



## Message from the President

Welcome to the final issue of the NZPSA Newsletter for 2018. I'd like to thank outgoing Executive Secretary Julie Molineaux for all her hard work for NZPSA over the last two years. Thanks also to Sarah Hendrica Bickerton, our unflappable NZPSA Administrative Assistant, for her help putting together the newsletter this year, among other things. Congratulations and thanks to the NZPSA Conference organising team for putting together a highly stimulating and enjoyable event, a report on which is included below.

I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break, and all the very best for 2019.

## NZPSA Annual Conference 2018

This year's NZPSA Annual Conference was held at Victoria University of Wellington on November 26-28. The theme was 'Representation and Responsibility'. Conference participants were encouraged to reflect on the interplay of representation and responsibility in politics, including questions such as: what forms of representation promote the interests and values of disadvantaged groups? How do current patterns of representation affect important socio-economic and political outcomes? How do we distribute responsibility for solving local and global problems? What kinds of responsibilities do political leaders and citizens have for these problems? How do we keep our representatives and rulers accountable? It was a highly successful event with 120 registrations, over 130 papers and analysis of politics in more than 46 different countries.

Highlights of the conference included two panel discussions by past and present MPs. A write-up of the first public panel, in which female politicians reflected on the past, present and future of Women in New Zealand politics may be read here:

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2018/12/11/358980/women-mps-reveal-death-threats-bullying-and-harassment>.

The second public panel focused on responsibility in Coalition governments, details of which may be read here:

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2018/12/12/360766/the-secrets-of-a-good-coalition>.

Our plenary speaker, Professor Sona Golder from Pennsylvania State University, addressed the important issue of supply-side barriers to women's representation. The conference dinner was held in Parliament, and delegates were fortunate to hear reflections on the conference theme from the Deputy Head of Mission of the Delegation of the EU to New Zealand, Per Sjonell and the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Wellington, Susan Niblock. Former journalist and now lawyer, Linda Clark, gave an after-dinner speech in which she reflected on the political effects of the media's changing coverage of New Zealand politics.

The Conference was preceded by a one-day post-graduate conference at which delegates had the opportunity to attend talks by academics, officials, policy-makers and business people, including Xavier Marquez and Patrick Flamm (Victoria University of Wellington); James To (Asia New Zealand Foundation); Ankit Kishore, Max Lin, and Victoria Hodgson (MBIE); Diane Owenga (DPMC), Brett Woods (Vodafone); and Suzanne Snively (Transparency International NZ).

At the AGM delegates reflected on various threats to academic freedom experienced by members over the previous year, and voted unanimously to pass a motion in favour of academic freedom. Delegates also agreed to invite Professor Anne-Marie Brady from Canterbury University to apply for the Universities New Zealand Critic and Conscience Award, and to support her application if she chose to apply. Thanks were given to outgoing Executive Secretary Julie Molineaux for her excellent work on behalf of the Association.

The success of the conference was due to the hard work of all those involved in its organisation. The NZPSA extends its heartfelt thanks to Ayca Arkilic, Maria Bargh, Sarah Hendrica Bickerton, Chris Eichbaum, Xavier Marquez, Kate Schick, Ben Thirkell-White and Jack Vowles. Very special thanks to Sue Rogers for her invaluable administrative help. Thanks also go to Sam Bigwood, Jonette Crysell, Eric Jeunot, Ruben Kearney-Parata, Stephen Levine, Kaitlin Martin-Feek, Leonardo Milani, Pavithra Jayawardena and Claire Timperley for all the support they gave to the organising committee. The NZPSA would also like to thank its sponsors for their generous support for the conference: The Delegation of the European Union to New Zealand; The Embassy of the United States in Wellington; VUW through its Advancing Better Government work group; *Political Science*; BWB Bridget Williams Books; Vicbooks; VUW's School of Government, and VUW's School of History, Philosophy, Political Science & International Relations.

## Welcome to new NZPSA Office Holders

We welcome the new NZPSA office holders who will begin their terms in January. They are:

- Peter Skilling (AUT) – Executive Secretary
- Jo Bond (AUT) – Postgraduate Representative
- Kate Nicholls (AUT) – AUT Representative
- Jeremy Moses (Canterbury) – Canterbury Representative
- Vicki Spencer (Otago) – Otago Representative
- Lara Greaves (AUT) – Māori Representative

## Women Talking Politics

The 2018 issue of [Women Talking Politics](#), co-edited by [Sylvia Nissen](#) and [Jean Drage](#), is available now, and can be found on our website, along with back issues of WTP. The 2019 issue of *Women Talking Politics* will be edited by [Sarah Hendrica Bickerton](#) and submission details will be available soon. Please consider submitting a research note or a review essay and encourage your doctoral students to send in a contribution.

## IPSA

Professor Dan Zirker of Waikato University reported that at IPSA this year he was elected to chair IPSA RC24 Armed Forces and Society, and Steven Ratuva of Canterbury University was elected to chair RC44 Security, Conflict and Democratization:

<https://www.ipsa.org/research-committees/rclist/RC24> & <https://www.ipsa.org/research-committees/rclist/RC44>

## NZPSA Civics Summit

On the 29th of November 2018 the NZPSA working group on Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy held a Civics Summit in Parliament hosted by Ministers Eugene Sage and Tracy Martin. The event was attended by 120 community representatives with varied backgrounds including research, teaching, immigration, volunteering, human rights, Māori and Pacific communities, constitutional lawyers, refugees, and business. Wide-ranging sessions debated key issues from how Te Treaty and Māori history is taught in schools, ways to support the current curriculum to close empowerment gaps and encourage citizenship as active collective engagement, issues for new arrivals, extending the franchise to 16 year olds, and restoring prisoner rights. At the end of the day the audience saw two new short films exploring suffrage issues by Ruth Korvar and Vanessa Patea and then launched the *Our Civic Future* report, written by 30 colleagues. The organisers would like to thank the sponsors, especially the Gama Foundation, the McGuinness Institute, the NZ Electoral Commission, the NZPSA, and the Universities of Otago and Canterbury. An audio recording of the event, the report, and a summary will be available on the NZPSA website in the new year. Sincere thanks to everyone supporting this event.

- Bronwyn Hayward, network coordinator



## NZPSA Annual Prizes

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The NZPSA is pleased to announce the winners for NZPSA Annual Prizes. These are:

- **Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics:** Miriama Aoake, University of Auckland
- **Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics:** Esme Hall, University of Otago
- **NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize:** Shirin Brown, Auckland University of Technology
- **NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize:** Sereyvicheth Chunly, University of Auckland

All prize winners were announced at the Annual Dinner at the NZPSA Conference. The judges commented on the very high quality of all entries.

## Conferences

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

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](mailto: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>

### 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*'.

[http://irspm2019.com/irspm19/general\\_information](http://irspm2019.com/irspm19/general_information)

## PhD Page

The PhD page normally features the profiles of recently completed doctoral scholars, in recognition of their achievement. If you have completed yours, or know of someone from the NZPSA community who has recently completed theirs, please contact us with the details so that we may share your success.



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