



Kia ora koutou katoa. We have a bumper edition this Spring, with information about upcoming national and international conferences and workshops, a number of job openings in New Zealand and elsewhere, deadlines for under-graduate post-graduate essay prizes, a new book on the 2014 election, a student leadership tour, and recently completed PhDs. There is also an update on the Royal Society's proposed code of Ethics, which is now in its second round of consultation. Please encourage any of your undergraduate students who have written great essays on Māori politics or on Aotearoa New Zealand politics to enter the **NZPSA essay competition**, and encourage your post-grads to enter to win one of **three post-grad conference paper prizes** available. Also please note that the deadline for the submission of abstracts for the New Zealand Political Studies Association Conference has been extended until **Monday 17 September**.

In the last newsletter we advertised the **NZPSA Biannual Prize of \$2000** for a project that will benefit the NZPSA collectively, or a significant part of it, such as a Network, the women's caucus, or the Post-graduate Association. As we received no entries for this grant, the Executive has decided to re-open the application process, with a new deadline of **1 November 2018**. Details regarding the application process may be found below.

If you have information you'd like to share with other members please feel free to email me at kate.mcmillan@vuw.ac.nz. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Conference in November.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou – Kate McMillan, NZPSA President.

Representation & Responsibility – The 2018 NZPSA Conference at Victoria University of Wellington

The Victoria University of Wellington Political Science & International Relations Programme is pleased to be hosting the 2018 NZPSA Conference. The conference will be held on the 26th-28th of November with a postgraduate workshop on the 25th of November. The theme of this year's conference is **Representation and Responsibility**. The **two panel discussions** during the conference are entitled "*125 Years of Suffrage: Reflections on Women in New Zealand Politics - Past, Present and Future*" and "*Responsiveness and Responsibility in Coalition Government*".

We are pleased to announce that the **Conference Keynote Speaker** will be **Professor Sona Golder** of the Department of Political Science at Pennsylvania State University. Professor Golder has an expertise in political institutions, with a particular interest in coalition formation.

We are also pleased to announce that the **Conference Dinner Speaker** will be **Linda Clark**. Linda Clark is one of New Zealand's most respected journalists, with over 20 years in the field, having covered seven elections and won awards in print, television, and radio. The conference dinner will be held at Parliament on Tuesday the 27th of November.

Please note that the **call for papers** has now been extended out to **Monday the 17th of September**. **Registration** for the conference is also **now open**, with early-bird registration open till the **1st of October**. Full price registration will be available after this date. Please see the conference website for further information: <https://nzpsa.co.nz/2018-nzpsa-conference>

Conference: The New Public Management: Vive la Revolution? Call for Papers – Local Government 30 years after the NPM Revolution: Still Fit for Purpose?

Massey University Albany, Auckland, 23-24 April 2019. The wave of public sector managerial and structural reforms known as the 'New Zealand Model' were extended to local government in New Zealand by legislation passed in 1989. It is therefore fitting that some 30 years after the various Acts that comprised the enabling legislation were passed, this conference examines the impact of the reforms on local government. The conference will address not only New Zealand's experience, but also that of other nations which sought to adopt the 'New Zealand Model' to reform their own public sectors. **Call for papers is now open through 1 December**. More information can be found here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/colleges/college-business/school-of-management/engagement/npmrevolution/npmrevolution_home.cfm

2019 International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) – 18-19 April 2019

The XIII Annual Conference of the IRSPM is being hosted by the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington's Pipitea Campus. The conference theme for 2019 is '*ReNewing Public Management for Stewardship, Innovation and Impact*'. The **call for abstracts** will **begin from Wednesday the 11th of September**. http://irspm2019.com/irspm19/general_information

Women Talking Politics

The 2018 issue of [Women Talking Politics](#) will be co-edited by [Sylvia Nissen](#) and [Jean Drage](#) and submissions are now open. Please consider submitting a research note or a review essay and encourage your doctoral students to send in a contribution. Back issues of WTP are on our website.

2019 Canadian Political Science Association Conference – June 1-7 2019 in Vancouver, British Columbia at the University of British Columbia.

