



Message from the President

Welcome to the (late) Autumn NZPSA Newsletter. New Zealand has made great progress in stopping the spread of Covid 19, but, as we are hearing, we do need to remain vigilant. While we have made a decision not to hold our annual conference in late November, the NZPSA Executive continues to be committed to pursuing our purpose of fostering the study of political phenomena, particularly in relation to Aotearoa New Zealand.

There is much potential for us to remain connected as a community of political studies researchers through, for example, participating in online workshops or mini-conferences. To this end, we are encouraging the networks within the Association to consider becoming more active as we move into the second half of the year. Also, do note the invitation from the Political Science journal, below, for networks to submit proposals for special issues.

Currently we have the following networks, and this includes a newly established International Relations Network:

- Aotearoa New Zealand Politics Network [*Janine Hayward*, janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz]
- Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy [*Bronwyn Hayward*, bronwyn.hayward@canterbury.ac.nz]
- Environmental Politics and Policy Network [*Valentina Dinica*, valentina.dinica@yvu.ac.nz]
- Gender and Politics Network [*Shine Choi*, s.choi1@massey.ac.nz]
- Local Government Research Network [*Andy Asquith*, a.asquith@massey.ac.nz]
- Political Theory Network [*Lucas Knotter*, l.knotter@massey.ac.nz]
- International Relations Network [*Patrick Flamm*, patrick.flamm@yvu.ac.nz]

You will also see in the following item a proposal to re-launch the Political Communication network.

If you are not already a member of a network, but would like to be involved, please do contact the network convenor. You will find more information on the relevant network page on the NZPSA website:

<https://nzpsa.com/networks>. If you are planning on holding a network workshop, please get in touch with the NZPSA Executive to explore possible forms of support.

We produce this newsletter as a way of supporting the study and teaching of politics in New Zealand, so if you have any information on these topics you would like included in future newsletters, please email us at admin@nzpsa.co.nz.

– Patrick Barrett, NZPSA President

Relaunching and New Networks

Re-launching the Political Communication Network

The NZPSA Political Communication Network was established to provide a platform for scholars conducting research at the intersection of politics and communication.

In recent years, however, the Network has lain dormant – in spite of the fact that we have a growing and vibrant community of political communication scholars in New Zealand.

We believe that this community would benefit greatly from a forum for the exchange of ideas and findings, and we therefore intend to revive the Network.

Functions of the Network will include:

- Supporting political communication research by sharing knowledge, methods, and resources.
- Facilitating collaborative research in the area of political communication.
- Organising events for the dissemination and discussion of research findings, such as stand-alone workshops and panels at NZPSA conferences.
- Coordinating activities with other NZPSA networks as well as with international specialist groups.

The Network recognises that political communication is produced by a wide range of actors, including – but not limited to – political parties, news media, governmental institutions, interest groups, social movements, and digital citizens. We welcome all research methods and analytical perspectives that help us advance our understanding of the practices, content, and implications of political communication. Postgraduate research students are particularly encouraged to sign up as members.

If you are interested in joining the Network, please email either one of the co-convenors:

Olli Hellmann: olli.hellmann@waikato.ac.nz

Justin Phillips: justin.phillips@waikato.ac.nz

We hope to organise a Network workshop in November this year – either physically (at the new Waikato campus in Tauranga) or remotely. By joining the Network, you will be included in any communication regarding dates, deadlines, activities, and more.

New IR Network within NZPSA

Following the last NZPSA conference at the University of Canterbury in 2019, we have formed a network of NZ-based International Relations scholars as a point of connection and collaboration. We feel that such a network has been lacking in our local IR community to date and would like to build a stronger platform for IR-related contributions to the annual NZPSA conference. In absence of a NZPSA conference in 2020, we have also been discussing the possibility of an online (or, if things go well, perhaps in-person!) IR-network gathering for later this year.

The International Relations Network (IRN) will provide a platform for New Zealand-based academics and postgraduate studies with an interest in the study of global, international, and transnational political phenomena to discuss themes of common interest and to explore projects for research cooperation. The network will connect New Zealand-based scholars of international politics and stimulate collaborative contributions to NZPSA conferences.

