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## Message from the President He karere nā Te Tumuaki



Richard Shaw

Kia ora koutou katoa,

This is the first Newsletter since our 2022 conference and there is plenty to report, so bear with me if this is a slightly longer message. I want to start by **thanking all those at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato/University of Waikato who made the conference possible**. At the beginning of the year there was some uncertainty about who would host the event, so we all owe a considerable debt of thanks to the friends and colleagues at Waikato who stepped in at short notice and made sure it happened. From the opening keynote (delivered by Paul Hunt, the

Chief Human Rights Commissioner) to the final plenary on co-governance and the evolution of shared decision-making in Aotearoa (ft. Maria Bargh, Carwyn Jones and Janine Hayward) things absolutely hummed. Again, then, **a big thanks to those at Waikato** for a sterling effort.

I would also like to **warmly congratulate the winners of the five prizes** announced at the conference: Nuku Tau (Ngāi Tahu) (who was awarded the Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics), Liam Stevens (the Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics), Shannon Hodge (the Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize), Yu Du (the New Zealand Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize) and Tim Lawler (the NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize).

Some of the items discussed and decided at the AGM may be of interest. First, a slate of new representatives was elected. So, **a big welcome** to Heather Tribe, our new Women's Representative/Māngai Wahine; Sam Crawley, the representative for Victoria University of Wellington/Te Herenga Waka; Peter Skilling, the representative for Auckland University of Technology Representative/Māngai Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau, and to our two new Postgraduate Representatives/Māngai Tohu Paerua – Youjeong Jang from Waikato and Will Dreyer from Vic. And a special welcome to Claire Timperley, who signs on as the Association's Executive Secretary/Kaituhi Matua.

The AGM also approved an **annual publication prize** for Association members, which will be awarded for the first time this year. Thanks to Jack Vowles, Brian Roper and Xavier Marquez for putting together the proposal for the new prize (details of which you can find [here](#)).

Mauri ora  
Richard

## NZPSA/TKTToA 2023 Annual Conference: University of Auckland Te Hui ā-Tau: Waipapa Taumata Rau

Following two online conferences, next time around we will gather in person at Auckland University/Waipapa Taumata Rau for the annual conference. Dates have not yet been confirmed and we will get these to you once a decision has been made.

## Items of Interest

### Ngā pitopito kōrero o te wā

#### Job Recruitment

The University of Auckland - Waipapa Taumata Rau is seeking a colleague to teach in Politics and International Relations at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and to supervise doctoral and sub-doctoral students.



They are looking to appoint a scholar of Aotearoa/New Zealand Politics. Potential areas of expertise may include Māori politics, Indigenous politics, and the politics of the Pacific region, among others. They are open to innovative theoretical and methodological approaches, including quantitative scholars.

The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching an introductory New Zealand Politics course.

To be considered for this position, you will have the following:

- PhD in Politics and International Relations/Political Science/Government
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and supervision
- A record of publications and applying for grants

For more information, please check out the listing [here](#).

#### Review of third-party notifications under the 2020 Privacy Act

Some of you will know about the review that has been taking place by the Ministry of Justice concerning third-party notification rules under the 2020 Privacy Act. For those of you who don't, Jack Vowles has put together this very helpful commentary (many thanks Jack):

'Unfortunately the review was not well-publicised, and received very few submissions from the universities. (You can see the submissions [here](#). Also, while the summary of submissions is now behind a firewall, NZPSA has a copy if needed.) There are aspects of potential changes that may concern NZPSA members. While these changes are sourced in legitimate concerns driven internationally about breach of privacy by commercial organisations in the context of large databases, there is a risk of 'mission creep' in the application of the principles.

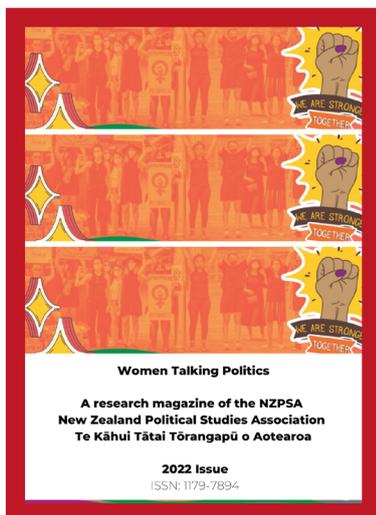
The nub of the problem is notifying third parties of information gained about them in the course of an interview with a research participant. To report or retain information about that third party, a strict interpretation means that any identifiable person would need to be contacted and if they wished, made aware of the information provided by the research participant. Research participants would be required to be told that their information would be notified and potentially shared with those third parties, likely resulting in a refusal to be interviewed or constraining what they might feel able to say. In research involving wide-ranging interviews that refer to identifiable people, the need to notify third parties would not only impose potentially unmanageable compliance costs, it could cause more harm by alerting to people to what others say about them that would otherwise have done no harm at all.

