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TE KĀHUI TĀTAI TŌRANGAPŪ O AOTEAROA

NEW ZEALAND POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

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50th Anniversary Symposium



The Great Hall
Christchurch Arts Centre
28th November 2024

President's Welcome



When I took on this role at the NZPSA conference in Auckland at the beginning of the year, the outgoing President, Richard Shaw, assured me that there shouldn't be too many major tasks to address. Some complex IRD-related things were already nearing completion and there wasn't going to be another conference in 2024. A few weeks later I was looking at the website and noticed that the founding date of the NZPSA was 1974. That's 50 years ago, right? Oh... I figured this was a milestone that had to be marked and others agreed. After some back and forth regarding the location and timing of the event, we eventually settled on Ōtautahi Christchurch, as it was the place in which the NZPSA was established at The Inter-Department Conference on Political Science in September of 1974. The first NZPSA newsletter from the following year gives the details:

Minutes of the Plenary Session

The meeting was held in the Senior Common Room, University of Canterbury from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd September.

PRESENT: Rod Alley, Vicki Buck, Geoff Debnam, Mary Ensor, Jim Flynn, Ray Goldstein, Stuart Greif, John Halligan (Chairman), Jenny Hamilton, Paul Harris, Steve Hoadley, Wyn Hoadley, Keith Jackson, Steve Levine, Juliet Lodge, Bill Luff, Alan McRobie, Paul Messervy, Walter Murphy, Juanita Neale, John Orbell, Alan Robinson, Liz Rowley, Andrew Sharp, Rob Steven, Rene Wilson, Antony Wood.

The following motions were passed:

THAT this quinquennial meeting of New Zealand Political Scientists forms a New Zealand Political Studies Association, open to all interested persons, with an annual subscription of \$2.00 for salaried members and of \$1.00 for others.

THAT the Association should:

1. organize a quarterly newsletter
2. organize biennial meetings
3. investigate the possibility of organizing annual island meetings, specialized seminars and co-disciplinary meetings

There is obviously much that has changed over the 50 years since. Our field goes through endless theoretical and methodological debates, has grown and shrunk, and continues to grapple, often unsuccessfully, with the implications of colonisation, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and dramatically changing domestic and international political landscapes. In this current, chaotic political moment, 50 years on from the founding of this Association, it is a real privilege to be involved in organising a day of discussion and debate on where we have been, where we are now, and where we might be heading in the future. Yes, there was stress and hard work to get this together, but I'm delighted that it's happening and look forward to the conversations that we'll have.

Huge thanks to Claire Timperley, Sarah Bickerton, and Will Dreyer for helping bring this all together and to Matthew Castle and *Political Science* journal for supporting the end of day reception.

Kai ū ki te whakapono, titiro atu ki ngā taumata o te Moana!

(Hold fast to your beliefs, look toward the horizons of the sea!)

Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa!

Jeremy Moses, NZPSA | TKTOA President

Schedule

9:00am – 10:30am: NZPSA | TKTTtoA AGM
(Members only)

10:30am – 11:00am: Morning tea

11:00am – 11:15am: Mihi Whakataua and
opening of Symposium

11:15am – 12:45pm: Panel 1: ‘Reflections on
the past’

12:45pm – 2:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm: Panel 2: ‘Challenges and
opportunities of the present’

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Afternoon tea

4:00pm – 5:30pm: Panel 3: ‘Looking to the
future’

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Reception and Prizegiving,
sponsored by *Political Science*

About the venue

Built as a hall for Canterbury College (now the University of Canterbury), the Great Hall has been strengthened and restored post-earthquake. The large, north-facing stained glass Memorial Window was originally installed in 1938 and is comprised of 4,000 individual pieces of glass. The window is dedicated to the memory of all staff and students who served in WWI.

Because classroom space was in short supply, a hall was considered a luxury for Canterbury College. The Great Hall (originally called College Hall) opened to both acclaim and controversy on Diploma Day 1882.

In its early years, it housed the college's small library and was used for public lectures and formal graduation ceremonies. Over time, the university allowed greater use of the hall for events such as music recitals, student dances and society gatherings. Prior to the earthquakes, as it does again now, the hall held a wide range of events and performances year-round.

The hall strongly reflects local heritage and culture. It makes rich use of native timbers, with kauri and rimu panelling, along with rewarewa, totara and matai lozenges.

It provides space for memorial plaques and icons, the first of which was dedicated to Helen Connon, the first woman to graduate from university with honours in the British Empire.

