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Message from the President He karere nā Te Tumuaki



Richard Shaw

Kia ora koutou katoa

I would like to kick this edition of the Newsletter off with words I'd rather not be saying – and they are to acknowledge the distressing times our colleagues at AUT are currently going through. There is considerable moral support for those concerned across the Association, which I wish to pass on here.

On other matters: I'd strongly encourage you to get your abstracts in and to register for our forthcoming Annual Conference (you'll find the relevant details below). Fitting conference organisation duties in amongst everything else is always a challenge: it's also critical to our Association, and so a big Thank You from the Exec to the crew at Waikato who are putting the event together.

Thanks, too, to Jeremy Moses for representing us at the forthcoming Australian PSA conference – and well done to Kalika Kastein on her selection for the Australian PSA Award, which gives one NZPSA/TKTToA postgraduate member free conference registration and a free conference dinner. Enjoy Canberra, both of you!

Finally, a polite reminder to renew your membership of the Association. Conference registration rates are set so that the member's discount is greater than the cost of an annual membership. So, please take this chance to join as a member, or renew your [NZPSA membership](#).

Mauri ora

Richard

NZPSA/TKTToA 2022 Annual Conference: University of Waikato Te Hui ā-Tau: Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

A reminder that this year's annual conference, hosted by Waikato University / Te Whare Wanganga o Waikato, will be held online from **Tuesday 29th November - Thursday 1st December 2022**.

It's not too late to get an abstract in for the Annual Conference – the new deadline is 30 September. Please send yours to nzpsa2022@waikato.ac.nz. More detail on submissions is available on the website.

We have a number of keynote plenary sessions arranged, and these can be found at the conference website: [NZPSA Conference 2022](#). We hope to see you there!

People in the News Ko te hunga ki ngā kawepūrongo

We'd like extend a warm welcome to Christine Winter who has recently joined our colleagues at the University of Otago / Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou.

Christine Winter (Ngati Kahungunu, Pākehā) is a Senior Lecturer in Politics Tōrakapū at the Uni-



Christine Winter

Christine Winter is a professor at the University of Otago Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou and Research Affiliate at the Sydney Environment Institute. A political theorist, Christine's research examines the injustices inherent in theories of political justice and particularly within intergenerational, environmental, planetary, and multispecies justice. At the heart of her work is an examination of the incompatibilities between western and Māori philosophies and ways in which theories of justice continue the colonial project. She is interested in creating a space for political theory to actively contribute to the decolonial project required for manifesting political justice in Aotearoa. Her approach is to interrogate epistemological and ontological assumptions that ground theory and shape politics, legislation, and law. In doing so she has two aims: to identify what is required if justice theory is to be just for Māori (and where/if applicable Indigenous Peoples of the settler states); and to expand the boundaries of theories of justice to protect the environment (as most broadly conceived) for future generations of Māori, settler compatriots and the multispecies community.

Job Recruitment

Speaking of new colleagues, the Political Science and International Relations Programme at Victoria University of Wellington - Te Herenga Waka is **recruiting for two positions** in their programme.



Items of Interest Ngā pitopito kōrero o te wā

The first is a **Lecturer in Political Science**, with a particular focus on Māori perspectives. Applications close on the 23rd of September. Key requirements are:

- An established track record of, or a substantial potential for, a programme of research in a field of political science or international relations.
- Knowledge of and familiarity with Māori concepts, values, ideas and practices, and an interest in growing mātauranga Māori for our teaching and research programmes are desirable.
- A strong commitment to effective teaching and to postgraduate student supervision.
- Holds a PhD in a relevant field at the time of appointment, or is near completion of a PhD.

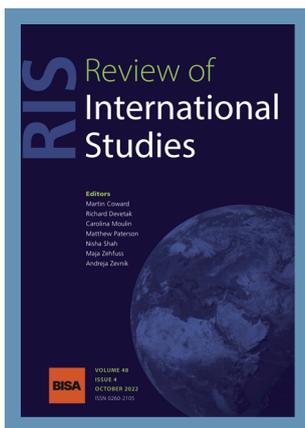
The second is a **Lecturer in International Relations**. Applications close on the 15th of October. Key requirements are:

- An established track record of, or a substantial potential for, a programme of research in environmental politics and/or political economy.
- A strong commitment to effective teaching and to postgraduate student supervision.
- Holds a PhD in a relevant field at the time of appointment.

Electoral Review Panel

The Independent Electoral Review Panel has called for submissions on a discussion document - you can find everything you need to engage with this process [here](#).

If you'd like to contribute to a collective submission, please contact [Richard Shaw](#). This will be a standard group submission, not one submitted on behalf of the Association.



[A message from the Review of International Studies](#)

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2024, Review of International Studies will be publishing a special issue - **Global politics: the next fifty years.**

The aim of this special issue is to think through the key challenges facing international studies – as a discipline and set of empirical problems – in the next 50 years. RIS particularly want to think about the agendas and problems that will emerge in the near, mid and long term future of global politics, broadly construed.

RIS are now inviting expressions of interest for articles to be included in the Special Issue. Their call for expressions of interest can be found [here](#).

[News from the Networks](#) [He kawepūrongo nā Ngā Hononga](#)

[Aotearoa Politics Network](#)

The Aotearoa Politics Network will hold a **day workshop in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington on 28 November**. This is the day before the online NZPSA conference begins. A catered lunch will be provided for those who can attend in person (Rutherford House), and zoom will be available for those who want to attend remotely. Registration is free and we particularly welcome post-graduate students to join us.

