

### APSA Annual Conference 2014



#### Call For Paper And Panel Proposals

**When:** Sunday 28 September to Wednesday 1 October 2014

**Where:** University of Sydney, Australia

**Conference theme:** Elections, Democracies and Autocracies

**Details:** [www.apsa2014.org](http://www.apsa2014.org)

**Deadlines:** Proposals must be uploaded online by 1 March 2014.

The annual conference of the Australian Political Studies Association will meet from Sunday 28 September to Wednesday 1 October 2014 at the University of Sydney, NSW, Australia.

#### Call for Panel and Paper Proposals

The Association welcomes paper and panel proposals falling within any area or subfield within the discipline of political studies, broadly defined. This includes: International Relations, Public Policy, Australian and Indigenous politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Environmental Politics, Thematic stream: Elections, democracy and autocracy, Open stream.

#### Conference theme: Elections, democracies, and autocracies

In addition, the organisers encourage submissions addressing the main conference theme of 'Elections, democracies and autocracies' from multiple disciplinary and methodological approaches.

#### Pre-APSA Workshops Sunday 28 September

Several thematic workshops will be held the day before the main conference and are designed to bring together scholars presenting research papers around a common topic. Workshops include a graduate student workshop; the legal regulation of political parties; electoral integrity in Asia-Pacific; comparative immigration policy and politics; and the future of environmental movements.

**Submission Deadline: 1 March 2014**

Contributors are invited to go online to the conference website, [www.apsa2014.org](http://www.apsa2014.org) by the deadline of 5pm (AEDT) 1 March 2014, to submit a proposal.

**More details are available at:** [www.apsa2014.org](http://www.apsa2014.org)  
**Queries** should be sent to the conference assistant: [apsa2014sydney@gmail.com](mailto:apsa2014sydney@gmail.com)

**Conference Conveners:** **Pippa Norris** (University of Sydney and Harvard University) and **Richard W. Frank** (University of Sydney).

#### APSA Survey for the Postgraduate Student Workshop

In preparation for the annual student workshop, the APSA Postgraduate Student Caucus piloted a two-month planning survey to gather insights of postgraduates across Australia on how to make this year's workshop more responsive to students' needs. The 10-item online survey, which received responses from 36 Caucus members purposively selected for the study, covered various topics on the respondents' background and comments or suggestions for the Workshop and the Caucus.

We are very thankful to all those who participated in the survey. Following the survey results, this year's workshop theme will be "*Publish, publish, publish: A plan for the next six months*". The workshop will be held a day before the APSA Conference on 28 September (Sunday, 9:00am-5:30pm) at the University of Sydney. The day will be organised into four mini-workshops to build the individual capacity of postgraduates by empowering students to develop plans of action for their research. This day will also include interactive sessions aimed at all levels of study, from Masters degree students to first year and finishing PhD's. It will focus on strategies to publish your research and also include tips on answering tough questions every postgraduate faces such as on how to finish your masters/PhD, publish and survive and on exploring career opportunities after. We will be inviting prominent guest speakers for this event. A social and networking reception will also be available after.

To know more and register for this event, please visit the 2014 APSA Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/site/apsa2014/home>

[e/call-for-papers](#). If you would like to get a copy of the survey results and know more about this year's workshop, please contact me [e.macarayan@uq.edu.au](mailto:e.macarayan@uq.edu.au).

**Erlyn Macarayan**  
**Postgraduate Caucus Representative**

### **Annual Postgraduate Workshop Grants**

Following a successful postgraduate research training workshop held at the end of 2013, the APSA Executive Committee have undertaken to provide an annual grant for workshops on research methods training. Further details can be found on the APSA website or by contacting the National Office [nichola.matthews@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:nichola.matthews@unimelb.edu.au)

### **IPSA World Congress bid 2018 Progress Report**

APSA is leading a bid to host the World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Brisbane in 2018, the first time the Congress will have been held in Australia. If the bid is successful, both the APSA and OCIS conferences scheduled for 2018 will be integrated with the IPSA Congress.

Prof Guy Lachapelle (Secretary-General, IPSA) and Prof Werner Patzelt (Chair, Bid Committee, IPSA) will be making a site visit to Brisbane on 2-3 April, 2014. The site visit will include tours of the facilities, meetings with the professional conference organisers and venue organisers, hotel and transport inspections, and discussions with the Interim Local Organising Committee.

