



New Zealand Political Studies Association Newsletter: June 2011

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Editor's Note

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Welcome to the second edition of the NZPSA newsletter for 2011. The purpose of the NZPSA newsletter is to inform NZPSA members of current and future news, events and opportunities in the New Zealand academic community.

Some of the information in this newsletter has been maintained from the March edition. This is especially true in the Prizes Awards and Benefits section, where opportunities are still available to NZPSA members. It should be highlighted that the **deadline for applications for the 2012 UK PSA Conference award is September 15th 2011.**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this newsletter. I know how busy you all are and I really appreciate your help.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and find it, in some way, useful.

NZPSA News

NZPSA Office Holders Update: President on Leave

NZPSA President Jennifer Lees-Marshment will be having her second baby and taking parental leave from June to September 2011. In this period the secretary and treasurer will take on the role as acting president. There any NZPSA matters should be related to them during this period:

Xavier Marquez : Acting President from 20th June to 31st July

Email: Xavier.Marquez@vuw.ac.nz

Julienne Molineaux: Acting President from 1st August to 4th September

Email: julienne.molineaux@aut.ac.nz



NZPSA Conference 2011 - Dunedin: Update

The annual NZPSA conference will be held this year in Dunedin, hosted by the Politics Department at University of Otago Politic on 1-2 December 2011. Full details of the conference will soon be available, including a conference attendance application form.

The conference organisers are now welcoming any applications to present papers. The six streams for the papers are noted the right. Please email the respective stream coordinator with your proposal.

The organizing committee is also calling for any other panel suggestions and volunteers to organize them.

The Reception for the conference will be on the evening of 31st November. For my details, or to get involved with organising any element of the conference, please email:

- Vicki Spencer:
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or
- Chris Rudd:
chris.rudd@otago.ac.nz

2011 Conference streams and coordinators:

- NZ Politics: Brian Roper
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- Political Philosophy: Carla Lam
Carla.lam@otago.ac.nz
- International Relations: Lena Tan
lena.tan@otago.ac.nz
- Comparative Politics: Jim Headley
jim.headley@otago.ac.nz
- Maori and Pacific Islands Politics
panel: lati lati
lati.lati@otago.ac.nz
- NZ 2011 Election panel: Bryce
Edwards
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For updated information on the 2011 NZPSA Conference visit:
<http://nzpsa.wordpress.com/2011-nz-political-studies-association-conference/>

New Zealand Post-Graduate News

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As Jennifer's *President's Note* in the previous NZPSA newsletter outlined, two main goals this year include (1) developing greater communication and dialogue within the NZPSA membership and (2) providing more support to graduate students. As post-graduate representative my aim is to help generate changes that are beneficial to the post-graduate NZPSA membership.

As a first step I am working with the NZPSA leadership to generate an accurate and updated list of post-graduate members. Thus, I welcome all post-graduate members to join the our Google Group list-serve: [NZPSA Postgraduate list](#)

Email Anthony.Deos@gmail.com Subject line: **NZPSA Post-Grad list** to be added.

In addition, we have generated numerous ideas for new initiatives, but I want your input and feedback. Listed below are some of these ideas - I am excited to hear your thoughts:

Post-Graduate Caucus:

A one-day event dedicated specifically to post-graduate politics students, which directly precedes the NZPSA Annual Conference in December.

Establish a Post-Grad Network:

This network would be developed to communicate special research events around New Zealand and across NZ universities departments. Including, but not limited to the creation of social media networks for the post-graduate membership including a facebook and twitter account.

Regional Workshops:

Establish support for the development of 2-3 regional workshops for post-graduate politics students in NZ throughout the year.

Finally, please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions about how we can improve the organization to better support and serve post-graduate members. Likewise, we are always happy to have additional volunteers. Therefore, I encourage individuals interested in either working on one of the initiatives list above, planning specific post-graduate events or wishing to share other initiatives with the larger post-graduate network, to contact me.

