

# New Zealand Political Studies Association Newsletter: March 2012

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## **NZPSA Office Holders 2012**

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### **NZPSA Titbits**

#### **New Membership Management System**

# **ADVERT**

## PASSIONATE PANACEA FOR SHYNESS

Step 1: Connect to the net and update your details on NZPSA website

Step 2: Look into the mirror and go AWWWW, see, today I made other people feel better because now they won't feel shy updating their details

Step 3: Repeat step (2) least 3 times passionately

p.s. if this doesn't work, try again when more sober!

As you may already know, the NZPSA has a new membership management system. To use it, log in to your profile at <a href="http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/Content/Members/MemberProfile.aspx">http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/Content/Members/MemberProfile.aspx</a>

with your email and password and follow the suggested actions on your profile screen.

Don't know your password? Reset it here <a href="http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/Sys/Forgotten">http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/Sys/Forgotten</a>
<a href="PasswordRequest">PasswordRequest</a>.

The membership site has a new directory feature. If you opt to make your profile visible to the public (by default, your profile is NOT visible - you have to manually make it visible),

you can list your expertise (under "Directory listing text"), your website, or any other information you think might be useful to members of the media or other people. Click on the "Privacy" tab in your profile for more fine-grained control over the visibility of your information in the directory.

You can also pay your membership fee online with a credit card (via PayPal) when it expires. (If it has expired, you will receive a reminder). The new system provides automatic renewal reminders, removing the confusion and uncertainty of the past, and will send you a receipt once your payment is complete.

#### New NZPSA Women's Representative 2012

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As a politics lecturer at Otago University with a specialization in feminist political theory I'm please to introduce myself as the NZPSA women's representative for 2012. When the women's caucus met at last year's conference in Otago many ideas and much enthusiasm were generated over a few key projects. Central among them was a workshop on women in political science at the 2012 NZPSA

conference in Wellington. In part to facilitate this, one of our members, Jennifer Curtin, is already working on a report on the status of women scholars in the discipline in the New Zealand context. Also discussed was a separate page for women in politics on the NZPSA's website which has been initiated by Jennifer Lees-Marshment and I hope will develop and grow with your participation, (and my perseverance in learning the technology!)

Please give me your ideas and feedback about the site, the workshop or anything else related to women in politics here in New Zealand. What a promising year for positive change.

#### **NZPSA Annual Conference 2012**

The 2012 NZPSA annual conference will be organised by Victoria University of Wellington, in conjunction with Massey University at Palmerston North, but hosted in Wellington. It will be run in the week of Monday 3 December.

Further details will be posted here linked to the membership/conference site around mid 2012. The overall is conference organiser Dr Xavier Marquez email:

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Dr Nigel Parsons is the Massey PN organiser email:

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### **New Zealand Post-Graduate News**

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Dear NZPSA Postgraduate Members,

We hope your 2012 is off to a great start. As we move through the beginning of the year, with the December conference already two months behind us, planning is underway for future events. However, we want to take a moment to thank everyone for a great conference. Most importantly, we are glad that the first Postgraduate Pre-conference event went so well.

With over 35 registered participants we exceeded our goals. It was wonderful to meet and interact with postgraduate students from across all of New Zealand's Universities and we hope the connections started in December continue to grow and develop. At the event we received a great deal of positive comments and helpful feedback and we are busy putting your ideas into action.



Photo from the Postgraduate Pre-Conference

For example, we have updated the postgraduate facebook page to a facebook group. Going forward we will continue to use traditional channels such as email and the NZPSA newsletter to send important updates and information. However, the facebook group will allow for greater discussion and interaction and is a space specifically for NZPSA Postgraduates to communicate with each other and share interesting research, news and ideas.

If you have not already joined, please join here:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/NZPSAPost grads/.

Furthermore, we have created a postgraduate page on the NZPSA website (<a href="http://nzpsa.wordpress.com/graduates">http://nzpsa.wordpress.com/graduates</a>) as requested and posted a few pictures from the December conference event.

