

APSA Conference 2012

The APSA 2012 Conference will be held in Hobart (School of Government, UTAS) on **September 24-26th 2012**. A formal call for papers will be issued in mid-March with early-bird registrations opening shortly after.

The conference venue will be the Hobart Conference Centre on the waterfront at Sullivan's Cove with the opening reception being held at Parliament House with the Premier of Tasmania to formally open the Conference. The Conference Dinner will be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Geoff Garrett (Director of the US Studies Centre) has been invited to give a timely lecture on the 2012 US Presidential election and its implications for Australia.

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Welcome

Dear Colleagues

In my role as APSA President 2011-2012, It is a pleasure to welcome you to our latest newsletter. Under the guidance of our new administrator, Georgi Cahill, and Executive Committee member, Feng Zhang, we hope to provide you with an enhanced version of the newsletter to augment our efforts at improving the association's website as a means of improving communication with members.

The major change in the organisation of APSA in the last few months has been the move of the national office from the ANU to the University of Melbourne. This has been a significant logistical exercise and I am extremely grateful for Georgi Cahill's efforts in setting up the new base and establishing systems to ensure the improved functioning of the Association.

Final arrangements for the 2012 conference at the University of Tasmania are currently taking place and I would like to express our thanks to Richard Eccleston and the organising committee at UTas for their efforts in preparing what promises to be an exciting conference in Hobart in September. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

All the best

Adrian Little, President

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The fourth meeting of the Australian International Political Economy Network (AIPEN) was convened by the Asia Research Centre, and held at Murdoch University, Western Australia, on 2-3 February 2012. Previous workshops were held at the University of Adelaide (2007), the Australian National University (2009) and Griffith University (2010). The workshop brought together leading political economists from around Australia and internationally, as well as early career researchers and PhD candidates, to discuss important contemporary issues, such as the global economic and political crisis, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, environmental politics and climate change, and Australia's so-called 'two-speed' economy.

Former APSA National President and current Murdoch Vice-Chancellor, Professor Richard Higgott, opened the proceedings, charging political scientists and political economist to challenge the economists' dominance over global economic policy, particularly in the context of the ongoing turmoil engulfing the world economy. This was followed by two days of lively debates, involving both workshop participants and members of the audience.

The AIPEN workshop was partly funded through an APSA Workshop Funding grant. The \$5,000 grant was used to provide, on a competitive basis, five small grants for PhD candidates from around Australia, to attend the workshop. The successful applicants were Delphine Rabet (University of Sydney), Rebecca Pearce (University of New South Wales), Mikhail Mukhametdinov (Sydney), Jikon Lai (Australian National University), and Rio Budi Rahmanto (Australian National University).

Post Grad News

Attention Postgraduate APSA Members! 2012 looks to be an exciting year. My name is Christopher Neff and I am third year PhD student at the University of Sydney and I am very pleased to be your Post-Graduate Representative on the Executive Committee. If you have suggestions or concerns feel free to contact me at: christopher.neff@sydney.edu.au.

My goals for the year include greater coordination as a group across Universities; increased post-grad voices and membership in APSA; and a larger presence at the APSA conference in Hobart in September. The conference is being hosted by UTAS and I hope everyone will put the conference (24-26 September) in their planners for this year - including the post-graduate seminar on Sunday the 23 September. This is a Sunday block that is set aside for special workshops and discussions tailored for us.

Recent Post Grad Publications

Mhairi Cowden

'No Harm, No Foul: A Child's Right to know their Genetic Parents'
International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family
January 2012

This paper won the best postgraduate paper at the 2011 APSA Conference and now appears in full in the International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family. The paper examines the rights of children conceived using donated gametes in Australia to know the identity of their donor. Many thanks to APSA for their support of this research project.

Mhairi Cowden, Kirsty McLaren, Alison Plumb and Marian Sawyer*
Women's Advancement in Australian Political Science Workshop Report'
January 2012

*Emeritus Professor Marian Sawyer is Adjunct Professor, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University.

This report outlines the problem areas that contribute to the underrepresentation of women within the discipline of political science in Australia. It sets out a list of recommendations for APSA, Heads of Department and the discipline in general to address this. It lays down a foundation for moving forward on these issues and marks the beginning of a more concerted effort to achieve gender equality across the discipline.