APSA expects that IPSA will be able to confirm whether our bid has been successful shortly after the site visit.

**Kath Gelber**  
**Chair, Interim Local Organising Committee**

### **A Gender and Sexuality APSA Conference Stream**

There has been ongoing discussion regarding the need for a Gender and Sexuality Stream to be a permanent fixture for forthcoming APSA conferences 2015 onwards. For the 2014 Sydney conference, papers on this theme can submit to the Stream marked "other" and will be organised into specific sessions on Gender and Sexuality.

A special call will shortly be circulated via the APSA web site, the Women's Caucus email list, Facebook page and via Heads of Discipline for the forthcoming

Australian Political Studies Association Women and Politics Prize 2014.

The prize is presented for the best essay on the topic of women and politics broadly defined. Criteria used in judging entries are:

- Originality of argument and/or material;
- Usefulness to women involved in political practice or in relation to teaching;
- Quality of presentation.

This competition is open to undergraduate or postgraduate students who are Australian or New Zealand residents. Essays should be approximately 5,000 words (7000 words absolute maximum). Work should be unpublished, although entries which have been accepted for publication are eligible.

Below is a link to a new book edited by Drude Dahlerup and Monique Leyenaar, *Breaking Male Dominance in Old Democracies* with a chapter by Marian Sawyer on NSW and a co-authored chapter by Marian on discursive framing of women politicians. [http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199653898.do#\\_Ud3-ShzdJ9s](http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199653898.do#_Ud3-ShzdJ9s)

The capstone book of the Evolution of Social Movements ARC project [http://cass.anu.edu.au/sites/default/files/Maddison\\_Sawyer\\_Flyer%20.pdf](http://cass.anu.edu.au/sites/default/files/Maddison_Sawyer_Flyer%20.pdf) was published in mid 2013 by Routledge. The details are: Sarah Maddison and Marian Sawyer (eds) *The Women's Movement in Protest, Institutions and the Internet: Australia in Transnational Perspective*, London: Routledge, 2013, ISBN 978-0-415-83090-4. Here are a couple of endorsements:

'This is the most authoritative text on the state of the women's movement written in well over a decade. A must read for anyone who doubts the continued existence of feminism, these meticulously researched and magnificently written essays, reveal that it is alive, thriving, and changing.' - Verta Taylor, University of California, USA.

'No, feminism is not dead! This collection of vibrant scholarship, using a wealth of data, makes the case clearly and strongly that feminism continues to mobilize and build new institutions. It effectively contributes perspectives from Australia to the global debates.' - Sylvia Walby, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, and author of **The Future of Feminism** Polity 2011.

The Women's Caucus web link has been updated to provide members with the link to subscribe to the

blog of the UK PSA Women & Politics Specialist Group. It's a wonderful blog, with women and politics stories from around the globe, including Australia.

<http://psawomenpolitics.wordpress.com/2014/01/06/psa-women-and-politics-blog-will-resume-on-15-jan/>

If you have any items you wish to share, or news of opportunities relevant to the Women's Caucus, please contact me ([linda.hancock@deakin.edu.au](mailto:linda.hancock@deakin.edu.au))

**Linda Hancock**  
**Women's Caucus Representative**

## **Public Policy Network Annual Conference ANZSOG Institute for Governance University of Canberra**

The ANZSOG Institute for Governance at the University of Canberra hosted this year's Public Policy Network Conference between 29 and 31 January. This year's conference was much larger than previous years with more than 150 delegates in attendance from Australia and New Zealand and over 70 papers delivered during the three days. It included a Graduate Conference on the first day at which more than a dozen papers were presented. The topics and theoretical approaches covered in the conference reflected the diversity of work currently being undertaken by researchers in the fields of governance, public policy and public administration, with more than 20 thematic panels covering subjects from federalism and political participation on the one hand, to new institutionalist approaches and hybrid forms of governance on the other. The Opening Keynote by Professor Gerry Stoker, Occasional Addresses by Andrew Leigh MP and Michelle Grattan, as well as the two Plenaries on 'The Future of Policy Analysis' and 'Evaluating Public Policy Research and Its Impact' were all very well received. The food at the conference dinner was also relatively enjoyable compared with other such events! Feedback at the conference and subsequently has been very positive and particular thanks should go to the Organising Committee and the Engagement and Education team at ANZSIG for ensuring that everything ran as smoothly as it did. Next year's conference will be hosted by Professor Linda Hancock at Deakin University.