A special feature of the building is the Memorial Window designed by Martin Travers and originally installed in 1938. It comprises of 4,000 individual pieces of glass.*

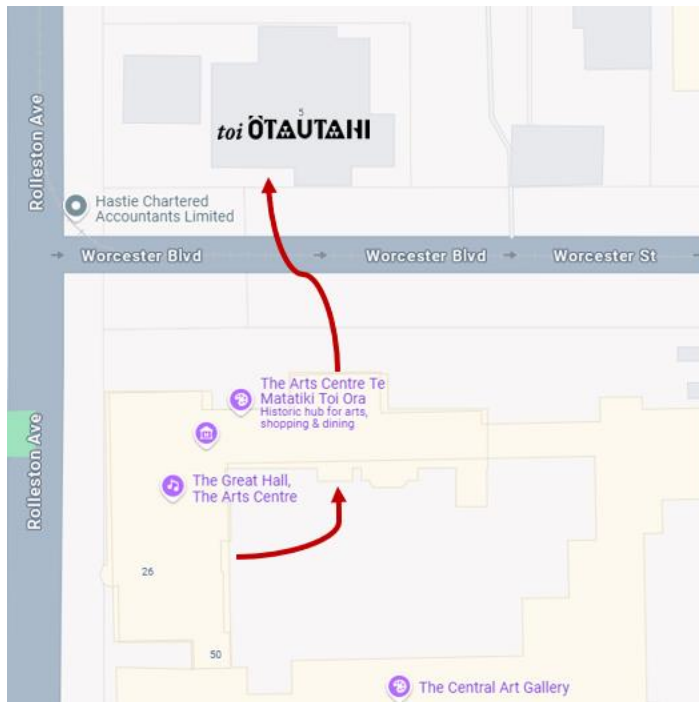


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*Text from <https://www.artscentre.org.nz/about-us/history/> and <https://www.artscentre.org.nz/venue-hire/the-great-hall/>

Lunch

Lunch will be held in Toi Auaha, a collective artists' space across the road from the Arts Centre. To get there, go left through the archway toward Worcester Boulevard then look for the Share Kai flag across the road or follow the map below:



Your vegetarian/vegan or combo Eritrean lunch will be served in a disposable container. There will be some seating available in Toi Auaha, or you can bring your

lunch back to the Arts Centre or to the Botanic Gardens to eat. Drinks will also be available when you collect your lunch.

The lunch is provided by the Share Kai Cooks Collective which ‘provides opportunities for women from refugee and migrant backgrounds, who face barriers to participating in the workforce and society, for social connection and financial security.’ To learn more about their work or to take advantage of their catering services for future events, visit <https://www.sharekai.nz/cooks-collective>.

The symposium organisers are hugely grateful to Toi Ōtautahi for the use of their space and to Holly Griffin from InCommon (<https://incommon.org.nz/>) for assistance and support with organisation of the lunch.

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Panel 1: Reflections on the Past

Claire Timperley (panel chair)



Claire Timperley is Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington. Her teaching and research interests include the politics of Aotearoa New Zealand, feminist theory and gender politics, and critical pedagogies. Her articles have appeared in *Feminist Review*, *Journal of International Political Theory*, *Politics, Groups & Identities*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Teaching in Higher Education*, *International Studies Perspectives* and *PS: Political Science and Politics*. She has co-edited two books: *Government and Politics in Aotearoa New Zealand* (Oxford University Press 2021, with Janine Hayward and Lara Greaves) and *Subversive Pedagogies: Radical Possibility in the Academy* (Routledge 2022, with Kate Schick).

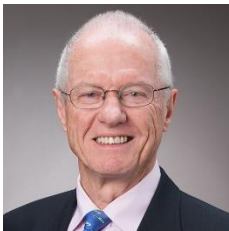
Elizabeth McLeay



Elizabeth McLeay is Professor Emerita at Te Herenga Waka/Victoria University of Wellington, having begun her lecturing career at Auckland University. Recent publications include: 'Introduction: Why study the politics of Aotearoa New Zealand?' In Janine Hayward, Lara Greaves and Claire Timperley, eds. *Government and Politics in Aotearoa New Zealand*, 7th edn.

(Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 1-4; and *In Search of Consensus: New Zealand's Electoral Act 1956 and its Constitutional Legacy* (Victoria University Press, 2018). Among her other interests Elizabeth has published on the use of urgency in the New Zealand Parliament, cabinet government and ministerial dismissals, women and politics and the idea of the public interest.