Christopher Neff

Australian Beach Safety and the Politics of Shark Attacks
Coastal Management
January, 2012

This study reviews public policy responses to shark attacks in New South Wales in 1929, 1935 and 2009. It utilizes a problem definition framework and finds that confidence building definitions are more successful in guiding policy out than human behavior or conservation based frames.

NewsFlash!!

- Kath Gelber had an article published in PSA News: <http://www.psa.ac.uk/PSAnews/flip/#/12/>
- ERA Journal Rankings are available on the APSA website
- Jacqui True, formerly of the University of Auckland, has recently joined Politics in the School of Political and Social Inquiry at Monash University as Professor of International Relations. She has a distinguished record of research and publication in the areas of international relations and critical perspectives on economic globalization, with particular emphases on gender mainstreaming in international institutions and gender analysis of global public policy. We are delighted to welcome Professor True not only to Monash, but also to the flourishing network of IR expertise in Melbourne.

New Standing Committee on International Relations (SCIR) in APSA

At its last full Executive Council meeting APSA approved the creation of a Standing Committee on International Relations (SCIR). The goal of the Standing Committee is to provide a voice for IR scholars within the Association, especially in relation to developments like the government's various research assessment exercises.

The Committee has no membership fee, but is open to all those within IR interested in better representation for the field, and will work together with related bodies (*OCIS-Oceanic Conference on International Studies, ISA-Asia-Pacific, Australian Institute for International Affairs, Australia Journal of International Affairs* etc.) to advance teaching and scholarship in international relations. The interim members of the Committee, Jacqui True (chair, Monash University), Tim Dunne (University of Queensland) and Jason Sharman (Griffith University), will be recruiting other members in 2012 and hosting its first meeting at the OCIS V in Sydney in July to set priorities and begin work in earnest.

APSA funded workshop, 'Women's Advancement in Australian Political Science' September 2011.





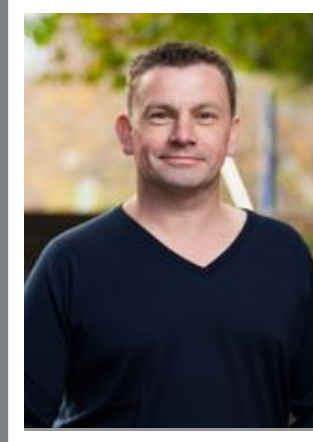
Executive Profile
Jason Sharman/ Treasurer

Prof. Jason Sharman is the incoming director of the Centre for Governance and Public Policy at Griffith University, where he has worked since 2007, and where he now teaches research methods. Sharman studied at the University of Western Australia, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and St Petersburg State University. Before moving to Griffith, he taught at the University of Sydney and American University in Bulgaria. Sharman currently has three main areas of research interest.

The first is in the area of money laundering, corruption, offshore financial centres and the global standards designed to stop or limit each of these. As part of this agenda, Sharman is collaborating with Michael Findley and Dan Nielson (Brigham Young University) to conduct a field experiment based on impersonating corrupt officials and terrorist financiers. Also part of this research program are efforts to trace the rise of the emergent norm against kleptocracy (with Hun Joon Kim, Griffith); the effectiveness of anti-bribery standards in the UK and Australia (with Jo-Anne Gilbert, Griffith); the similarities between private efforts to combat money laundering and piracy (Line Liss, Griffith); and Australia's role in hosting the proceeds of corruption from Papua New Guinea. Sharman is working with six other researchers as part of a Norwegian Research Council grant on illicit financial flows.

The second major research focus is on sovereignty and empires. Sharman is concluding a Faroese Research Council project on semi-sovereign entities in the international system to be launched in the Faroe Islands with Len Seabrooke and Guri Weihe (Copenhagen Business School). Together with Andrew Phillips (University of Queensland) he is beginning a project on the international relations of the Indian Ocean in the modern era, looking in particular at the importance of non-sovereign entities like the Dutch East Indies Company and the various local and European empires and suzerain polities. In 2011 Sharman won his fourth ARC discovery grant to look at how micro-states illustrate the changing nature of sovereignty.

The third area of interest relates to the nature of political science and international relations, publication patterns within the discipline, and the structure of professional incentives, both in Australia and worldwide. This has involved several publications with Pat Weller (Griffith), and assisting with the Australian leg of the 20-country Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) survey. Finally, Sharman is working with Kate Weaver (University of Texas, Austin) on a paper comparing how IR research in books is different from that in articles.