It would be particularly concerning if the Privacy Act were consequently to discourage the expression of critical perspectives, or limit the capacity of individuals to represent their experiences accurately as they see it, including interactions with others. This is particularly the case where that information might be important for the public to know and for the researcher to be able to report. This could well constrain and limit critical research in political science, particularly when it is directed towards elites where de-identification would either be difficult or pointless, putting researchers in fear of retribution and influencing ethics committees to deny approval for such research.

None of this denies the need for social science researchers to protect privacy and conduct their research with high ethical standards, minimising harm to participants as much as possible. Free speech concerns have led to an exemption for journalism in the 2020 NZ Privacy Act, but there is nothing for social science or human research in general, unlike the EU's General Data Protection Act which includes the following clause (see Article 14) exempting the requirement for third-party notification where 'the provision of such information proves impossible or would involve a disproportionate effort, in particular for processing for archiving purposes in the **public interest, scientific or historical research purposes** or statistical purposes'.

Note that the requirements proposed would not simply cover archiving or deposit of data in repositories. Researchers themselves are 'agents' under the Act and could be requested by third parties to provide information about them which they have reason to believe might exist, regardless of confidentiality commitments to participants when the data were collected. I urge NZPSA members and officeholders to keep their eyes peeled for any amendments to the Privacy Act addressing third party notification and, when the time is right, lobby for the addition of an exemption as above.'

## **Women Talking Politics**



In case you missed the release of the 2022 Issue of *Women Talking Politics*, you can read it [here](#)! Please find below an introduction to the issue from the Editorial Board (Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando, Heather Tribe, Nashie Shamoon, & Heather Devere):

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha, tēnā koutou katoa

This issue of *Women Talking Politics* offers innovative features which present a unique space for debates around topics at the intersection of feminism and human rights because it includes a wider range of voices and formats than those usually accommodated in academic journals. We publish articles and commentaries from several disciplines in a variety of voices - articles engaging gender and its interaction with race, culture, class, nation, violence, and/or sexuality. We have lively, provocative poems that will hopefully prompt intense debate. The pandemic has made it apparent that collaboration does not require in-person contact, possibly making it more feasible to network and start new collaborations. We completed the whole journal based in four separate locations, sometimes across continents.

We want to highlight and celebrate this special contribution and we hope you find this work as cutting-edge and thought-provoking as we do.

Women Talking Politics is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed feminist journal that provides a forum for scholars, activists, and students to explore the relationships among theories of gender and women's rights and various forms of organizing and critical practice. Our intention is to empower and boost the visibility of the research, early-career researchers, and women's rights activists. We share relevant writings, with a vision to build bridges and improve connections between individuals and research entities within Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

One of the most disturbing recent developments is the rise of open misogyny and gender-based violence worldwide, and this is reflected in the number of submissions we received that address the violent patriarchy. The cover page, photos and a poem are the work of the Latin Feminist Collective based in Aotearoa New Zealand in remembrance of Juliana Herrera, a Colombian woman violently killed by a convicted rapist in our so-called peaceful country. Negar Partow also brings to the attention of the government and New Zealanders the protests here by Iranian women concerning the death in custody in Iran of Mahsa Amini for daring to show more hair under her veil than the government permits. Hafiza Yazdani's personal commentary on the treatment of women in her home country of Afghanistan by the Taliban, and Elle Dibrova's article on violence against the LGBT community in Russia provide more evidence of continued and continuous gender-based violence.

Georgie Silk's poems, threaded through this issue also deal with gender diversity, feminism and women's support for each other.

More crises in our world are represented in the articles on climate change and the pandemic with insights from Tara Brabazon who provides a feminist analysis of silence, ignorance and post-pandemic resistance in her article, calling for 'alternative ideas, trajectories and histories' to be recovered from 'this pancaked patriarchy'. Heather Tribe's article is on how issues related to food security and infant feeding impact on women in particular. Another issue exacerbated by the pandemic is access to medicines. Zohreen Ali analyses this as a human right (right to health and right to life) under the various UN conventions in her article.

