

## APSA Conference 2012

We're on the eve of this year's APSA conference and its shaping up to be a fantastic event.

The full conference program has just been completed and I'm pleased to report that it includes almost 180 papers across 51 panels. Beyond our regular academic business highlights include a welcome reception at Parliament House, special panels on the forthcoming federal election and the Greens in minority government and Geoff Garrett's keynote speech 'What's at stake in the 2012 US Presidential election?'. There should also be plenty of opportunities to enjoy Tasmanian food and wine at the many waterfront cafes and pubs which surround the conference venue as well as at the Conference dinner at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

We're pleased that Chris Neff (APSA's Postgraduate Representative) has been able to organise a fabulous pre-conference workshop on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 40 Postgraduates will be attending the workshop which will include an address from Andrew Wilkie. Following discussions at last year's AGM the conference program also includes meetings of the Association's various working groups including the inaugural meeting of the International Relations group. The program for the conference is now online <https://ei.im.com.au/ei/cm.esp?id=635&pageid=37T0XIFOW>

The stage is set (more or less) and we're look forward to hosting you in a little over a week's time. As I look out my office window I'm pleased to report that the cloud has just cleared from a snow-free Mount Wellington so with a little luck we'll enjoy plenty of Spring sunshine.

*Associate Professor Richard Eccleston,  
Chair APSA 2012 Conference Committee.*



### LUKE WAGNER EXHIBITION HOBART 31 AUG-19 SEPT

Luke Wagner, renowned painter of Tasmanian environmental landscapes, has a new exhibition of recent paintings now on at the Colville Gallery in Hobart's Salamanca Place. This may appeal to those APSA delegates interested in Tasmania's environment

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## IPSA World Congress Bid for 2018

APSA has been in discussions about the possibility of putting forward a bid for Australia to host the 2018 International Political Science Association World Congress. A/Prof Kath Gelber (UQ) has been leading this project and has been mandated by the Executive to explore the viability of a bid to host the Congress at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in July 2018. This entails drafting a realistic and viable budget, which will be presented to the Executive Meeting and the AGM of the Association at its Annual Conference in Hobart in September this year. Moving forward with a bid will require the approval of the membership.

This bid has the support of Prof Pippa Norris, ARC Laureate Fellow, who has offered to organise a workshop stream in the Congress on her Electoral Integrity Project, and is contributing funds to the bid. A number of universities have expressed interest in supporting the bid financially and Kath has also been contacting other political studies departments, schools and centres around the country to secure further sponsorship. She is also in discussion with the APSA Standing Committee on International Relations, the Oceanic Conference of International Studies Transitional Committee, and the President of the Asia Pacific Regional grouping of the International Studies Association, to try to ensure cooperation and collaboration over conference plans in 2018.

Please come to the AGM at the Annual Conference in Hobart to discuss this initiative.

## Hybrid Regimes in Central and Eastern Europe and East and Southeast Asia

The School of Politics and International Relations and the Centre for European Studies at ANU hosted a workshop on 16-17 August 2012 to examine linkages between parties, political leaders and citizens in two distinct regions: Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and East and Southeast Asia.

Guest speakers included Professor Takashi Inoguchi, University of Tokyo and University of Niigata Prefecture, Professor William Liddle, The Ohio State University, Professor Ian McAllister, Australian National University, Professor Stephen White, University of Glasgow and Professor Doh Chull Shin University of Missouri and current ANU visiting fellow.

## POST GRAD NEWS

MP Andrew Wilkie to speak at APSA Postgraduate Seminar, 23 September

We are very pleased to announce that the Independent Member for Denison, Andrew Wilkie, will be a special guest speaker at the APSA Postgraduate Seminar in Hobart on Sunday 23 September at 2:00 p.m. at the UTAS Centre for the Arts - on the Wharf.

Mr. Wilkie will be discussing his thoughts on Australian politics with the postgraduates and academic staff gathered. One of the goals of this year's Seminar has been to build the capacity of postgraduate researchers and there is no better example of this than to hear first-hand from Members of Parliament. Mr. Wilkie's role in the current minority government gives him unique insights and we appreciate him taking time on a Sunday to join us. I hope you will be there as well!

Postgraduates still have time to register for the free Seminar (which begins at 10:00am). If you would like to attend, please email: [christopherneff@gmail.com](mailto:christopherneff@gmail.com).

Academic staff are also invited to attend this talk (arriving at 1:45pm) please also PSVP to Chris at the email address above.



## Ian McAllister wins GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship

Ian McAllister in collaboration with Russell J. Dalton and David M. Farrell is the 2012 winner of the GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship for their book *Political Parties and Democratic Linkage: How Parties Organize Democracy*, published by Oxford University Press in 2011.

The prize is awarded each year for the best CSES scholarship published in the calendar year prior to the award, and named in honor of Professor Hans-Dieter Klingemann, an internationally renowned political scientist, major contributor to comparative research, and co-founder of the CSES project.

The 2012 Leon Weaver Award for the Best Paper Presented at a Conference Panel Sponsored by the Representation and Electoral Systems Division was also awarded to Russell J. Dalton (UC-Irvine), David Farrell (University College Dublin), and Ian McAllister (Australian National University) for their paper, "The Dynamics of Democratic Representation: How Democracy Works." Their paper was presented at the 2011 APSA meeting in San Francisco.