Nigel Roberts



Emeritus Professor Nigel Roberts taught political science from 1970 to 1981 at the University of Canterbury, and then at the Victoria University of Wellington until he retired from full-time teaching in 2010 and from part-time teaching in 2012. His research interests are in comparative politics and political sociology, with particular emphasis on the fields in which he continues to publish – namely, New Zealand politics, electoral behaviour, and comparative voting systems.

Chris Eichbaum



Chris Eichbaum is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington- Te Herenga Waka. He joined the School in 2003 and in the period since has held a number of positions, including Head of School, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) and University Vice-Provost (Learning and

Equity). He graduated (BA and MA ((Hons)) from Canterbury University (1974-79) – was appointed as a Teaching fellow in Sociology in 1977/78, taught briefly at the University of Auckland and then spent most of the 1980s as an Official in the trade union movement. Over the period from 1989 – 2003 he was seconded to the Beehive on two occasions where he worked for Prime Ministers Palmer, Moore and Clark. He completed an MPubPol at the ANU in the early 1990s, worked in the Australian Commonwealth and New Zealand Public Service, commenced employment at Massey University in 1993, and completed a PhD comparing trajectories of institutional development of the Central Banks of Australia and New Zealand in the 1980s. He has served two terms as a Director of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

Bronwyn Hayward



Bronwyn Hayward (MNZM, FRSNZ) is a Professor of Political Science at UC – she joined UC full time in 2006, where she now specialises in climate, youth, democracy and sustainability -prior to that she taught environmental politics, park interpretation and public policy at

Lincoln university 1987-1997. She also worked in the UK at the Universities of Surrey and East Anglia on leave from UC 2008-2011, arriving back with a young family on the day of the earthquakes in 2011 in Christchurch. With Heather Devere she set up the Women Talking Politics newsletter in 1987 to provide some support and solidarity to women academics in political science often working alone or in very

small numbers around the country. She is a three times graduate from Otago University -partly by happy accident when her PhD supervisor Paul Harris at VUW became CEO of the Electoral Commission so her enrolment returned to Otago under Ali Memon.

Panel 2: The Challenges and Opportunities of the Present

Sarah Bickerton (panel chair)



Dr Sarah Hendrica Bickerton is a lecturer in Public Policy in the School of Social Science at the University of Auckland, and previously was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Public Policy Institute there. She completed her PhD at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, had previously done graduate school in Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and has her undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Physics from the University of Canterbury. Her research interests include online political & social behaviour, technology policy & regulation, and gender & feminist analysis. She is now Treasurer of the NZPSA, having previously been the PhD Admin person.

Richard Shaw



Richard Shaw is a professor of politics at Massey University, where he teaches courses in comparative and New Zealand politics and undertakes research on political advisers in the executive branch of government. His publications include *The Edward Elgar Handbook on Ministerial and Political Advisers* (2023) and *Core Executives in a Comparative Context* (with K. Koltveitt, 2022). His work has been published in journals such as *Governance*, *Public Administration*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, and *Public Management Review*. He is also the author of two books - *The Forgotten Coast* (2021) and *The Unsettled: Small Stories of Colonisation* (2024), both published by Massey University Press - which address matters of memory and forgetting amongst settler families in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Lara Greaves



Lara Greaves (Ngāpuhi, Pākehā, Tararā) is an associate professor in politics at Victoria University of Wellington and a senior research fellow in statistics at the University of Auckland. Lara is a Royal Society of New Zealand Rutherford Discovery Fellow (2024-2029), investigating improvements to democracy and participation in New Zealand, particularly focusing on Māori and intersectionality. Her recent work

includes a history of inequity for Māori women (1950-2000) for the Waitangi Tribunal, work on data policy, Māori politics, and identity, health, and wellbeing. In 2021 she edited the seventh edition of *Government and Politics in Aotearoa New Zealand* with Janine Hayward and Claire Timperley.

Jeremy Moses



Jeremy Moses is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. His research interests are in the ethics of war and intervention, with a particular focus on realism, pacifism, humanitarianism, and military technology. His publications include the book *Sovereignty and Responsibility* and articles in journals including *Review of International Studies*, *International Politics*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Critical Studies on Security*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, and *Digital War*.