Our vibrant discussions at the Postgraduate Pre-conference outlined a number of other initiatives and ideas. During the year we will be working to bring some of these ideas to life and improve services. The first new initiative we would like to offer is the Canterbury **Regional Conference**. The intention is to hold this one-day event at the University of Canterbury in early July this year. It is anticipated that this conference will offer opportunities to network with postgraduates from elsewhere in the South Island, and to discuss common postgraduate research topics, while having sessions focused on peer-review and feedback, presentation and publishing topics.

If this proposed event interests you, please email Michael Harland (Michael.harland@pg.canterbury.ac.nz) by Friday, 16 March 2012 expressing interest.

This does not oblige you to attend the conference we are simply gauging interest; a formal call for papers will be made later if there is suitable enthusiasm for this event. Finally, please feel free to contact either of us should you have any suggestions, comments or questions.

### **NZPSA Prizes 2011**

Jennifer Lees-Marshment NZPSA President University of Auckland j.lees-marshment@auckland.ac.nz



The results of the NZPSA prize competition were announced at the annual conference dinner in Dunedin. Details are below. Congratulations to both entrants and their tutors/supervisors. Thank you to the panel members who took the trouble to read the entries and make valuable comments which were passed on to everyone who entered the competition after the conference.



Best Postgraduate Paper in NZ Domestic Politics: Josh Hercus - University of Otago

## NEW ZEALAND POLITICS POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE PAPER PRIZE

The prize for the best postgraduate paper at the NZPSA conference in the field of New Zealand domestic politics was won by Josh Hercus, University of Otago 'Youth voter turnout in New Zealand: perceptions and attitudes of student non-voters in the 2012 local body elections.' Comments included:

- The essay has a clear and appropriate objective, good lit review and methods, and is well structured
- Excellent, well structured piece. There is a clear research design, carefully executed. The paper makes its points with a minimum of fuss.
- The paper is a model of careful research.
- A very interesting paper with some fascinating (and often entertaining) insights into young New Zealanders' attitudes to elections, derived from primary sources. A great writing style that was extremely clear and easy to follow.
- Well-written and researched

## NZPSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE PAPER PRIZE

The prize for the best postgraduate paper at the NZPSA conference in any area of political studies other than New Zealand domestic politics was won by Amy Thompson (Massey University, Palmerston North) 'The 'Dynamics of Contention' in the Islamic Republic of Iran - Understanding the Origins and Failure of the 2009 Post-Election Protests.' Comments made by the judges were:

- > Tightly crafted with attention to detail. Good attempt to use a theoretical model for structure and focus.
- Very good use of the Tilly/Tarrow "dynamics of contention" model to analyze the Iranian Green movement.
- The analysis is well done I learned a lot from the paper, and I followed the Green Movement pretty closely
- A well-done piece of research that added real value
- The article showed an excellent understanding of current political trends in Iran. It also did quite a good job of providing a theoretical framework for thinking about social movement mobilisation, drawing on DOC frameworks



Best Postgraduate Paper in any area of political studies other than New Zealand domestic:

Amy Thompson

Massey University, Palmerston North

## UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE FOR NEW ZEALAND POLITICS

The best undergraduate essay submitted as part of the requirements for a course on New Zealand domestic politics. nomimated through the Head of Department was won by Rachael Chappell, University of Auckland 'Drawing on the theoretical literature on political leadership, present a typology that best encompasses the contrasting leadership styles of three modern New Zealand Prime Ministers. Taking into account New Zealand's political culture and unitary system of government, which style is the most effective, which is the least effective, and why?' Her head of department commented that it was 'a superb undergraduate essay on New Zealand domestic politics' and 'I can see a scholarship student in the making.' Rachael's tutor, Laura Young, has high praises for her work, saying that 'Rachael has found and explored a theory of leadership outside those covered in the course. In doing so, she has showed the ability to apply international literature to a New Zealand context in a way that is insightful and original. She offers an excellent range of examples, and has shown an ability to succeed at postgraduate level through her excellent bibliography. Her style of writing is mature, and her argument flows in a way that is a pleasure to read.' The NZPSA commented that the essay is well written and marshalls evidence appropriately; it was an excellent essay. A wide range of sources woven confidently into a clear and thoughtful answer to the set question. Definitely worthy of a prize.