A call for abstracts will be sent soon, but NZPSA members are reminded of the exchange agreement we have with the CPSA; that any NZPSA member can register for the CPSA conference at CPSA member rates, and that the CPSA offers free conference registration to two NZPSA graduate students members who are presenting papers. Please email admin@nzpsa.co.nz for information on these offers. More on the event: <https://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/conference.php>

European Consortium for Political Research – 2019 General Conference

The 2019 General Conference will be held at the University of Wrocław, Poland. Wrocław is Poland's fourth largest city. It is situated on the Odra River, with its 12 islands and 130 bridges. The University of Wrocław was founded in 1945 and is the largest University in Lower Silesia. ECPR's General Conference remains Europe's largest annual gathering of political scientists, often attracting more than 2,000 scholars from throughout the world and at all stages of their career. The timetable for paper abstracts & further information can be found here:

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=121> & <https://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=123>

The North America Leadership Tour (NALT)

Previously known as the United States Leadership Tour, the North America Leadership Tour (NALT) is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for tertiary students to engage with prominent international organisations, government agencies, global business, universities, and NGOs. These unique meetings will provide students learning opportunities, networking, and insight into potential future career pathways. The Tour also gives participants the chance to compete in the world's largest, oldest, and most prestigious Model United Nations conference: the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN). In order to make the Tour as inclusive as possible to represent the diversity of our universities, you are asked to spread the word about NALT. More information can be found here:

<https://unyouth.org.nz/event/north-america-leadership-tour-2019/>

Book Release – Stardust & Substance: The New Zealand General Election of 2017

Stardust and Substance (edited by Stephen Levine) has just been released, and is the latest title in a VUP series of New Zealand election studies allowing New Zealanders today and 'in 20, 50 and 100 years' time' the opportunity to 'think about what happened and why' (John Key) at the country's general elections. *Stardust and Substance* tells the story of how the election was won, and a government formed. It also farewells the Key-English government, examining its legacy with regard to some key issues: New Zealand's flag; the economy, housing, the environment, immigration, foreign policy and security. You can buy *Stardust and Substance* through VUP's online webstore. Postage within NZ is free. <http://vup.victoria.ac.nz/stardust-and-substance-the-new-zealand-general-election-of-2017/>

Update on the Royal Society's new Code of Professional Standards and Ethics

Thanks again to all who contributed to the NZPSA's submission on the Royal Society's draft new Code of Professional Standards and Ethics. The Royal Society has made a number of changes based on the submissions they received and a new round of consultation is open, with feedback requested by 21 September 2018. Several of the amendments suggested in the NZPSA submission were adopted, but some issues about which we expressed concern remain. The Executive will write a new submission, reiterating the points agreed to by the membership in the earlier submission. You can see the revised draft Code of Professional Standards and Ethics here: <https://royalsociety.org.nz/who-we-are/our-rules-and-codes/consultation-on-new-code-of-professional-standards-and-ethics/>.

Workshop, November 29th 2018 - How to Run an Election Study

Jack Vowles has led the New Zealand Election Study (NZES) since 1996 and would like to pass on his experience to researchers willing to take on the task in the future. Subject to sufficient interest and uptake, he proposes to run a workshop at Victoria University of Wellington from 10am to 1pm on Wednesday November 29, the day after the New Zealand Political Studies Association Conference. Topics to be covered include:

- Seeking and gaining funds
- Team coordination
- Questionnaire design
- Sampling, fieldwork, response rates
- Weights and Data cleaning
- Analysis and Publication

He is seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to attend the workshop. Please contact him at jack.vowles@vuw.ac.nz before Friday 28 September.