**Associate Professor Paul Fawcett**  
**ANZSOG Institute for Governance**  
**Academic Convenor, Public Policy Network**  
**Conference 2014**

## **Political Studies Association Exchange**

The Political Studies Association (United Kingdom) offers up to two APSA members :

- **free registration and a ticket for their annual dinner,**
- **hotel accommodation for four nights and**
- **a guaranteed place on a suitable panel.**

Advanced graduate students are welcome. Exchangers should be able to present in English and benefit from academic interchange and networking opportunities. Exchangers are expected to be present for the full conference. Members should submit their application to [Nichola Matthews](mailto:Nichola.Matthews@psa.ac.uk) by 10th November 2014. Applications should consist of the applicants CV together with an abstract of their proposed paper. Further information can be found on the PSA website <http://www.psa.ac.uk/members/membership-benefits/grants>

## **APSA 'Policy Studies' Research Group**

Late last year, APSA approved the formation of two overlapping Research Groups in relation to 'Interpretive Policy Studies' and 'Public Policy'.

We have recently explored how to have these groups collaborate, and are pleased to announce the formation of an integrated APSA Research Group on 'Policy Studies'. The details will soon be posted to the website, along with contact details.

The next APSA conference at the University of Sydney in September 2014 should benefit from the combined energies of the new Research Group.

The long-established Public Policy Network conference will continue each January, and its ongoing work will now be auspiced by the new APSA Research Group on Policy Studies.

## **Positions Vacant**

**A full-time PhD Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship** (MQRES) is available in the Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations associated with successful ARC Discovery Project DP140101227 for the following project.

Project Name: Regional Politics in the Southwest Pacific: From Colonialism and Cold War to the Asia-Pacific Century.

The principal aim is to investigate the development of regionalism in the Southwest Pacific from the early postwar period to the present with a particular focus on identity politics. For the purposes of the project, the region consists of the Pacific Island countries of Melanesia and Western Polynesia, Australia and New Zealand. Particular issues include colonial legacies and neocolonialism, the geopolitical legacy of the Cold War, panregionalism and the Polynesia/Melanesia divide, and the advent of other actors and interests in the region, especially since the end of the Cold War. It will examine the main drivers of regionalism and subregionalism (including the rise of the Melanesian Spearhead Group) and Australia and New Zealand's record in regional relations and diplomacy. The conceptual framework incorporates insights from cultural theory and international relations theory.

Previous research experience in any aspect of Pacific Island politics is desirable but not essential.

Interested prospective candidates should contact Professor Stephanie Lawson (stephanie.lawson@mq.edu.au) or Phone: (02) 98508878 or 0410970447 for further information and before submitting an application form.

The 2014 MQRES full-time stipend rate is \$25,392 pa tax exempt for 3 years.

Prospective PhD applicants should have completed the equivalent of Macquarie University's Master of Research (MRes) degree, MPhil or other 2 year Masters degree with a major research component with excellent results. Refer to the [HDR Entry Criteria](#) webpage for more information.

To be eligible for a PhD scholarship applicants are expected to have a record of excellent academic performance, especially in the research Masters degree, and additional relevant research experience and/or peer-reviewed research activity, awards and/or prizes in line with the University's scholarship rating guidelines. Refer to the [HDR Scholarship Requirements](#) webpage for more information.

Applicants will need to complete a candidature/scholarship application form and arrange for two academic referee reports to be submitted to the Higher Degree Research Office. Refer to the [HDR Applications](#) webpage for further application instructions. Macquarie University will advise the successful applicant of entitlements at the time of scholarship offer.

Please quote the allocation number 2014068 on your application. **Closing date - 28 February 2014.**



APSA National Office  
School of Social and Political Sciences  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville, VIC 3010

T : +61 3 90357575  
E : nichola.matthews@unimelb.edu.au  
W : www.auspsa.org.au