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Message from the President He karere nā Te Tumuaki



Richard Shaw

Kia ora kotou katoa

Welcome to the Autumn iteration of the Newsletter. (Will, the Association's Administrator and designer-in-chief of the Newsletter, has used a lovely shade of orange, but if the weather wherever you are in the motu is anything like the stuff we've had here in the Manawatū lately he really should have run with something a little more watery...)

I'd like to begin by acknowledging Maria Bargh, Lara Greaves, Kate Schick and Claire Timperley. You'll read more about the reasons for doing so further on – here I simply wish to point to the contribution each has made (or, in the case of Lara and Maria, is about to make!) to a wider public good, whether in the classroom or at the level of our institutional arrangements.

Apropos, a Big Thanks from Peter, Xavier and me for all of your ongoing efforts at keeping in touch with colleagues across the discipline, including through the zoom sessions being delivered by a number of the Networks. Keeping the conversations going has been tricky in recent times, but people continue to find the time and energy to do so. Good stuff.

Finally, please take the time to browse the information in this edition about our annual conference, the details about the Postgraduate and Undergraduate student essay prizes, and the news from the Networks and our PhDs. It all speaks of an Association in which – the various challenges of the last couple of years notwithstanding – there is plenty going on and much to look forward to.

With best wishes from the Manawatū

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, which is being organised by friends and colleagues at Waikato University / Te Whare Wanganga o Waikato, will be held online from Tuesday 29th November - Thursday 1st December 2022. The conference theme, which is especially apt in the present socio-political context, globally and domestically, is '**Reclaiming Common Ground: A Key Challenge for Political Studies.**'

In addition to papers speaking directly to that theme, the organisers welcome submissions from all areas related to comparative politics, political theory, international relations, Māori politics, media and politics, gender politics, environmental politics, public policy and New Zealand politics. They also welcome proposals for panel sessions (3-4 speakers) and roundtable proposals related to the conference theme.

The **deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 9th September**: please send yours to nzpsa2022@waikato.ac.nz. More detail on submissions is available on the website, or [downloadable here](#).

People in the News

Ko te hunga ki ngā kawepūrongo



Maria Bargh

We'd like to extend our congratulations to two wāhine toa from the political science community – **Maria Bargh** and **Lara Greaves** - who former Justice Minister Kris Faafoi has recently announced have been selected to serve on the independent panel that will review Aotearoa New Zealand's electoral arrangements. Lara was nominated for membership to the independent panel by NZPSA/TKTToA. Well done to both (and good luck)!



Lara Greaves

For more details regarding the Independent Review into Aotearoa New Zealand's electoral arrangements and the other panel members, head [here](#).

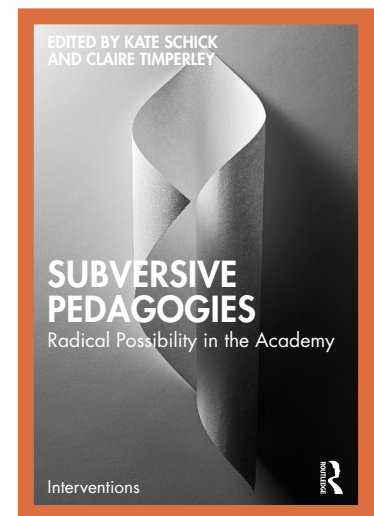
We would also like to congratulate **Kate Schick** and **Claire Timperley**, who have been awarded the British International Studies Association Award for [Distinguished Excellence in Teaching International Studies](#).

Here's what the awarding committee had to say:

"This is an incredibly strong submission that details a clear contribution to learning and teaching, innovation, engagement with a diverse student population, sharing of good practice, stimulating independent learning and critical thinking, and dissemination of good practice..."

And in the announcement:

"Claire and Kate's engagement with indigenous knowledge is a central part of their teaching. It serves as an example of how to indigenise the curriculum. What particularly stands out is the length of time involved in their pedagogical work."



Generation Vote Trust of Aotearoa

Te Tiakitanga Whakatupuranga o Aotearoa

In related news to the review into electoral arrangements, a group called [Generation Vote](#) works on issues that may be of interest to some of you.

Generation Vote is a (largely) youth-led non-partisan charity that teaches civics education in high schools at a year 9 and 10 level. Chris Rudd from the University of Otago and Will Dreyer from Victoria University of Wellington are two of the trustees of this organisation. There are currently branches in Ōtepoti/Dunedin and Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington, teaching hundreds of students each year.

Generation Vote is looking to expand to other cities, and are looking for passionate students keen to join this project, build an executive committee of their own and deliver civics education in local high schools. If you are keen to get involved, or know of any students that you think would be keen please contact Chris and Will at board@generationvote.nz

IPSA World Congress 2023

Te Hui Whānui o IPSA

The 27th [IPSA Conference World Congress of Political Science](#) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 15 to 19 July 2023. The theme of the Congress is "**Politics in the Age of Transboundary Crises.**"

Alongside the on-site events, there will be additional virtual components to this Congress. Calls for proposals will soon open, something to keep in mind!