### NZPSA Mini projects 2012: Call for applications by 30 March 2012

At the 2011 AGM it was decided that, given surplus funds, there was a one-off opportunity to offer small funds for projects that would benefit the NZPSA community. A total of \$3000 was allocated to be spent on such projects, with the aim that this would stimulate a range of projects which may also seek funding from other sources. Not all the \$3000 has to be spent in 2012 and a guide amount for each project would be \$300-500 although higher amounts will be considered

NZPSA members are therefore invited to submit applications for mini project funding, to the President of the NZPSA, who will forward them to the NZPSA Mini project panel (consisting of Margie Comrie, Janine Hayward and Heather Devere) who will then submit recommendations for funding for ratification by the executive committee.

#### Ideas and rationale for projects

The sorts of projects we might fund include regional postgraduate conferences, specialist workshops, resources on NZ politics, a media training workshop, and women's caucus workshop, NZ election event, other events on key NZ political issues

The mini projects should benefit a group of people (not an individual) across institutions, thus offering benefit to the wider NZPSA community

We particularly welcome those with potential long-term benefit (e.g. the beginning of a new group or network, annual meeting, or creation of resources that will continue beyond 2012) Whilst it's not a requirement, we will look favourably on new or innovative projects.

#### Rules

Funds for the project need to be claimed and spent by the end of 2012; after that any award will be withdrawn as a new executive committee takes over.

Funds would be granted by bank transfer
Project holders will be asked to send a
progress report to the NZPSA President by 1
November 2012 so an update be can
presented on all projects at the AGM/2012
conference

Project holders need to send a full and final report on the project to the NZPSA President by 1 March 2013 including a budgetary statement accounting for funds spent, a list of participants, a description of the event, the benefits it brought to the NZPSA, and any longer term outcomes. The report, or excerpts from it, will be included in the NZPSA newsletter/website and reported at the 2013 AGM/conference

#### **Applying**

Members should submit an application form including all of the details listed below and send it to the President, Jennifer Lees-Marshment

j.lees-marshment@auckland.ac.nz by the deadline: 30 March 2012.

If any funds remain unspent after the first round of applications are assessed a further call may be issued.

- > Details to include in the application:
- Project holders name, institution, position and contact details and short bio
- Project title
- Project aims
- Project description
- Proposed benefit to the NZPSA community
- Amount requested
- Budget

### The 2011 Post-Election and Electoral Referendum Conference

KICKING THE TYRES: THE NEW ZEALAND GENERAL ELECTION AND ELECTORAL REFERENDUM OF 2011

On 16 February 2012 the Victoria University of Wellington Political Science and International Relations Programme's triennial conference - the ninth successive such conference (the series having begun in 1987) - was held at the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament Buildings. Hosted by the Speaker, Dr the Rt Hon Lockwood Smith, who welcomed participants, the conference focused on both the 2011 general election and on the electoral system referendum.

The conference included presentations from representatives of each of the parties in Parliament, discussing their parties' campaigns. Presenters included veteran campaign organisers Hon. Steven Joyce and Grant Robertson; party leaders Metiria Turei, Winston Peters and Peter Dunne; party president (ACT) Chris Simmons; list candidate Kaapua Smith (Maori Party); and Matt McCarten (Mana). New MP Mojo Mathers also spoke about her campaign and parliamentary aspirations.

Media participants included experienced journalists/commentators Colin James and Jane Clifton, with academic presenters including Jon Johansson, Maria Bargh, Jennifer Lees-Marshment, Rob Salmond (at the University of Michigan), and graduate student Corin Higgs. A special session on the referendum panel included perspectives from the respective pro- and anti-MMP campaigns from Sandra Grey (Campaign for MMP) and Jordan Williams (Vote for Change) - followed by an analysis of the referendum results (the voting, and consideration of the post-

referendum review options) from well-known academic commentators Nigel S. Roberts and Therese Arseneau.

The organisers (Stephen Levine and Jon Johansson) have announced that Victoria University Press will be bringing out a book based on the conference - with conference presentations supplemented by a number of other contributions (and appendices) - entitled 'Kicking the Tyres: The New Zealand General Election and Electoral Referendum of 2011'. The book is expected to be published later this year.