Of course, most importantly I want to be sure that I am representing this group appropriately and accurately. I look forward to hearing from you as we move forward with our planning.

Prizes, Awards and Benefits - Reminders and Updates

NZPSA Prizes - Reminder

All NZPSA prize winners will be announced at the Annual Dinner at the NZPSA Conference in December and their names will be recorded at the NZPSA AGM.

Deadline for 2011 applications: 15 November

New Zealand Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize

Details

From 2009 due to the generosity of Raymond Miller a prize of \$500 will be awarded each year for the best postgraduate paper at the NZPSA conference in the field of New Zealand domestic politics. The NZPSA President will appoint a panel of judges including a representative from the University of Auckland as the administrator of the prize. When Raymond Miller is available, he will be included as a member of the judging panel. The panel's decision will be final. The prize is intended to be received by only one student but it can be shared by one or more students on the recommendation of the NZPSA President.

To apply

Those interested must provide an electronic copy of an abstract and their paper via email and 4 hard copies, along with evidence it has been accepted by the NZPSA Conference Organisers of the year of presentation by the deadline to the President of NZPSA

Past Winners

2010: Victoria Crockford (Honours student, Victoria University of Wellington) - Paper

2009: Joint winner Ashley Murchison at the University of Otago - Paper and Margaret Joiner at the University of Auckland – Paper

NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize

Details

Since 2007 a prize of \$500 has been awarded for the best postgraduate paper at the NZPSA conference. From 2009 it will be awarded to a paper in any area of political studies other than New Zealand domestic politics. An independent panel of judges will be appointed by the NZPSA President whose decision will be final. The prize is intended to be received by only one student but it can be shared by one or more students on the recommendation of the NZPSA President.

To apply

Those interested must send an electronic copy of an abstract and their paper via email and 4 hard copies, along with evidence it has been accepted by the NZPSA Conference Organisers of the year of presentation by the deadline to the President of NZPSA.

Past Winners

2010: Joint winners Rosanna Keam (Masters student, Auckland University) and Nobuhiro Ihara (PhD student, University of Melbourne) - Paper

2009: No entries

2008: Kim Summersby, PhD candidate, Māori Studies Department, University of Auckland, 'Does Māori Representation Matter?: Māori Substantive Political Representation in Practice' - Abstract.

2007: Joint winners: David Hall, 'An Inconvenient Obligation: How Governments Justify the Restriction of Asylum Seekers in Canada and Australia' (Victoria University of Wellington) and Rupert Mackintosh, 'Now or Later? New Zealand and Australian Climate Change' (Victoria University of Wellington).

Undergraduate Essay Prize for New Zealand PoliticsDetails

Due to the generosity of Raymond Miller each year a prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best undergraduate essay submitted as part of the requirements for a course on New Zealand domestic politics. One nomination per year can be made by a Head of Department at any New Zealand University. It will be expected that the Departments nominating an essay will have taken full precautions against any possible plagiarism and will be held fully responsible if this proves not to be the case. The NZPSA President will appoint a panel of judges including a representative from the University of Auckland as the administrator of the prize. When Raymond Miller is available, he will be included as a member of the judging panel. The panel's decision will be final. The prize is intended to be received by only one student but it can be shared by one or more students on the recommendation of the NZPSA President.

To Apply

4 hard copies of the essay and a letter of no more than one page outlining the merits of the paper must be sent by the deadline to the President of NZPSA

Past Winners

2009: Lewis Mills from the University of Auckland.

2012 UK PSA Conference Award – Submissions due September 15th 2011Award

- UKPSA: The UK PSA which is held around April of each year offers up to 2 NZPSA members free registration, up to 3 nights and accommodation, and usual meals at the conference. They may also assist with airfares. Once delegates are accepted for this award, the UK PSA will automatically accept the chosen delegate's paper in the conference. The UKPSA may also assist with airfares depending

on budget and demonstrated need. In return, the NZPSA offers 1-2 United Kingdom PSA members are also eligible for free registration at the annual NZPSA Conference, usual conference meals, and up to three nights conference accommodation.

