngā mihi ki ngā kaituhi me kaupānui o Women Talking Politics,
Dr Lara Greaves and Professor Jennifer Curtin University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau

People in the News

Ko te hunga ki ngā kawepūrongo

We'd like to extend our congratulations to Canterbury University's Bronwyn Hayward, who was recently named Supreme Winner at the annual [Women of Influence Awards](#). Bronwyn also took out the environmental category of the awards for her contribution to the work of the ICPP.



Bronwyn Hayward



Rachel Simon-Kumar

Congratulations, too, to Rachel Simon-Kumar, from the University of Auckland, who has received a [2022 Fulbright Award](#) to undertake a feminist political science project called the 'Ethnic Minority Women in New Zealand Politics Project' at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

2022 Editorial Board of Women Talking Politics **Ko Te Poari Ētita o Women Talking Politics**

NZPSA/TKTToA is very pleased to announce that Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando, Heather Tribe, Nashie Shamoon, and Dr Heather Devere will form the 2022 *Women Talking Politics* Editorial Board.

A message from the new Editorial Board:

Women Talking Politics is the NZPSA's journal which promotes women's research (cis, trans, and non-binary) and events across Aotearoa New Zealand. Women in national and international politics, political theory, public policy, political communication, and related fields. Women who teach, research, or actively work on women's issues. As a result, it will feature short articles on research, news, and events.

We'd like to thank our previous editors, Dr. Lara Greaves and Prof. Jennifer Curtin, for producing a thought-provoking bumper issue during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020/21 issue highlighted the exciting projects of established and early-career political scientists that are being undertaken despite the pandemic's challenges and barriers. Thank you, Lara and Jennifer.

We are excited to build on the work of the many women who have contributed to this journal—and the broader network—since 1987 for its 2022 issue. As a result, we are extremely fortunate to be working on this issue with Dr. Heather Devere, who helped lay the groundwork for both the network and the journal.

In anticipation of this issue, we'd like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining our editorial board or peer-reviewing. Please contact Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando (barbara.bedeschilewando@vuw.ac.nz). In the coming few weeks we will be sending out a call for papers ranging from articles, research briefs, book reviews, and creative writing pieces. Keep an eye out for the announcement.

Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando, Heather Tribe, Nashie Shamoon, and Dr Heather Devere
The 2022 *Women Talking Politics* Editorial Board

News from the Networks

He kawepūrongo nā Ngā Hononga

It's great to be able to announce the emergence of a brand new network. The **Ako (Teaching and Learning) Network** has just been established for the purposes of promoting the development of teaching and learning among NZPSA/TKTToA members. The network aims to support teacher-scholars of political science in Aotearoa, with a particular focus on developing and showcasing best practices specific to our context. If you'd like to join, please get in touch with Claire Timperley (claire.timperley@vuw.ac.nz).

The **Aotearoa Politics Network** holds monthly Zoom seminars to discuss research related to the politics and government of Aotearoa. These seminars are kicking off from Friday March 25th, 12PM - 1PM. If anyone would like to join up, or would like to receive more information about the network and its monthly presentations, please email Janine Hayward (janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz). If any members would like to present their work to the network please get in touch with Claire Timperley (claire.timperley@vuw.ac.nz).

UK PSA Conference 2022

Ko Te Hui Taumata ki Piritana 2022

The [UK PSA Conference 2022](#), *Politics from the Margins*, will be held between the 11th and 13th of April. All panels and keynote speakers will be attendable in a digital format.

PhD Corner

Ko te kokonga tohu kairangi

In this part of the Newsletter we profile people who have recently completed their PhDs. We don't have any of those folk to feature this time round but (a) we may have for the next version, and anyway (b) in the next issue we'll be extending this section to include profiles of doctoral candidates. So, if you're willing to share the nature of your doctoral research (what you're doing; how it's going; why you're fascinated by your topic; etc.), send us 150 words or so plus a high res photo in time for the June Newsletter.

2022 NZPSA/TKTToA Office Holders

Ko te hunga mau tari o NZPSA/TKTToA 2022

The final thing we would like to do is to remind you who our various office holders are for 2022 - there's a lovely mix of experienced people and new energy in here, and collectively these people ensure the Association is in good hands.

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