The publisher has agreed to accept prepublication orders (including a 20% discount, available to NZPSA members and subscribers). The details for participating in this offer are given below.

2011 NEW ZEALAND ELECTION BOOK – PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER

Following Victoria University of Wellington's post-election conference, held at Parliament on 16 February, Victoria University Press has announced that it will be publishing a book on the 2011 election (and electoral system referendum) later this year. The book will be based on the conference presentations (by political party representatives, journalists and academics) and be entitled 'Kicking the Tyres: The New Zealand General Election and Electoral Referendum of 2011'. The retail price will be \$50.00. Pre-publication orders will receive a 20% discount. If you wish to reserve your copy, contact Victoria University Press.

Ordering information: by cheque (made out to 'Victoria University Press') for \$40.00, sent to:

Victoria University Press PO Box 600 Wellington (Please also include a note with the name of the book and your mailing address. Postage within New Zealand is free; overseas delivery will cost an extra \$10).

Orders by email should be sent to: victoriapress@vuw.ac.nz

Payment may also be made by credit card/ It is recommended that credit card orders by made by mail, by telephone to Victoria University Press (463-6580) or by fax to VUP (463-6581).

### **Upcoming Conferences and Events**

#### NAVIGATING CULTURAL THEORY, PRACTICE AND POLICY

<u>Masterclass with Associate Professor Eleonora Belfiore of the Centre for Cultural Policy Studies,</u>
<u>University of Warwick</u>

Presented by the Culture and Communities Research Network and the Centre for Cultural Partnerships, Faculty of VCA & MCM, University of Melbourne

Wednesday 2nd May 2012, 1-5pm University of Melbourne, Australia

#### Call for participants

The Centre for Cultural Partnerships and the Culture and Communities Research Network is seeking applications from PhD students and early career researchers to participate in a masterclass with Associate Professor Eleonora Belfiore. Selection of participants is competitive and will be limited to 15 emerging scholars whose research engages with the themes of "Navigating cultural theory, practice and policy"

#### Theme

In an increasingly globalised and networked world, dominated by market interests and instrumental rationality, what is the role of cultural research? How can researchers engage in critical dialogue while also producing relevant work that responds to contemporary issues? This masterclass explores emerging themes in the field of cultural research by bringing together the next generation of thinkers on issues of cultural value, policymaking and the role of arts and humanities in contemporary society.

#### Cost

The masterclass is free of charge to successful applicants, including afternoon tea. Participants will also be invited to a post-workshop networking reception as part of the Making Culture Count conference.

#### How to apply

Applications are due by Friday 16th March 2012. In less than 500 words (one page), provide the following information.

- Name and short biography
- Institutional affiliation, phone number and email contact \* What is your current research topic or interest(s)?
- > What is the broader application of your research? Who are your stakeholders or audience?
- What is one particular research issue or problem you would like to discuss?
- ➤ How will you benefit from participating in this masterclass?

Please email completed submissions and any questions to Marnie Badham, Research Fellow, Centre for Cultural Partnerships: m.badham@unimelb.edu.au.

Successful applicants will be notified by Monday 26th March 2012, and will have their submissions circulated with other participants.

This masterclass is presented in conjunction with the international conference Making Culture Count: Rethinking measures of cultural vitality, wellbeing and citizenship, 2- 4 May 2012, at the University of Melbourne.

You can download the call for applications with more details here: http://conference2012.culturaldevelopment.com.au/program/

### The Usual Plugs

#### **NZPSA Prizes**

#### The NZPSA currently awards 3 annual prizes (see following pages for details)

- 1. A Postgraduate Conference Prize for the best paper in the field of New Zealand domestic politics
- 2. A Postgraduate Conference Prize in any other field of political studies
- 3 An undergraduate prize for the best essay submitted in a course on New Zealand politics in a New Zealand University

All 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 2012 applications: 15 November

## NEW ZEALAND POLITICS POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE PAPER PRIZE

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, 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

2011: Josh Hercus (Masters student, Otago University)

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

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

## NZPSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE PAPER PRIZE

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, 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

2011: Amy Thomson (Massey University)

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

2009: No entries

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

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 POLITICS

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

An electronic copy 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

2011: Rachael Chappell (University of Auckland)

2009: Lewis Mills from the University of Auckland.