The functions of the IRN are as follows:

- To provide a platform for exchange between those who have an interest in international politics through a mailing list;
- To invite, initiate and organise contributions on international politics at the NZPSA conferences, especially panel proposals;
- To facilitate New Zealand-based research cooperation on topics in the area of international politics.

If you are interested in joining the IR network please get in touch with Patrick Flamm:

patrick.flamm@vuw.ac.nz.

Call for Papers

Women Talking Politics

The aim of Women Talking Politics – a mini-journal produced by the New Zealand Political Studies Association – is to promote the work of women (-identified and non-binary) political scientists in New Zealand. The 2020 edition would like to focus on the impact of COVID-19 on women in politics, policy, and the academy. However, we encourage anyone to send their work in, regardless of whether it falls within this focus. Please note that the brief for Women Talking Politics is both women talking about politics, as well as women in politics, so there is quite the range of possibilities open. We will be seeking submissions by New Zealand-based women political scientists (both academic staff and postgraduate students), policy academics, and social scientists for the following sections:

Research Briefs of 200-300 words.

Articles of 800-1,000 words.

Book reviews.

Creative writing, ideally not more than 800 words, but this is flexible

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, and should be emailed to lara.greaves@auckland.ac.nz

Invitation by the editors of Political Science to consider papers from NZPSA Networks for special issues:

Victoria University of Wellington's Journal Political Science is keen to receive proposals for special issues that can have a New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, or broad comparative or international focus. Subject to negotiation, funding could be provided to organise a workshop in Wellington to develop papers for submission. Proposals are particularly welcome from the various networks within the NZPSA. Please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rpnz20/current> for more information.

HAPSc Policy Briefs series

The Hellenic Association of Political Scientists (HAPSc) is inviting all researchers and experts to submit Policy Briefs based on recent research conducted on political, social and economic issues and policies at Global and European level during the Coronavirus Crisis. The selected Policy Briefs will be published at the “HAPSc’s Policy Briefs series: Policy making during Coronavirus crisis.”

Additional information available here: <https://www.hapsc.org/publications/hapscs-policy-briefs/>

Open Submissions: 11/05/2020

Deadline for Submission is: 19/06/2020

Answers will be given at end of July 2020

Policy Briefs are tools that can transfer academic findings to a concise policy note that could be accessible by policy makers and general public. The choice of the topic is left open to researchers. The Call is open to both members and non-members of the Hellenic Association of Political Scientists and the brief could be submitted by up to six authors. Authors can be academics, technocrats and business executives. Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Political situation and policies
- Welfare State and social consequences of the coronavirus crisis
- Public Administration and Local Government in coronavirus crisis
- Education policies in transition
- Economic policies to manage coronavirus crisis
- Business world in coronavirus crisis
- Health Policies in the time of coronavirus crisis
- EU Policies in time of coronavirus crisis
- International Relations in coronavirus crisis and coordination
- International Organizations in corona crisis situation
- Tourism in the new era
- Human rights violation

Please submit your Policy Brief to policybriefs@hapsc.org with e-mail Subject: “Submission at HAPSc’s Policy Briefs”

Updates: Surviving the Lockdown

Waikato staff were informed on Sunday 22 March that all face-to-face teaching would be suspended. The week between 23-29 March was declared an “independent study” week, thus giving staff time to move their teaching online. Paper convenors were given broad flexibility to adjust teaching content and assessments; there was no expectation that online teaching would have to be delivered synchronously. Students have been very understanding of technical glitches and hastily cobbled-together online lessons. On the plus side, thanks to regular departmental Zoom meetings, we now know what each other’s living rooms look like. And we chuckled at ever more humorous hair.

Via Olli Hellman, Waikato

At Lincoln University, we’ve navigated our way through online teaching about as well as could be expected, but are looking forward to Semester 2 which is expected to be face-to-face while having online capability for students who require it. The outlook is mixed. 48% of students at Lincoln are international students, so the border closures have a huge impact on our students and their research, but post-covid there is an expected increase in agriculture students, and many engage with environmental policy as part of their studies.

Via Sylvia Nissen, Lincoln

We welcome further input from university reps on how your university is coping with COVID and its aftermaths.

PhD Page

The PhD page 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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