

NZPSA | TKTOA 2025 AGM Agenda

5:00pm, Thursday November 20, 2025

Room 1.23 The Hunter Centre, University of Otago

Facilitator: Luke Oldfield

1. Approval of November 2024 NZPSA minutes (Luke)
2. President's Report (including oral summary of report; Jeremy)
3. Treasurer's report (Sarah)
4. Executive Secretary's report (Luke)
5. Report from Political Science journal (Matt)
6. Discuss NZPSA prizes (Lara)
7. Preliminary update on plans for the 2026 network-level meetings (Luke)
8. Memorandum of Understanding NZPSA-TPSA (Jeremy)
9. Nomination and Approval of new Executive members (Luke)
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. President

Attached Documents:

- President's Report
- Executive Secretary's Report
- Political Science Report
- NZPSA-TPSA Memorandum

President's Report 2025

Introduction

Thankfully, 2025 was a much quieter year for the NZPSA | TKTOA Executive than 2024. The main work involved the on-boarding of two key people – Luke Oldfield as Executive Secretary and Flynn Acworth as Administrative Assistant – following the departures of Claire Timperley and Will Dreyer. Those changes in personnel, along with the bedding in of the new website, membership registration system, conference registration system, and mailing platform, have required a lot of quick learning and adapting on the part of the Executive and, while there have been some minor challenges, most things now appear to be working smoothly.

I'd like to thank everyone who has played a part in the administrative activities of the Association this year. Sarah Bickerton has done a great job of managing the finances, Luke Oldfield has stepped effectively into the Executive Secretary role and Flynn Acworth has done some amazing work on the website and in updating password security for the Association. Sarah and I will be stepping out of our roles this year, so the process of transition to a new Executive will be ongoing in 2026.

2025 activities

During the year the Association:

1. Produced 2 editions of the newsletter with news and updates about issues of significance to the Association.
2. Engaged in ongoing consultation with David Jenkins and Janine Hayward at the University of Otago over biennial conference organisation.
3. Set up and managed the conference website and registration system for the biennial conference. This also included monitoring of the registration lists and payment of registration income to the conference organisers at Otago.
4. Sought submissions for the six annual essay and publication prizes. Prizes for the categories for which submissions were received will be presented at the end of the symposium. On behalf of the Association, I wish to again thank Raymond Miller, Janine Hayward, Lara Greaves and Claire Timperley for their ongoing generosity in using the royalties arising from Government and Politics in Aotearoa New Zealand to underwrite the prize money for the two undergraduate prizes, and for the postgraduate prize in Aotearoa New Zealand politics.
5. Ended our membership with the International Political Studies Association due to the high cost and low return for NZPSA members, as approved at the 2024 AGM. The membership can be re-started at any time if members decide to reverse that decision.
6. Built a new relationship with the Taiwan Political Science Association that aims to enable ongoing exchange and collaboration through our respective conferences. An MOU formalising this relationship will be brought to the AGM.

Looking ahead

There are some things on the horizon for the Association in 2026:

1. Transition to new President and Treasurer. Dates for the handover will likely be in late January or early February 2026, but this will be determined following the election of the new office-holders at the AGM.
2. Work toward the 2026 Network Workshops. This will be the first year in which there is no major conference, so it will be interesting to see the timing, location, and attendance at the Network workshops that are organised in 2026. The workshops will be important in keeping membership numbers stable and in providing opportunities to broaden participation and membership, particularly for postgraduate students.
- 3.

Conclusion

I will be stepping down as President of NZPSA | TKTOA after two sometimes challenging and frantic but always rewarding years in the role. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone who has served on the Executive over that time as well as with the Otago conference organisers this year.

As I said in the report last year, it feels like the increased pressure and lack of time to get everything done is not going to go away any time soon. Nor does it look like the intense political atmosphere is going to ease in the near future. Given these pressures and stresses that we're all facing in different ways, the role of NZPSA | TKTOA should be to provide our community with opportunities to share information, stories, and ideas about our profession to try to reduce the sense that we're all facing this alone. I hope that our conferences, workshops, newsletters and other activities will continue to do that into the future.

Thanks again to everyone who has contributed this year and all the best for the year ahead.

Jeremy Moses

President

Executive Secretary Annual Report

From all accounts, 2025 has been a quieter year for the Executive and the association more broadly. I want to thank members of the Executive for supporting me in the role of secretary and for accepting my (sometimes incredibly) short-notice meeting invitations!