The purpose of the day is to have a semi-structured round-table discussion about current research projects relating to Aotearoa New Zealand politics. We would like to profile research about the local government elections in October and forecast ahead to research planned for the general election next year. We will also run a panel session for post-grad students to share advice and tips about combining conferences and publications with writing a thesis.

For further details and to register your interest in attending please email the convenor of the Aotearoa Politics Network, [Janine Hayward](#).

[International Relations Network](#)

Matthew Castle joins Jeremy Moses as co-convenors of the International Relations Network. Many thanks to Patrick Flamm for his time in the role! If you'd like to join the International Relations Network please contact Jeremy at Jeremy.moses@canterbury.ac.nz.

[Local Government Research Network](#)

The Local Government Research Network members are busy – there is a lot happening in local government right now! **Triennial elections are held in September-October period**, and a **post-election symposium will take place in late January or mid-February 2023** for the presentation of early research findings on the 2022 elections. All are welcome to attend this online event. If you are doing local government elections-related research or would just like to be in the loop for news, contact [Jeff McNeill](#) of Massey University, the 2022 symposium organiser, to go on

the mailing list for updates. A call for papers will go out in late November.

Research into non-voting at local elections reveals many people don't know who the candidates are or what they stand for. The Spinoff's Policy Local tool is now [live](#). Click on one of the fields (say, Mayor) and enter your address. All candidates for all levels of local government you can vote in will be shown, along with information about their policy priorities.

Journalists from [stuff.co.nz](#) have an Elections Transparency project, investigating candidates around the country for links to conspiracy and disinformation groups. You can find their stories [here](#).

Local government is facing significant reforms with proposed changes including Three Waters, reform of the RMA (including the Natural and Built Environments Bill), and the [Review on the Future of Local Government](#); the 2022 elections herald an expansion of Māori wards to more councils. If you have politics or policy graduate students looking for research topics in 2023, local government provides plenty of opportunities.

Which Roll? Ko Tēhea Rārangi Pōti?



The *Which Roll?* survey team seeks to ask those of Māori descent aged 16+ **why they choose the Māori or General roll**. The main survey takes about 5 mins and there are prize draws for vouchers

(\$5,000 total prize pool). Participants can switch between te reo and English throughout.

The team doesn't mind if it isn't a representative sample at this stage (that comes later), they are mainly in an exploratory phase. More details and the survey can be found at their website [here](#).

They request that you please share this widely with students and participate if you meet the study criteria! They are looking forward to presenting these results to you at future NZPSA conferences.

The link to the suggested Canvas/Blackboard post can be found [here](#).

And these are their social media links to like, follow, and share: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Essay Prizes

Ngā Whakawhiwhinga Tuhinga a ngā Tauira Tohu Paetahi, Tohu Paerua

One last reminder that at each year's Annual Conference, NZPSA/TKTToA awards 5 prizes for the best Undergraduate and Postgraduate essays. These prizes are:

- An Undergraduate prize for the best essay on Māori Politics submitted in a course at any Aotearoa New Zealand University.
- An Undergraduate prize for the best essay submitted in a course on Aotearoa New Zealand politics in a New Zealand University.
- A Postgraduate Conference Prize for the best paper in the field of Aotearoa New Zealand domestic politics.

- A Postgraduate Conference Prize for the best paper in the field of Environmental Politics and Policy.
- A Postgraduate Conference Prize in any other field of political studies.

We encourage postgrad students attending this year’s conference to **submit their conference paper** for consideration. And we would ask convenors of undergraduate courses to **keep an eye out for excellent essays** that could be nominated for one of the undergraduate prizes

The dates by which nominations for Essay Prizes must be submitted are in the table below. For more information about the prizes and the nomination process, head [here](#). Prize winners will announced at the NZPSA Conference and are recorded on the Association’s webpage.

Submission Date	Submissions to	Prize Title
5pm Tuesday 8 November 2022	Lara Greaves	Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics
5pm Tuesday 8 November 2022	Janine Hayward	Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics
5pm Friday 11 November 2022	Janine Hayward	NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize
5pm Friday 4 November 2022	Priya Kurian	Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize
5pm Friday 11 November 2022	Richard Shaw	NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize

PhD Corner Ko te kokonga tohu kairangi

This is a space for PhD students to share their achievements and research. If you would like to feature in the PhD Corner then please email Will at admin@nzpsa.co.nz.

PhD Profile

Eric Jeunot is a PhD candidate in International Relations in his final year at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington. His research focuses on the role that tribal norms played in the settlement of interstate territorial conflicts between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Yemen across the 20th century.



Eric Jeunot

His research took roots from more than a decade working and living in the tribal areas of several states in the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa. While Eric worked and lived in many states in the Horn of Africa such as Somalia, the Darfur region of Sudan, and Ethiopia, he has a particular field experience in Yemen where he lived and worked for more than two years. His published article “Why Do we Keep Misunderstanding Yemen” highlights his experience and the questions that drove Eric to pursue a doctoral research.

The purpose of his research is to better understand, in the case of territorial conflicts and boundary agreements, how domestic norms interact with the international norms shaping expected behav-

hours of states. This research contributes to understand that negotiations between Arab tribal states can succeed outside the expected and centralised rational behaviours of states. In the current Saudi-Yemen situation, the objective of this research is to highlight the pivotal role of the decentralised tribal communities of the states to implement agreements.

Publications:

[Jeunot, Eric. \(2021\). "Why do we Keep Misunderstanding Yemen?" *Diplosphere*.](#)