Peace scholars consider activism and decolonisation as part of the change needed for a more socially just world. Monica Carrer's commentary looks at gender, the everyday and activism from her research background in studying resistance to conflict in India, and an article on decolonising the field of peace and conflict studies from a gender perspective is provided by Heather Devere, Katerina Standish and Kelli Te Maihāroa.

While there is fear, disappointment, disgust and horror raised by the political writers in this issue, there is hope, strength, clarity and courage interwoven. These are stories that need to continue to be told, these are voices that need to be heard, and these are insights that are needed for our world.

As editors we thank the contributors for these wonderful examples of what gender-based analyses can reveal. We thank the previous editors of Women Talking Politics, in particular Lara Greaves and Jennifer Curtin who guided this publication through the demanding years of the pandemic, and handed over the reins to us this year. We thank the New Zealand Political Studies Association/ Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa for continuing to support this publication, and in particular Richard Shaw the Tumuaki/President and Shirin Brown, Māngai Wahine/Women's Representative.

We call upon you the readers to help maintain this mahi by responding with commentary, your own research and studies, mentoring students, to keep visible, heard, respected and acknowledged those who might otherwise not appear to be concerned about and impacted by political issues in Aotearoa and internationally.

## Australian Political Studies Association Conference

Last year we reinvigorated our reciprocal arrangement with the Australian PSA. For obvious reasons things were put on ice for 2020 and 2021, and so we were grateful to Jeremy Moses for representing NZPSA at the APSA conference held in late September in Canberra, and to Kalika Kastein, who travelled over as the successful recipient of the 2022 Australian PSA Award.



Kalika reflects that 'the conference was a wonderful opportunity to interact in person with a wide arrange of academics at different stages in their career', while on Jeremy's part, it 'was wonderful to once again partake in a fully face-to-face conference. The election of the Labor government in May last year created a sense of tempered optimism among the Australian-based academics that the next few years might not be as relentlessly punishing as what they had experienced under the last years of the Morrison government. Reconnecting in person with colleagues and testing out our research ideas is vital to what we do' – and I suspect Kalika would agree with Jeremy that 'hopefully other NZPSA [and PG] reps will be able to attend APSA again later this year.'

## Political Science welcomes submissions

At the AGM in 2022, one of the [Political Science](#) editors presented a report on the submissions made to Political Science between 2012 and 2022, which show that almost half the articles published by Political Science include New Zealand related content, and New Zealand based submitters have the highest acceptance rate for the Journal. See the extracted Table 3 for specific data, and for more detail and analysis read the full report [here](#).

Table 3 Submissions and Acceptance Rates by Region Where Submitters Report Living

	Rejected	Accepted	Other	Total N	Accepted N
Africa	96.4	0.0	3.6	28	0
Asia & Middle East	84.7	8.8	6.5	170	15
Australia	52.0	40.0	8.0	25	10
Central & South America	80.0	20.0	0.0	5	1
Europe	74.3	18.6	7.1	70	13
North America	52.5	37.5	10.0	40	15
NZ	34.3	50.0	15.7	108	54
Missing	100.0	0.0	0.0	4	0
Total	67.2	24.0	8.9	450	108

Political Science warmly welcomes submissions from members of the Association, particularly on topics related to New Zealand. As part of their commitment to new and innovative fields of inquiry, and the new New Zealand focus, they are particularly keen to publish articles on indigenous politics. This was a focus of a special issue in 2017, and we understand

another is in preparation. They are also seeking submissions from Pacific Island scholars and Pacific Island politics.

## Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor seeking peer reviewers

The Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor is calling for experts to peer review two projects they are undertaking:

- Minimising harm from and within gangs in Aotearoa
- Building young people's resilience through critical thinking and digital citizenship skills

If any member of the Association would like to take part, let [Richard Shaw](#) know, along with details of relevant experience that we can share, by Wednesday 22 February.

## News from the Networks

### He kawepūrongo nā Ngā Hononga

The **Ako (Learning and Teaching) Network** would like to welcome participants for an online and in person workshop on mātauranga Māori in the context of learning and teaching, led by Associate Professor Meegan Hall Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Mātauranga Māori) at Te Herenga Waka.

This workshop was initially to take place on Wednesday 15th of February, but has been rescheduled to the Easter teaching break (likely the 21st of April, with the 17th as back-up). Once we have confirmed the new date we'll let you know. In the meantime, if you've any questions about the event please contact Claire Timperley.

At the 2022 AGM we heard back about the use of the **2020 Bi-annual Grants** from networks across the Association.

