



Hold the date

The Australian Political Studies Annual Conference will meet at the University of Sydney from **Sunday 28th September to Wednesday 1st October 2014**.

The event will feature a plenary roundtable moderated by Professor Guy Lachapelle (IPSA General Secretary, University of Concordia) on 'Contemporary Challenges of Electoral Integrity', featuring several members of the IPSA Executive.

The IPSA Executive Committee will hold its meeting in conjunction with the event. The APSA Executive will also meet in Sydney. Sunday also features five thematic all-day workshops followed by an opening wine and cheese early evening reception in the New Law School Building for workshop participants.

The packed program for the remaining main days of the conference offers delegates a choice of one hundred panels organized into seven thematic streams, including the main conference theme, on 'Elections, Democracy and Autocracy.' The event attracted a record number of around 600 paper proposals, including around 150 international participants from more than thirty countries. Proposals have now been carefully reviewed by the Program Committee. Those who have been accepted have been notified and the Program Committee is now in the process organizing the papers into thematic panels, each with a discussant and chair. The Conference Program and schedule will go live on the conference website, www.apsa2014.com, on 1st June.

The event will also feature several other social networking events. On Monday evening APSA hosts a welcoming reception for all delegates and a prize-giving ceremony with drinks and canapés downtown at the New South Wales Parliament, Sydney. The 8-course conference dinner on Tuesday will be held in the famous Marigold Restaurant in Chinatown and tickets can be purchased separately for the bargain price of \$38 (not inclusive of drinks). There will also be opportunities for optional sign-up cultural and tourism events, such as a Harbor cruise, and a book exhibit.

Conference registration rates are greatly reduced from previous annual meetings and the early-bird rate closes at 5pm on 10th June. All conference participants need to register to attend the event, including students. To do so, go to the conference website, www.apsa2014.com. The early bird rate saves a considerable discount (\$50) over the standard rate.

We hope to see you in Sydney!



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NZPSA Conference 2014

Second Round Call for Papers

Venue: University of Auckland

Dates: 1st-3rd December 2014 (conference)

30th November (postgraduate workshop)

Thank you to all applicants for the first round call for the New Zealand Political Studies Association 2014 annual conference, which closed on 15th May. We received more than 180 abstracts from 28 countries, setting the foundation for an exciting conference this year. Acceptances from round one will be sent out by **1st July 2014**.

A second - and final - round for additional submissions has now opened, with a due date of **30th June 2014**. The organisers encourage paper abstracts (150-200 words) or panel proposals (of up to five papers) that speak to the diverse approaches, issues and methods in the study of politics. These include the following streams:

- New Zealand politics
- Māori and Indigenous politics
- Political theory
- Public policy and administration
- International relations
- Political economy

- Comparative politics
- Environmental politics
- Media politics
- Teaching and learning politics
- Conference theme

We would also welcome papers on the following theme:

Conflict and discord: Politics in a time of crisis

The political landscape is characterised by conflict and discord. This is most evident during times of socio-political and economic upheaval, but also features in the everyday practice of contemporary democratic politics. Issues of voter apathy, cynicism and democratic decline more broadly herald significant challenges for the legitimacy and effectiveness of political institutions. At the same time, new political forces have emerged, challenging established practices and actors. For example, the battle between scientists and climate change deniers continues to rage, while public opinion in New Zealand and Australia is divided over the economic and environmental impacts of offshore drilling, mining and agricultural intensification. Protest movements from Occupy to the Indignados have sprung up calling for a radical rethink in the social, economic and political configuration of society. In the Middle East, the sense of hope that accompanied the initial discord of the Arab Spring has quickly evaporated as a new wave of repressive measures is introduced to clamp down on protestors. By focusing on themes of conflict and discord, we encourage participants to think about changes to the decision-making process and the allocation of power in a society during times of crisis. In what ways does the practice of politics change? To what extent is conflict natural, necessary and perhaps even constructive? What insights can some conflicts, such as those around climate denial, provide for our understanding of political processes?

Particular issues welcomed in the theme include:

- Democratic decline
- Theories of crisis
- Austerity and new social movements
- Racism, racialization and conflict
- Retribution and reconciliation
- Conflict and revolutionary change

Deadlines:

Submission of second round abstracts and panel proposals: **30th June 2014.**

Notification of second round successful submissions: **1st August 2014.**

More information about the conference, including the postgraduate workshop on 30th November, can be found on the website at: <http://nzpsa2014.org.nz/> Abstracts can be submitted [here](#) and panels can be submitted [here](#).