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Essay Prizes

Ngā Whakawhiwhinga Tuhinga a ngā Taurira Tohu Paetahi, Tohu Paerua

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

The dates by which nominations for Essay Prizes must be submitted have now been confirmed, and are in the table below. For more information about the prizes and the nomination process, head [here](#).

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 11 November 2022	Richard Shaw	NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize
5pm Friday 4 November 2022	Priya Kurian	Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize

News from the Networks

He kawepūrongo nā Ngā Hononga

Julienne Molineaux has taken over from Andy Asquith as the Convenor of the **Local Government Research Network**. A big thanks to Andy for all of his past work, and to Julienne for stepping into the role! If you'd like to join the Local Government Research Network please contact Julienne at julienne.molineaux@aut.ac.nz.

The **Aotearoa Politics Network** is starting its monthly research zooms once again for staff and post-grads who want to share completed projects, work in progress and half-baked ideas with other NZ politics enthusiasts. To join the email list or get more information, please contact Janine: janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz.

Date	Presenter	Title
8th July	Valerie Wallace and Rebecca Lenihan	Introducing the People of Parliament Project
22nd July	Shirin Brown	Examining the role of local board members on Auckland Council
26th August	Tohunga Riwai	Assessing the framing of Māori by the NZ Media within the coverage of He Puapua
23rd September	Joshua James	Gay Neo-Nazis: queering white supremacy, or, queer white supremacists?
21st October	Stacey Howman	Politicians' framing on Facebook and Twitter
18th November	Miranda Johnson	Constituting Aotearoa New Zealand: some reflections on teaching constitutional history in 2022

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.

This month features **Claire Fitzpatrick**, a recent graduate from Victoria University of Wellington. But first, some introductions from your **Postgraduate Student Representatives**:

My name is [Jessica Valisa](#), I am a third year PhD Student at the University of Otago. As a NZPSA post-grad representative, my role is to engage the association on matters related to the post-grad community and to help organising the postgraduate day at the NZPSA Conference. If you have any suggestion on how to improve the usefulness of the association for postgraduate students, I would love to hear from you! Also, we are working on possible future events for postgrads, so it would be great to get some inputs from the community.



Jessica Valisa



Kaitlin Martin-Feek

Kia ora and gilakas'la,

My name is [Kaitlin Martin-Feek](#) and I am one of two PhD representatives on the NZPSA board. I am a PhD in Political Science at Victoria, researching the All Blacks and Black Ferns (national rugby) in New Zealand to interrogate how we (re)construct national identity in settler-colonial societies.

Along with my colleague Jess, we run the social media pages for NZPSA postgrads, provide a first point of contact for any questions you may have about joining and participating, and are involved in planning the postgrad specific activities at the annual NZPSA conference. Our goal is to connect postgrads in PSIR around New Zealand, create opportunities for professional development, and encourage collaboration and community amongst our postgrads. I also love to hear about what everyone is researching!

Feel free to reach out with any questions, or just for a chat to connect or share your ideas. My virtual door is always open!

PhD Profile

Claire Fitzpatrick completed her PhD at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington in October 2021. Her dissertation entitled [Humanity's Gone Viral](#) (awarded the 2022 Sir Desmond Todd Prize for best Political Science or International Relations PhD) explores the role that hashtags play in maintaining political, social, and technological inequalities.



Claire Fitzpatrick

It argues that the use of collectivising hashtags affords new opportunities for self-expression that simultaneously empower and compromise certain individuals. It is written in response to experiences of racism shared via the #TheyAreUs, #ThatsUs, and #ThisIsNotUs hashtags that trended following the terror attack on Muslim communities in Ōtautahi, Christchurch. Her analysis encourages users to think critically about the affecting nature of their online practices, or risk becoming complicit in the wider relations of power in which discrimination, oppression, and violent extremism fester.

The findings of Claire's research have contributed to the New Zealand Human Rights Commission's Give Nothing to Racism and Voice of Racism behaviour change digital campaigns, and have also been shared with the New Zealand High Commission in France and French Digital Council as a part of the Christchurch Call to Action Summit.

Since finishing her thesis, her work has been published in the Feminist Journal of International Politics and she is currently preparing chapters for a monograph. Her emerging research area contributes to burgeoning feminist conversations on the embodied and affectual workings of vulnerability, ignorance and precariousness in digital atmospheres. Claire is currently a teaching fellow in International Relations and Political Communications at Victoria University of Wellington.

Publications:

[Fitzpatrick, Claire. "Claiming Collectivity: The Socio-Political Affects of Hashtagging 'us.'" *International feminist journal of politics* \(2022\): 1–22.](#)