Generally, the NZPSA decides which of their members receive these benefits; just as the overseas organisation selects which of their members receives benefits at our conference, although in 2010 the UKPSA made the decision. Priority for these benefits will be given to new and emerging New Zealand scholars. Recipients are asked to write a short report for the NZPSA newsletter on the conference to share their experience and raise awareness of the awards and cross-association relationships.

Applying for This Awards

Those interested in applying need to make an email submission to the NZPSA President (j.lees-marshment@auckland.ac.nz: or acting president) by the set deadline. Please send: Your CV; Affiliation; Paper-title; Abstract; Evidence of acceptance of your paper (or explanation of submission/acceptance deadlines); A short paragraph outlining the reasons why you should receive it. eg If you are an emerging scholar, whether you have any other funding, importance of the conference to your research, and the potential benefits to the NZ research community. We will allocate on a needs basis in the first instance.

The NZPSA will decide and notify the applicants and the UKPSA by mid-October at the latest. Those who receive the award need to then liase with the UKPSA regarding local arrangements and potential travel assistance.

Deadline for Application for Benefits

UK PSA 2012 – September 15 2011

Recipients of Award

UKPSA 2011 recipient: David Lindsey (Auckland) and Reuben Michael Steff (Otago)

New Books from New Zealand Based Academics

Ethics and the Acquisition of Organs: Issues in Biomedical Ethics

T. M. Wilkinson
Oxford University Press

240 pages

234x156mm

978-0-19-960786-0

Hardback

November 2011 (estimated)



Points the way to a solution of an urgent practical problem on which countless lives depend

A clear and thoughtful treatment of a controversial and emotive subject

Combines ethical analysis with practical research and questions of policy-making

Transplantation is a medically successful and cost-effective way to treat people whose organs have failed--but not enough organs are available to meet demand. Ethics and the Acquisition of Organs is concerned with the major ethical problems raised by policies for acquiring organs. The main topics are the rights of the dead, the role of the family, opt in and opt out systems, the conscription of organs, living organ donation from adults and children, directed donation and priority for donors, and the sale of organs.

In this ground-breaking work, T. M. Wilkinson uses concepts from moral and political theory such as autonomy, rights, posthumous interests, justice, and well-being, in a context informed by the clinical, legal, and policy aspects of transplantation. The result is a

rigorous philosophical exploration of real problems and options. He argues that the ethics of acquiring organs for transplantation is not only of great intellectual interest, but also of practical importance. As such, this book will be of profit not only to students and academics who work in applied ethics and bioethics, but also to the lawyers, policy-makers, clinicians, and lobby groups interested in transplantation.

Readership: Scholars and advanced students of medical ethics, moral philosophy, and medical law; healthcare professionals interested in ethics.

Editors Note: If any members have new books that have either recently been published or are due to be released it would be fantastic if you could supply details for the next newsletter.

The next deadline for submissions is August 15th 2011.

Other Items

News from the Editors of the *Political Science* Journal

David Capie and Kate McMillan

Co-Editors

Political Science

Political Science is delighted to announce an upcoming Special Issue on coalitions, due out in June 2011. Edited by Jennifer Curtin and Raymond Miller of the University of Auckland, the issue looks at coalitions in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and Scotland and includes both empirical and theoretical pieces. See below for the contents page. It has now been eighteen months since *Political Science* became a SAGE publication. We are getting feedback from authors that their articles are reaching a wide international readership. The number of submissions has increased dramatically in the last twelve months. Having an online presence has made a considerable difference to the journal's international profile.

We encourage members of the New Zealand Political Studies Association to submit to *Political Science*. We also welcome proposals for special issues. Spread the word at international conferences! The more people know about the journal, the higher the quality of submissions, and the greater potential impact the journal – and New Zealand scholarship – can have internationally. We continue to be grateful to members of the NZ political science community for their role in peer reviewing articles for *Political Science*. Your support is invaluable.