NZPSA Annual Prizes & Biannual Grant

NZPSA Annual Prizes

The NZPSA is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the five NZPSA Annual Prizes. These are:

- **Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics**
- **Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics**
- **NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize**
- **NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize**
- **Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize**

All prize winners are announced at the Annual Dinner at the NZPSA Conference in December and are recorded on the NZPSA website. Please publicise these awards widely. Applications are due by **Monday November 5th 2018**. Further information is available on the NZPSA website: <https://nzpsa.co.nz/prizes>

NZPSA Biannual Grant

A bi-annual grant of up to \$2,000 is available for a project that will benefit NZPSA collectively or a significant part of it such as a Network, the Women's Caucus or the Postgraduate Body. New Networks can be formed for the purpose of applying for funding by gathering ten NZPSA members together and contacting the Executive. NZPSA collectives and individual members are therefore invited to submit applications for project funding by **5pm on the 1st of November 2018** to the President at kate.mcmillan@vuw.ac.nz, who will establish a committee to assess them. Further details of the grant and how to apply may be found on the NZPSA website at: <https://nzpsa.com/grants-and-awards>.

Job Vacancy Announcements

University of Waikato in Tauranga (2)

The School of Social Sciences is seeking to appoint a *Lecturer (two year fixed term)* and a *Senior Lecturer (two year fixed term)* in the area of *Political Science and International Relations*. These positions are based at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus and will contribute to the undergraduate and graduate teaching, postgraduate thesis supervision and administration requirements of the Political Science and International Relations subject areas in both Tauranga and Hamilton. The successful candidates will be expected to teach on both campuses. Closing date is 30 September. More information may be found here: <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/vacancies/current-vacancies>

Victoria University of Wellington (4)

The Political Science & International Relations Programme seeks to appoint 3 *permanent Lecturers/Senior Lecturers in International Relations*. All candidates with a strong background in any area of International Relations are encouraged to apply, but we are seeking especially candidates specializing in any of the following: International Political Economy, International Organizations, Human Rights, Security, and/or Environmental Politics. Closing date 15 October.

The Political Science & International Relations Programme also seeks to appoint a *permanent Lecturer in Comparative Politics*, with a specialization in the study of elections, political parties, and public opinion. The successful candidate should have a strong background in quantitative methods. Closing date is 15 October. More information on all 4 positions may be found here: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/careers/current-vacancies>

University of Texas at San Antonio (1)

The Department of Political Science and Geography at the University of Texas at San Antonio is asking for help in recruiting qualified candidates to apply for a Department Chair/faculty position with speciality. This is a tenured faculty position at the Associate or Full Professor level. More information may be found here:

<https://jobs.utsa.edu/postings/10329>

PhD Page

The Department of Politics at the University of Otago has had an exceptional 18 months (2017-2018) in producing a raft of PhDs and an outstanding MA (by thesis). Altogether, **ten** PhDs (primarily supervised by staff in Politics), plus another PhD in which staff played a secondary supervisory role, graduated – the most ever in the 51-year history of the Department. Ruby O'Connor produced an exceptional MA thesis, for which she received the Didem Yaman prize. This prize is awarded in the Department for the best MA thesis, and commemorates Didem Yaman, our PhD student who tragically died in the Christchurch earthquake of February 2011. One PhD received the honour of having his PhD thesis placed on the Dean's List of Exceptional Theses:

Luca J. Uberti

Good Governance, Corruption and Growth: A Political Economy of Post-Socialist Industrial Transformation in Albania & Kosovo, 1998-2015.

Supervisors:

Professor Philip Nel

Associate Professor James Headley



Luca J. Uberti graduated in December 2017 with a thesis on the relationship between governance, corruption and industrial transformation in post-socialist Albania and Kosovo. In his thesis, Italian-born and Albanian-speaking Luca used data from an original enterprise survey to examine the effects of corruption and anti-corruption on firm performance in post-socialist Albania and Kosovo. Existing approaches in both development practice and academia maintain that corruption - the abuse of entrusted authority for private gain - is invariably deleterious for economic growth. Taking a more nuanced political-sociological perspective, Luca argues that corruption can lead to either good or bad outcomes depending on how it is organised - who bribes whom to get what. Both his statistical analysis and the case-study evidence corroborate this perspective, lending credence to theories of corruption that challenge the easy, moralistic condemnation implicit in many academic and policy approaches to corruption.

Since leaving Otago, Luca joined the Department of Politics at the University of Oslo (UiO), working as part of a research project on "Disentangling the Economic Effects of Political Institutions" (DEEPI). Luca published six papers in peer-reviewed journals while he was a PhD student at Otago, and has published three more since joining the Department of Political Science at UiO.



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