The exceptional work started by Will and carried forward by Flynn as administrators has meant that our members are able to access a sleek and user-friendly website with a more secure backend. Many thanks to both for making this happen.

As of November 17 we have 144 members. The membership breakdown is as follows:

Full members	66
Postgraduate members	69
Honorary members	9

This reflects an increase of 9 members since November 2024. Efforts by the Executive to increase membership continue. One of our main aims has been to integrate membership benefits with NZPSA activities. This mahi is ongoing.

The adjoining report from our president alludes to a couple of priorities for the Executive and for myself as secretary.

1. Election of new officers to roles within the Executive

Filling roles within the NZPSA Executive continues to be a challenge. This year we've had one nomination for the role of President, which was received by Jeremy, and no nominations for the role of treasurer. Our immediate concern is the seamless transition to a new president and treasurer, but attention must then shift to a more sustainable approach in future years.

2. Biennial conferences and network meetings

2026 is an off-year for the all-encompassing NZPSA conference. Networks will be encouraged to run their own events with the possibility of some resourcing from the Executive. In 2024, there were two networks operating day workshops: New Zealand Politics and International Relations. In late January, I will be reaching out to the contact person in each network to discuss their plans for their own events and what kind of support NZPSA might be able to provide.

Finally, a big mihi to Jeremy and Sarah for their 2 years of service on the Executive. Both have made valuable and time-critical contributions to the organisation and will be sorely missed.



Luke Oldfield

NZPSA Executive Secretary

***Political Science* Report to November 2025 AGM**

The *Political Science* Journal is located at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, and edited in the Political Science and International Relations programme within the School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations. Its current editors are Fiona Barker, Matthew Castle, and Jack Vowles. Our Editorial Manager is currently Toàn Tăng (PhD Candidate, VUW). The journal publishes three issues a year, normally of five to six articles.

We adopted a broader Aims and Scope for the journal towards the end of 2022 that emphasises our work across “all fields and subdisciplines of political science and international relations”. Reflecting this increased scope, we have recently refreshed and expanded our Editorial Board, with an increase in the representation of colleagues from across the discipline and around Aotearoa.

We continue to welcome “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.”

As before, the Journal remains keen to receive high-quality submissions from academics within Aotearoa-New Zealand, and on the politics of our country. We are keen to receive and consider articles, research notes, data notes, special issue proposals, and review essays. Colleagues considering a special issue can contact the Editors directly. Some funding is available to support workshops being held to prepare special issues.

We published a special issue in 2025 on Jacinda Ardern and the 6th Labour Government (special issue editors: Claire Timperley and Janine Hayward), for which we held a very successful public panel and launch in Wellington on 14 August. We currently have two special issues underway, one on Social Media in New Zealand and one on the Race-Immigration Nexus in Settler-Colonial Settings.

Our latest impact factor is 1.2, and we have an 11% acceptance rate overall. We have had a considerable increase in downloads in 2025, with 13,372 in Q3 2025, an increase of around 58% on Q3 2024 (8,470). Our downloads for the 2025 year until Q3 are 37,749, an increase of around 46% compared to last year (25,840). This continues a trend of consistent increases in downloads of our articles.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on regular scholarly engagement between the
New Zealand Political Studies Association | Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa
and
台灣政治學會 | Taiwanese Political Science Association

In order to promote scholarly cooperation and collaboration, the New Zealand Political Studies Association | Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa (NZPSA) and 台灣政治學會 | Taiwanese Political Science Association (TPSA) commit to the following:

1. The NZPSA will offer free conference registration and conference dinner to up to two members of the TPSA at each NZPSA Biennial Conference. In addition, up to three nights accommodation for the TPSA President (or their nominee) will be provided.
2. The TPSA will offer up to three nights accommodation, free conference registration, and conference dinner to up to two members of the NZPSA at each TPSA annual Conference.
3. Where possible, the two Associations will arrange joint panels on Asian Politics at each conference. The panels will be arranged through consultation between the two Associations.
4. The two Associations commit to ongoing exploration of opportunities for engagement and collaboration.
5. This agreement will come into effect following approval by the NZPSA membership at an Annual General Meeting and approval by the TPSA Board. It may be terminated with three months written notice from either Association.

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Associate Professor Jeremy Moses

President

For and on behalf of

NZPSA | TKTOA

(signature)

Professor Chung-min Tsai

President

For and on behalf of

台灣政治學會 | TPSA

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