#### NZPSA Member Benefits and Awards at International PSA's

## Benefits: discounted members' rates at annual conferences

- APSA (Australia): The associations also provide on a reciprocal basis registration at members' rates to all APSA/NZPSA members.
- Canadian PSA: NZPSA members can register at the Canadian PSA delegate rate

## Awards: Specific awards members may apply for

Australian PSA: APSA will provide 2 NZPSA members free conference registation and conference dinner. In return we provide 2 APSA members free conference registration and conference dinner.

*UKPSA*: The UKPSA 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. Once delegates are accepted for

this award, the UK PSA will automatically accept the chosen delegates paper in the conference. The UKPSA may also assist with depending on budget demonstrated need. The NZPSA decided who receives this award and notifie the UKPSA by mid-October. Those who receive the award need to then liase with the UKPSA regarding local arrangements and potential travel assistance. 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. Once delegates are accepted for this award, the NZPSA will automatically accept the chosen delegates paper in the conference. The UKPSA selects the delegates they wish to receive this award and notifies NZPSA who then makes arrangements with the delegates.

Canadian PSA: 2 NZPSA graduate students presenting papers at their annual conference will recieve free conference registration. In return, the NZPSA further offers free conference registration to two Canadian PSA graduate students presenting papers at our annual conference.

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. 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 these awards

Those interested in applying need to make an email submission to the NZPSA President (see contacts page for their email) 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.

Deadline for application for benefits

Canadian PSA 2012 – January 30th 2012

Australia PSA 2012 – Tuesday May 15 2012

UK PSA 2013 – September 15 2012

#### Recipients of awards

UKPSA 2011 recipient: David Lindsey (Auckland)

UKPSA 2012 recipients: Ana Gilling (Victoria University Wellington) and Edward Elder (Auckland)

CPSA 2011 recipient: Ibikunle Adeakin (Waikato)

CPSA 2011 recepients: Emma Blomkamp (Auckland) and Ibikunle Adeakin (Waikato)

#### **NZ Political Science Journal**

Political Science is New Zealand's professional political science journal. It has been published by the Political Science Programme at Victoria University of Wellington, in association with the New Zealand Political Studies Association, since 1948. It presents original, peer reviewed, high quality scholarship from a range of methodogical and theoretical perspectives, particularly but not limited to those with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region

The journal has a new website at: <a href="http://pnz.sagepub.com/">http://pnz.sagepub.com/</a>

This link takes you straight through to the electronic version of the journal and allows people to access all the current and back issues directly.

### NZ Politics Daily

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www.liberation.org.nz



NZ Politics Daily is 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.

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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 (<a href="www.liberation.org.nz">www.liberation.org.nz</a>) 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

#### **Joining NZPSA**

#### Membership Benefits

- Discounted rates at the NZPSA Conference
- Discounted members' rates\_at the Australian Political Studies Association Conference and the Canadian Political Science Association Conference
- The opportunity to apply for awards for the Australian PSA Conference, the Canadian PSA Conference and the UK PSA Conference
- The NZPSA Newsletter and other notifications of events and opportunities of interest

#### How to Join

Joining the NZPSA is easy and the cost is minimal at \$25 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 membership application form at:

http://nzpsa.memberlodge.org/default.aspx?pageId=1211665

Then make a payment by any of the methods described on the right.

#### **Payment Methods**

- By Credit Card: You can now pay using PayPal or a credit card (via PayPal) through our new membership system.
   Click on "pay online" after you finish filling out the membership application form.
- ➢ By Electronic Payment: If you wish to make an electronic payment, first fill out the membership application form. Then set up a bank transfer. The account details are: NZPSA 38 9008 0278876 00. Please include your name as a reference on the payment.
- By Cheque: To pay by cheque first fill out the membership application form. Make your cheque payable to the 'New Zealand Political Studies Association'. Cheques must be in NZ \$ drawn on a NZ bank. Please post your cheque 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 electronically as soon as your payment is received.

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### **Call for New Items for Upcoming NZPSA Newsletters**

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