Submissions can be made by emailing Political-Science-Journal@vuw.ac.nz.

Submission guidelines can be found on the journal's website at:

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journals/Journal201960>



NZ Politics Daily - Invitation

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NZ Politics Daily is a document containing the best news, analysis and comment relating to politics in New Zealand. It is produced Monday to Friday and is distributed via email to academics, students, political journalists, bloggers, MPs, policy analysts and political activists. The document is available for research purposes only, and it's free. To

subscribe, simply send an email to: bryce.edwards@otago.ac.nz

The full reproduction of material in NZ Politics Daily is mostly derived from the mainstream media and the blogosphere, and it includes links to broadcast material such as that on TVNZ, TV3 and Radio NZ, as well as political cartoons. The selection criterion for inclusion in NZ Politics Daily is simply anything that is "informative, insightful, interesting or influential". No endorsement of the material is made, and obviously it'd never satisfy everyone, but an attempt is made to include

material from a diverse range of ideological perspectives.

The document is normally about 40-70 pages long, and it begins with a summary of the highlights, and then has a table of contents page with hyperlinks (which means you can click on them and jump to the particular item in the document). I've been doing this since the start of the year.

For those that do not want to receive such a lengthy document, the links from each edition

of NZ Politics Daily are also available on my blog (www.liberation.org.nz) without all the full text of the document. If you use RSS feeds, then you can subscribe to these on your Google Reader (or otherwise) using: one of the following RSS feeds:

<http://liberation.typepad.com/liberation/atom.xml>

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/~u/liberation>

NZ Politics Daily is still just a bit of an experiment, and it's still evolving. Any feedback is appreciated.

Joining NZPSA

Membership Benefits

Membership provides you with:

- Discounted rates at the NZPSA Conference
- Discounted members' rates at the Australian Political Studies Association Conference and the Canadian Political Science Association Conference
- Opportunity to apply for awards for the Australian PSA Conference, the Canadian PSA Conference and the UK PSA Conference

How to Join

The cost of joining is minimal at \$20 per year for standard membership and \$10 per year for students. Standard members can also join for 2 or 3 years at a time to further ease the process. To join, simply submit the online form electronically and then make a payment by any of the methods described below.

(Members no longer need to download the membership form, fill it in, and send it in by e-mail and hard copy. The membership page on the NZPSA website now has a new online form which will directly send the form in.)

Payment Methods

By electronic payment:

If you wish to make an electronic payment, the account details are: NZPSA 38 9008 0278876 00. Please include your name as a reference on the payment.

By cheque: Payable to the 'New Zealand Political Studies Association'. Cheques must be in NZ \$ drawn on a NZ bank. Please enclose your cheque together with the a copy of the completed application form and post it to: Dr Julienne Molineaux, NZPSA Treasurer, Centre for Business Interdisciplinary Studies, AUT University, Private Bag 92006, Auckland 1142, New Zealand.

A receipt will be sent within a month of receiving your application form. Please contact Xavier Marquez (xavier.marquez@vuw.ac.nz) if you require any further help.

Articles

UK PSA Attendees' Experience

Reuben Steff
PhD Candidate
University of Otago

As a final-year PhD student in political studies at the University of Otago I was fortunate enough to be selected by the UK PSA to attend their 61st Political Studies Association Annual Conference. Against the backdrop of a surprisingly sunny and balmy London, the theme of the conference was 'Transforming Politics: New Synergies', which lent itself to a wide and fascinating range of panels, papers, lectures and informal discussions on new ideas in political studies today.

The event proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet and network with other academics. Personal highlights included panels addressing the role of religion in contemporary politics and the emergence of atheism as a pseudo-political movement, the current state of democracy and the prospects for the emergence of a global democratic polity. Additionally, I also found Professor Tony Wright's lecture on the then-upcoming UK national referendum on the 'Alternative Vote' system, and Sir Michael Aaronson's talk titled 'Libya: Did we have a choice?' highly

stimulating as they provided an unvarnished British view of current events.