Janine Hayward



Janine Hayward is tangata Tiriti originally from Ōtautahi and a professor of politics at Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, University of Otago. Her primary teaching and research focus is Te Tiriti o Waitangi in its historic and contemporary contexts, and more broadly she teaches the politics of Aotearoa me to

Waipounamu to students in undergraduate and post-graduate classes. She is the co-editor of *Government and Politics and Aotearoa New Zealand* with Lara Greaves and Claire Timperley (published by OUP). She has worked with many local governments on electoral matters and has been involved in a number of council's representation reviews, including chairing Dunedin City Council's review in 2015.

Jennifer Curtin



Jennifer Curtin is Professor of Politics and founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at the University of Auckland–Waipapa Taumata Rau. She publishes on New Zealand and Australian politics, gender politics, policy analysis, and political leadership. She leads the Gender Responsive Analysis and Budgeting Project (www.grab-nz.ac.nz) and she provides written commentary to a range of international media outlets.

Panel 3: Looking to the Future

Will Dreyer (panel chair)



Will Dreyer is a PhD Candidate in New Zealand politics at Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington. He has published on the select committee deliberations on the Zero Carbon Bill with Prof. Lisa Ellis in *Political Science*

and written on the democratic role of submissions in Public Sector. Will is also a founding member and Trustee of the Generation Vote Trust of Aotearoa, a youth-led, non-partisan charity that teaches civics education in high schools in Aotearoa New Zealand. Alongside his study and community engagement, he works for the Political Science Journal, the New Zealand Political Studies Association | Te Kahui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa (NZPSA | TKTTToA) and serves as one of NZPSA | TKTTToA's Postgraduate Representatives.

Rachel Billington



Rachel Billington (Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki) is a PhD graduand and Teaching Fellow in the Politics Programme at the University of Otago. Her research interests include recognition theory; recognition-informed phenomenological research methods; adolescent identity development; social media's impacts on culture and society; epistemic bubbles and political polarisation; and epistemic injustice. Her recently defended doctoral thesis has been placed on the University of Otago's Humanities Divisional List of Exceptional Theses.

Nicholas Ross Smith



Nicholas is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Canterbury's National Centre for Research on Europe. His research coalesces around the regional implications of great power rivalry with a current focus on the Indo-Pacific. He

is the author of two books and more than two dozen peer reviewed journal articles, including articles in 'International Affairs', 'The Journal of Politics', and 'Cambridge Review of International Affairs'.

Ayca Arkilic



Ayca Arkilic is Senior Lecturer in Comparative Politics at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington. Her research and teaching interests are migration and diaspora studies, European politics, and Middle Eastern

politics. Ayca's first monograph, *Diaspora Diplomacy: The Politics of Turkish Emigration to Europe* (Manchester University Press) was published in 2022. She is the co-editor of *Routledge Handbook of Turkey's Diasporas* (2024) and one of the founders of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Aotearoa (MEISA) research network. Ayca serves as Associate Editor of *Diaspora Studies* and is the recipient of the 2024 American Political Science Association (APSA) Migration & Citizenship Emerging Scholar Award.

Helena Cook



Dr Helena Cook is a Samoan/Irish lecturer in the Faculty of Education, University of Canterbury. She holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Exeter, where her research examined descriptive and symbolic political representation in Aotearoa and the UK. Her current work focuses on historically ‘othered’ bodies within institutions, youth political engagement, and the diasporic experiences of Pacific peoples in New Zealand. With extensive professional experience in retaining and supporting Pasifika students in tertiary education, her teaching and research are committed to amplifying the voices of her communities.

Mengdi Zhang



Mengdi studied International Politics for her Master’s at Xiamen University, where she was a research assistant at the New Zealand Research Centre. Mengdi regularly commented on relations between New Zealand and China and developed her interest in the bilateral relations between the two countries. Mengdi’s PhD focuses on the economic-security nexus in New Zealand’s relations with China. The thesis aims to explain changes in New Zealand policymakers’ perception of the “virtuous cycle” and “vicious cycle” in economic and security relations with China.

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the world's longest running political science journals. It presents original, peer reviewed, high-quality scholarship drawing on a variety of theories and methodologies. It welcomes submissions of papers, research notes and proposals for review articles from all parts of the world and, where of relevance to political science, from related disciplines such as sociology, Indigenous studies, psychology, philosophy, and economics.

We particularly welcome submissions from New Zealand-based scholars. We can offer some financial support for special issue workshops; please contact the co-editors to discuss (Fiona Barker, Matthew Castle, and Jack Vowles, all at Victoria University of Wellington).