**Call for Papers**: **Achieving gender equality, equity & women’s rights in an inclusive post-pandemic world**

Paper submissions for Women Talking Politics 2022 are now open!

The theme for 2022 is “*Achieving gender equality, equity & women’s rights in an inclusive post-pandemic world.*”

In a world increasingly shaped by the intersecting crises of the COVID-19 pandemic, protracted conflicts, and climate change, we are facing great uncertainty and disruption for the advancement and fulfillment of women’s human rights. We have witnessed struggles for peace around the world in Ukraine, Syria, Palestine, West Papua, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Yemen, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Sudan. We have also seen, so far in 2022 alone, the social cost of natural disasters including the Tonga Eruption, flooding in Brazil, Iran and Madagascar, heavy snowfall in Turkey, Pakistan and the US, and wildfires in Spain and Argentina.

Each of these crises, both social and natural, has shown amplified harm along gendered lines. As we begin to move into a post-pandemic world, now is an important time to reflect on the lessons, successes, and spaces for critical evaluation to ensure we can achieve gender equality, equity and women’s rights.

The theme of the 2022 edition of Women Talking Politics celebrates efforts by women around Aotearoa New Zealand in shaping a more equal and inclusive future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many New Zealanders support gender equality, inclusivity and human rights. But not so many understand how important gender equity is to achieve it. Gender equity is the process to achieve gender equality. Equity means fairness and access to the same opportunities. Must we first ensure equity before we can enjoy equality?

Women Talking Politics will explore gender equity by asking questions such as:

* Why does gender equity matter and how?
* What would a post-pandemic future for women look like?
* What do we want?
* What would need to change to achieve gender equity in Aotearoa New Zealand?
* How can we achieve a gender-equal New Zealand?
* How could matauranga Māori provide lessons or steps towards gender equity and equality?
* Are we satisfied with the progress of women’s human rights in Aotearoa New Zealand?
* What are Māori, indigenous, Pasifika, ethnic and migrant women’s perspectives on gender justice?
* How can we ensure an inclusive and intersectional approach is taken to ensure that all women are included in the progress towards gender equity and gender equality?
* How is COVID-19 shaping new approaches to gender equity and equality?

You can either propose presenting on something linked to the questions or one of the following areas:

* Achieving gender equality and equity
* Gender and disability
* Women and political empowerment
* Women and economic empowerment
* Feminist foreign policy
* Women’s human rights
* Women and climate justice
* Elimination of violence against women
* Gender and sexual diversity
* Women, social media and technology
* Women and religion
* Men’s role in women’s rights
* International trafficking
* COVID-19 recovery success stories
* Women, sustainability and innovation policy
* Women’s engagement in peace, security and recovery
* Gender and disaster resilience

We’ve been talking about women’s equality for more than a century, but what are the advances and success stories for women? Women Talking Politics hopes to provide an interesting platform for researchers, academics, practitioners, professionals, policymakers, advocates, activists and undergraduates, post-graduate students to share knowledge, exchange ideas and establish academic relationships.

We welcome individual papers, original research papers, published articles, reports of dissertations, research abstracts, poems, projects, stories within the following word limits:

* **Individual papers:** 2,000-6,000 words
* **Original research papers:** 2,000-6,000 words
* **Summary of published articles:** 800 words
* **Reports of dissertations:** No more than 2,000 words
* **Research abstracts:** 200-300 words
* **Creative writing (poems and stories):** up to 5,000 words

We also welcome research and practitioner-based submissions.

We will accept papers on a rolling basis with a deadline for paper submissions on **June 1st 2022** to the following email address: [WTP.NZPSA@gmail.com](mailto:WTP.NZPSA@gmail.com).

Please visit <https://nzpsa.com/women-talking-politics> for paper details and submission guidelines.

*Women Talking Politics* is a network that promotes women's research and events across Aotearoa/New Zealand. A forum for 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.