Executive Profile
Adrian Little/ President

Professor Adrian Little has been Head of the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne since 2007 having moved to Melbourne from the University of London in 2004. He studied at Nottingham Trent University and Queens University Belfast where he attained his PhD in 1993. Little's recent books include *The Politics of Radical Democracy* (edited with Moya Lloyd, Edinburgh University Press, 2009), *Democratic Piety: Complexity, Conflict and Violence* (Edinburgh University Press 2008), *Democracy and Northern Ireland: Beyond the Liberal Paradigm?* (Palgrave, 2004), and *The Politics of Community: Theory and Practice* (Edinburgh University Press, 2002).

His research interests lie mainly in the fields of contemporary political and social theory, and the politics of Northern Ireland and he has a particular interest in the intersection of the two. Little's theoretical concerns are mainly focused on complexity theory and post-structuralism and their ramifications for democratic theory. He is currently working on a book entitled *Enduring Conflict: Challenging the Signature of Peace and Democracy* which examines the continuation of conflict in post-conflict societies using Northern Ireland, South Africa, Cambodia, and Indonesia as examples to substantiate the theoretical argument.

Women and Politics Prize 2012

The \$1000 prize is presented for the best essay (5000 words) on the topic of women and politics, broadly defined.

Entries close: 2 July 2012

For more information:

<http://www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/historypolitics/news/>

Events/Conferences/Programs

Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand 16th Biennial Conference 2012

The Centre for Institutional and Organisational Studies and the Faculty of Business & Law at the University of Newcastle are proud to host the 16th Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand

Abstracts for papers or proposals for panels must be submitted by April 15, 2012, and can be emailed as an attachment to acsanz2012@newcastle.edu.au. For further details about the conference please visit our website at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/business-law/acsanz-conference/#>.

The ACICIS International Relations Program: Giving Australian Students an Indonesian Perspective on International Affairs

ACICIS – the Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies – is a non-profit consortium of over twenty universities in Australia and overseas with a small secretariat at Murdoch University (<http://www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au/>). Since the mid 1990s ACICIS has arranged for over 1,500 students to study in leading Indonesian universities, usually for a period of one semester. Members of ACICIS have agreed to give full academic credits for study in Indonesia in an ACICIS-related program.

Recently, ACICIS began offering students of International Relations the chance to go to Parahyangan University in Bandung for one semester to study International Relations in English. Nearly all International Relations staff at the university hold PhDs from reputable universities in Australia and Europe and they are an enthusiastic and hard-working group. (<http://www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au/hi/unpar4.html>).

The important deadlines for enrolment are **1 October for semester one and 1 May for semester two**. Any queries relating to this program should be addressed to Dr Shahar Hameiri at Murdoch University at S.Hameiri@murdoch.edu.au, or contact ACICIS directly at acicis@murdoch.edu.au.

IPSA Research Methods Course

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) is holding its first research methods course in our region at the National University of Singapore, 25 June - 6 July 2012. IPSA has now held these highly successful courses in a number of regions, but this will be the first time in Asia. The course includes: experimental methods, case study methods, cross-national survey analysis, modern regression analysis, mixed methods design, qualitative comparative analysis.

Further information is available either through the IPSA website:

<http://www.ipsa.org/summer-school/singapore-2012> or directly at: <http://sg-summer-school.ipsa.org>.



Women's Advancement in Australian Political Science Workshop

The workshop funded by the Australian Political Studies Association, 'Women's Advancement in Australian Political Science', was held on 29 September 2011 at the Australian National University. The workshop was prompted by the continued underrepresentation of women in the academic hierarchy in Australian political science departments. It brought together women working in the discipline, from postgraduate students and early career researchers to senior academics. Participants came from across Australia, and were two representatives from New Zealand. Participants presented research and personal observations on the underrepresentation of women in the discipline.

The workshop identified three key issues contributing to the underrepresentation of women in the discipline. 1) The leaky pipeline: there is considerable leakage of women from the discipline, in particular after completion of their doctoral studies. 2) The normative political scientist: In addition to women leaving the discipline due to mobility and family constraints there is the more complex issue of the normative conception of what constitutes a 'good' political scientist. 3) The chilly climate: Beyond these first two problem areas, there emerged a deeper cultural trend

The environment within many Political Science and International Relations departments can compound the problems outlined above, to the disadvantage of women students looking to role models as well as staff. Funding and support was also received from the School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University (ANU) and the ANU Gender Institute.

A report detailing the recommendations arising from the workshop is available at <http://womeninpoliticalscience.wordpress.com/>.