For my part I presented on the efforts of the United States and its allies to deploy a globe-spanning ballistic missile defence shield, which has resulted in criticism by great powers such as Russia and China. I argued that it is possible to transform the currently divisive and destabilising role missile defence has played by offering to co-operate on the deployment of joint missile defence systems with Russia and China, and examined possible practical steps to achieve this. I received excellent feedback on my paper, and generally found that other academics were receptive to my analysis, although many lamented the realist and 'state-centric' framework which largely appears to guide state actions within the international system, a sentiment I agreed with.

Overall, the conference proved to be highly rewarding on both a personal and professional level as the discussions I had with a number of people have since facilitated my on-going research. Needless to say I am incredibly grateful to the UK PSA for arranging to have me attend the conference.



David Lindsey
PhD Candidate
University of Auckland

I was very fortunate to attend the UK PSA conference in April 2011. It was attended by around 500 academics from Britain and around the world. The session topics were as interesting as they very varied. In large

conferences like this one, many sessions are being conducted at the same time, so it is unavoidable that some cannot be attended. The attraction of the British conferences for me is that they do compliment research in former colonies such as New Zealand, both in terms of subject matter and research methodologies. My own session, on Political Parties, was remarkable for the synergies

between papers. My paper, on the Historical Antecedents of Conscience Voting, was complemented by one on an empirical study of New Political Culture and another on current directions in ideology in party decision making. Good questions were asked by the audience, and I was both inspired and encouraged that my own work was being actively following in the antipodes.

As is not uncommon, the conference was also notable for the quality of the lunches. Gone are the days of my youth when lunch was a couple of sandwiches and an apple in a brown paper bag. But the lunches (and the dinner) are opportunities to meet interesting people who are doing fascinating research, and this conference did not disappoint.

Former Student's Experience in New Job

Daniel Wai-Poi
Policy Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Master of Arts Graduate
University of Auckland

Following the completion of my Master of Arts in Political Studies from the University of Auckland in 2009 I faced the same problem a lot of recent graduates face in these somewhat grim economic climes - what do I do now? While I could continue to tutor at the Department (which I did), a more long term solution was required. It was about this time that a friend pointed me in the direction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Not too sure on the specifics of what they did, I was nonetheless drawn to the promise of diverse, challenging and analytical work. It turns out that I underestimated the extent to which I would wind up doing all three of these.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (or MFAT as it is known in the industry) is tasked with representing, protecting and promoting New Zealand's, and New Zealanders', interests abroad. No mean feat, I assure you.

MFAT's role takes the average Policy Officer (such as myself) from international negotiations to trade exhibitions to defence deployments to representing New Zealanders' rights abroad. Everything from bidding for a giant telescope to be built in New Zealand to tackling climate change to negotiating free trade agreements falls within our ambit.

Beyond variation, the work is also challenging and analytical. In this respect, my MA has stood me in good stead, equipping me with the skills and diligence needed to deal with an ever-changing and demanding work load, and fast-paced environment. So if the idea of working overseas representing New Zealand, shaping New Zealand foreign policy, doing some juicy policy work and dealing with screeds of variety sounds appealing, perhaps a career at MFAT is the thing for you. If that is the case, you might want to consider how exactly you are going to get here, starting with a good degree from a respected university.

Call for New Items for Upcoming NZPSA Newsletters

We want to facilitate information transfer between all members in order to enable you to get information out to other New Zealand political science scholars. Member's active participation is essential to making this newsletter successful. The NZPSA newsletter provides you with the opportunity to communicate with other political science academics and students. If you have anything you would like included in a NZPSA newsletter (being released in the March, June, and September) please send it to Edward Elder, at eeld001@ aucklanduni.ac.nz. Items that may be included may be, but not exclusive to, recently released or upcoming books, PhD thesis or Masters thesis; Upcoming events and conferences, departmental news or appointments, career or scholarship opportunities, or any proposed articles you would like to write for the newsletter.

The deadline for the next newsletter is August 15th 2011.