- The **IR Network** spent the grant in support of an inaugural one-day workshop at Victoria University in Wellington in November 2020. The workshop was well attended with 20 paper presenters from around New Zealand. The workshop helped us to begin developing a sense of community for IR academics and postgrads around Aotearoa, which we aim to continue to develop in the coming years.
- The **Aotearoa Politics Network** convened its inaugural online workshop. This day-long event gathered together a diverse group of academics and practitioners with an interest in research and teaching. It was a very successful event (which also hosted the NZPSA AGM) and laid the foundation for the first year of monthly zoom research seminars which are still ongoing.
- The **Political Communication** network used the grant to support a workshop to mark the launch of the network. The workshop – held at Waikato's Tauranga campus – provided a unique opportunity for members to discuss ongoing research projects as well as develop their professional relationships with colleagues working in the field of political communication.

In addition, the **2022 Bi-annual Grants** have been awarded - the **Aotearoa Politics Network** was supported to stage a hybrid workshop (which took place on the day before the 2022 Conference) in Rutherford House at Te Herenga Waka/Victoria University of Wellington, and the newly established **Ako Network** was funded for a project for developing the capacity for instructors of political science to better teach concepts, case studies and forms of mātauranga Māori.

## PhD Corner

### Ko te kokonga tohu kairangi

At the 2022 AGM Kaitlin Martin-Feek and Jessica Valisa's terms as Postgraduate Representatives came to an end. Thanks very much to the both of them for their work over some tough years.

Whilst normally in this part of the Newsletter we normally profile people who are working on or have recently completed their PhDs, in this edition of the PhD Corner, we have some introductions from the new Postgraduate Student Representatives: Youjeong Jang (Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato/University of Waikato) and Will Dreyer (Te Herenga Waka/Victoria University of Wellington).

If you'd like to feature in the next edition of the newsletter, or would like to nominate someone else, please email [Will](#).

My name is Youjeong Jang and I am a PhD candidate at University of Waikato. I am interested in the issues of international migration and social diversity. I have been writing my thesis about exploring the gap between policy rhetoric and lived reality of urban migrant policy of South Korea, the country where I am from. I would really like to hear what everyone's research interests are.



**Youjeong Jang**

As one of NZPSA post-grad representatives, I will try to build some more connection amongst our postgrads and encourage meaningful interaction as well. You are always more than welcome to reach out to me with any questions or ideas on this.

All the very best for your studies and looking forward to seeing you!



**Will Dreyer**

Kia ora Postgrads! I'm Will, a PhD Candidate at Te Herenga Waka. As is customary for a PhD greeting, I shall now tell you about my thesis – I'm examining the legislative scrutiny of Parliamentary select committees in Aotearoa New Zealand and their responsiveness to public participation in the form of written submissions.

I've been working as the NZPSA/TKTToA Admin Assistant for the past year, so felt reasonably well placed to put my hand up for this role. I'm grateful that the AGM agreed!

It's pretty clear that the past few years haven't been great for postgraduate study: increased pressures in study and tutoring, rising living costs, and, I think it's fair to say, a loss of community within and between institutions.

I fondly remember road-tripping as an Otago MPols student up to the 2019 NZPSA Conference hosted at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha/the University of Canterbury. We bunked in the engineering student hall, met a bunch of cool postgrads from across the country, and nervously introduced ourselves to academics whose books and articles we'd been reading for years. It was a rewarding experience – one that has unfortunately been missing for a while now.

It's meant our postgraduate community has drifted apart a little. We're a small country (and field!), with such a rich diversity of postgrads and academic interest. It's a real shame that we don't know each other better. So, let's change that.

Youjeong and I want to start work strengthening NZPSA's postgraduate community. But, as is essential with community, we can't do it without you. We'll ensure there's a postgrad pre-conference at the next NZPSA Conference. But, if you want us to do more than that then join [the NZPSA Post-graduate Network](#) (like, right now!). We'll be using it to help chart a course for this year: to find out what you want to see from us, what would draw your postgrad colleagues in to join NZPSA, and just to say hello. If you've got specific ideas for the year, or want to help more actively then drop me a line [here](#). Talk soon. Will.

### 2023 NZPSA/TKTToA Office Holders

### Ko te hunga mau tari o NZPSA/TKTToA 2023

The final thing we would like to do is provide you a contact list of our officeholders for 2023. If you need to get in touch but aren't sure who to contact, you can always reach out to [admin@nzpsa.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzpsa.co.nz)

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