Conference queries should be sent to: nzpsa2014@auckland.ac.nz

Regards,

Dr. Julie MacArthur and Dr. Thomas Gregory
(conference co-chairs)



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST OCIS 2016

The Sixth Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS) will be held at the University of Melbourne on 9-11 July 2014. It has become customary to announce the next OCIS at each biennial conference and we therefore **invite expressions of interest to host OCIS in July 2016** so an announcement can be made at the Melbourne conference.

Please send expressions of interest and/or any queries regarding past conference practices, to Robyn Eckersley, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne; email: r.eckersley@unimelb.edu.au. Detailed information will then be provided on what is required to submit a formal bid, which should be submitted **no later than Friday 6 June 2014.**

Formal bids will be assessed by the OCIC transition committee, which is broadly representative of the international studies community in the region. The committee shall be guided by the following criteria:

1. The conference should be run by a mainstream International Relations, International Studies or Politics Department, Centre or School, with a significant cohort of academic and postgraduates working in the field of International Relations and cognate fields.
2. The host should be able to provide the necessary institutional and financial support to ensure a successful conference, and that this should include the ability to offer bursaries for graduate students to a level established in previous conferences.
3. Where possible, attention will be given to regional equity so that the conference moves around from state to state, and from Australia to New Zealand.

Membership of the OCIS Transition Committee for 2014

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FAY GALE LECTURE 2014

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, in conjunction with Monash University, is pleased to present the Academy's 2014 Fay Gale Lecture:

"WINNING THE WAR ON WAR BUT LOSING THE BATTLE: A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE ON GLOBAL VIOLENCE"

by Professor Jacqui True, Monash University

International relations scholars as well as psychologists have recently claimed that violence – defined largely as homicide and casualties from war – is in steep decline. On these accounts, human beings are becoming more civilised. However, research dedicated to making the case for decline with reference to historical and quantitative data has almost completely neglected evidence of gendered violence. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) has been largely invisible, silent and unreported yet prevalence surveys reveal that the majority of women and girls in every country, that is, a large proportion of the total world population, have experienced this form of violence. According to the cross-national International Violence against Women survey (IVAWS) the number of women who have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since age sixteen is between 20 and 60 per cent with an average victimisation rate of over 35 per cent. Moreover, declinist perspectives on violence and war seem to go against contemporary reporting of widespread and systematic SGBV especially targeting civilians in genocide, conflict and mass atrocity situations. Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

has been the subject of nearly four decades of feminist scholarship, activism and policy interventions. Analysing global violence from a feminist perspective on VAWG radically challenges declinist views and our understanding of the causes, justifications, and consequences of violence.

The Fay Gale Lecture honours the late Professor Gwendoline Fay Gale AO (1932-2008), the first female President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and an eminent social scientist. Professor Gale was notable for her far-reaching impact on the promotion of gender equity within the university sector.

Date: Tuesday, 03 Jun 2014

Time: 6–7pm (followed by light refreshments)

Venue: Monash University
S320 Link Theatre, Building S
900 Dandenong Road
Caulfield East, VIC 3145

FREE Admissions but bookings essential

RSVP: Friday, 30 May 2014

Registration:

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SAVE THE DATE!
International Political Science Association World Congress
Brisbane, Australia
15-19 July, 2018

APSA's bid to host the World Congress of IPSA in Brisbane in 2018 has been successful. This means that in July 2018, the IPSA World Congress will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The APSA annual conference and the OCIS biennial conference will both be held in conjunction with the World Congress that year.

The World Congress will provide a unique opportunity to bring political science and international relations scholars from Australia, the Asia-Pacific region, and the world to one conference together.

The Executive Committee of IPSA will hold its next meeting in Sydney in September, at the time of the APSA annual conference. It will also meet with the Local Organising Committee for the World Congress. The Secretary-General of IPSA, Prof Guy Lachapelle, will chair a roundtable on 'contemporary challenges of electoral integrity' at the APSA conference.

I would especially like to thank the current sponsors of the World Congress:



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Kath Gelber
Chair, Local Organising Committee, 2018 IPSA World Congress