

# NZPSA

New Zealand Political Studies Association  
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa



Welcome to the third edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter for 2017. A new semester has started, we are in the midst of an election campaign, and our annual conference is just four months away with the call for papers closing in less than a month. Although these are busy times, please do remember to check that your NZPSA networks have at least 10 active members, as the annual audit will be conducted in September. Also, don't forget that we will be calling for nominations for President of the Association in two months, along with other vacant positions on the Executive and Council. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. With best wishes, [Jennifer Curtin](#), *NZPSA President*

## Annual NZPSA Conference

The 2017 NZPSA Conference will be hosted by the University of Otago on 29 November-1 December, with the [Postgraduate Workshop](#) on the 28 November. The theme of this year's conference is [Dis\(ordering\) Politics: Exclusion, Resistance and Participation](#). The conference features three public events in addition to the usual topic streams: a keynote lecture by [Professor David McNally](#) of the University of York (Canada), and two panel discussions on Indigenous Politics and the New Zealand Election. The [call for papers](#) closes on **1<sup>st</sup> September**. For information on topic streams and contacts, see the [conference website](#).

## Student Prizes: Calls for applications

- Entries for the [Undergraduate Essay Prize in Māori Politics](#) are due by Monday 6 November 2017 and should be submitted to [Dominic O'Sullivan](#)
- Entries for the [Undergraduate Essay Prize for Aotearoa New Zealand Politics](#) are due by Monday 6 November 2017 and should be submitted to [Jack Vowles](#)
- Entries for the [NZ Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by Monday 6 November 2016 and should be submitted to [Jack Vowles](#)
- Entries for the [NZPSA Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by Monday 6 November 2017 and should be submitted to the [NZPSA President](#)
- Entries for the [Environmental Politics and Policy Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize](#) are due by 1 October 2017 and should be submitted to [Julie MacArthur](#)

## IPSA World Congress

In 2018 the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference and the Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS) will be incorporated into the IPSA 25th World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane (21-25 July, 2018). The call for papers closes on **10 October**. You can find more information here: <http://www.ipsa.org/world-congress-brisbane-2018>

For more insights into the 2018 Brisbane Conference, and to see our own NZPSA featured, check out the latest issue of [Participation](#).

## 2017 New Zealand Post-Election Conference

The 2017 Victoria University post-election conference hosted by [Stephen Levine](#) and [Jon Johansson](#) will be held at Parliament House on 6 December, 8.30am-5pm. For further information please click [here](#).

## Australian Political Studies Association Conference

The APSA conference for 2017 will be hosted by Monash University in Melbourne on 25-27 September. See the [APSA 2017 Conference website](#) for more details.

## Quantitative Political Science

The next meeting of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science will be held at Victoria University of Wellington on 11-12 December 2017. Please contact [Jack Vowles](#) for more information

## Women Talking Politics Call for Contributions

Priya Kurian and Gauri Nandedkar are currently working on the 2017 edition of [Women Talking Politics](#), and the call for contributions for this issue closes on **1<sup>st</sup> September**. Research briefs, peer-reviewed articles and creative writing focused on feminist social activism are encouraged. If you wish to contribute to this year's edition, please email [Gauri Nandedkar](#) directly.

## New Books

[Dominic O'Sullivan](#), current member of the NZPSA Council, has a new book published by Policy Press at Bristol. Titled *Indigeneity: a politics of potential – Australia, Fiji and New Zealand*, the book is considered the first comprehensive integration of political theory to explain indigenous politics, assessing the interaction of indigenous and liberal political theories to consider the practical policy implications of the indigenous right to self-determination. You can find the full description [here](#).

[Jack Vowles](#), [Hilda Coffé](#) and [Jennifer Curtin](#) have a new book forthcoming in late August titled *A Bark But No Bite*, which draws on the New Zealand Election Study to explore why publicly expressed concerns about inequality did not result in a change of government in 2014. More information is available on the [ANU Press website](#).

## PhD Profiles



Sylvia completed her PhD at the University of Otago

**Sylvia C. Frain's** thesis, "*Fanohge Famalão'an & Fan'tachu Fama'lauan: Women Rising Indigenous Resistance to Militarization in the Marianas Archipelago*" highlights ten contemporary examples of women's digital, legal, political, and spiritual resistance. Her research is part of an ongoing collaboration of artists, activists, and academics who explore decolonization and demilitarization resistance and fluidarity (solidarity) in Oceania through a gendered and visual lens. She is currently a Research Associate with the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam. Sylvia recently published in the special issue of the journal *Feminist Formations*, and founded and manages the research-oriented Facebook page, *Oceania Resistance*. Sylvia is currently the Associate Director and Pacific Liaison for a symposium to be held at the University of California, Irvine in October 2017 titled "An Ocean of Knowledge: Pacific seafaring, cultural survival, and sustainability." [sylviafrain@gmail.com](mailto:sylviafrain@gmail.com)

**Jake Lin** completed his PhD at Victoria University of Wellington in December 2016, with thesis titled "*Wildcat or Lion: Inequality, Agency and the New Chinese Working Class*", supervised by Professors Xiaoming Huang and Dr. Jason Young. The stagnancy of the labour union movement in post-socialist China is often explained in the literature with structural factors such as an oppressive state and institutions. Jake's research introduces the concept of workers' 'cognitive agency', and provides a systematic assessment focusing on class identification, willingness to participate in industrial action, and sense of solidarity. Using statistical and interview data, Jake demonstrates that the new Chinese working class has not possessed a collective agency that is sufficiently united, cognitively knowledgeable and politically visionary for a transformative political change. Jake has published in journals such as *International Sociology* and *Socialism and Democracy*. He continues to research and teach on labour and migration, East Asian politics and security. Jake will be the 2017 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow based in Tokyo. [jake.n.lin@gmail.com](mailto:jake.n.lin@gmail.com)



**Gauri Nandedkar** completed her PhD thesis in May 2017 at the University of Waikato under the supervision of Professor Priya Kurian and Drs. Patrick Barrett and Rachel Simon-Kumar. Her thesis explored the policy translation of Millennium Development Goal 3 (to promote gender equality and empower women) from a global aspiration into a locally-implemented life-skills education programme for adolescent girls in rural Maharashtra, India. Gauri drew on several theoretical and analytical frameworks, including Third World Feminism and Women, Culture and Development, to develop a framework enabling her to undertake a qualitative thematic analysis of notions such as citizenship, well-being and empowerment, volunteerism and post-neoliberalism. Her work contributes to critical policy studies, feminist studies, and development studies. Gauri is working at the University of Waikato as a Research Associate in the Environmental Planning Programme on National Science Challenge 11: 'Building better homes, towns and cities', and is a Teaching Fellow in the Political Science and Public Policy Programme. [ln35@students.waikato.ac.nz](mailto:ln35@students.waikato.ac.nz)



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