**Executive Profile**  
**Feng Zhang**  
**Editor, APSA Newsletter/  
General  
Committee Member**

Dr Feng Zhang is a lecturer in International Relations, Murdoch University. He obtained his PhD from the International Relations Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in 2009. Before that Dr Zhang studied an MSc in Comparative Politics in the Government Department of the LSE and worked as an editor of the Global Times newspaper in Beijing.

Dr Zhang has taught at the LSE and SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) in the UK, and Tsinghua University and Peking University in China. He joined Murdoch as a Lecturer in International Relations and Security Studies and a Fellow of the Asia Research Centre in 2010, and have since taught units on 'The Rise of Greater China' (a unit on China's foreign policy) and 'International Security Studies'.

Dr Zhang's initial research focus has been on international relations in East Asian history, particularly the relationships between China and its neighbours. His PhD thesis at the LSE challenges conventional wisdom about the 'tribute system' by examining China's relationships with its neighbors during its early Ming dynasty (1368-1644). That area of research is still his main preoccupation, as he is now substantially revising his thesis into a book manuscript. Dr Zhang has already published a couple of papers on this topic.

Since the completion of his PhD and especially since his stay in the Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University (2009-10), Dr Zhang has developed a great interest in China's foreign policy studies, particularly China's policy thinking and grand strategy. His latest work in this area has focused on the topic of Chinese exceptionalism in international relations, and initial publications will appear in the European Journal of International Relations, in a book on China's foreign policy edited by Professor Rosemary Foot at Oxford University, and in the premier Chinese IR journal World Economics and Politics.

Dr Zhang is currently undertaking preliminary research on Chinese exceptionalism in domestic politics, the outcome of which will combine with his existing research on Chinese exceptionalism in international relations to produce a book on Chinese Exceptionalism in Politics and International Relations.

In addition to the topic of Chinese exceptionalism, he has also published articles on China's grand strategy and strategic thinking in International Politics, Survival, and the Chinese Journal of International Politics.

Dr Zhang is also planning a major project on the intellectual foundations of China's foreign policy, seeking to examine the intellectual underpinnings of Chinese foreign policy throughout its history.



**Executive Profile**  
**Christopher Neff/ Post Graduate  
Representative**

Christopher Neff (APSA Postgraduate Representative) is a third-year PhD student at the University of Sydney. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from James Madison University in Virginia ('99) and a Master Degree in Public Policy from the University of Sydney, ('07).

He has previously worked in the United States as a Senate staffer, federal lobbyist for the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" and sessional lecturer at Sydney Uni.

His doctoral research looks at the "politics of shark attacks," namely policy responses to shark bites in Australia, South Africa and the United States and he has been published in *Marine Policy* and *Coastal Management*. He expects to submit his PhD in March, 2013.

## BOOK LAUNCH AT ANU

On 29 August 2012, two new books co-authored by Professor Keith Dowding were launched by Professor Geoffrey Brennan, from the Australian National University School of Philosophy.

*Accounting for Ministers* and *Exits, Voices and Social Investment* were launched at the ANU Co-op Bookshop.

On *Accounting for Ministers*, Professor Brennan said "I like this book and the approach to research it instantiates. So often in politics, the human-interest details dominate and occlude whatever might be induced of a general kind."

"In this book, the salacious details are backgrounded to allow the generalisations to emerge: and some of these are interesting and important – and as I say re-assuring for those of us who nurture some hopes for our political institutions!" said Professor Brennan.

## Events/Conferences/Programs

### *Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Annual Symposium*

20<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Shine Dome, Canberra

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia is holding its annual Symposium on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Shine Dome adjacent to the campus of the Australian National University in Canberra. The theme of this year's Symposium is Australian Social Sciences in the Asian Century. The importance of an 'intellectual engagement' with Asia has been highlighted in the Issues Paper for the forthcoming White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century. At this Symposium, leading social scientists from Australia and the Asian region will consider the role of social scientists in meeting the challenges of the Asian Century, and how social scientists can play a role in advising on appropriate policy responses. The Symposium will be directly followed by President's Drinks at the Dome, and then, at 5:30pm, by the 2012 Cunningham Lecture, presented this year by Dr Ken Henry AC, FASSA, on the theme Who would want to be held responsible for Australia's future? Dr Henry will discuss the implications of Australia's mining boom, in the context of the Asian century.

More information about the Symposium and Cunningham lecture is set out in the Symposium brochure and at the Academy's website at [https://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual\\_symposiums/2012.php](https://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual_symposiums/2012.php)

The standard registration charge for Non-Fellows attending the Symposium is \$440 per person. This covers the cost of attendance at the Symposium, President's Drinks and the Cunningham Lecture. There is a \$65 charge for students, which requires receipt of evidence of student status.

The Cunningham Lecture is open to the public at no charge but an RSVP is required, for planning purposes.

Those wishing to register should complete the appropriate attached registration form and return them, with the appropriate payment to the Academy (address set out on the form), by cob **26 October 2012**, or complete an online registration at:

[http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual\\_symposiums/2012/registration.php](http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual_symposiums/2012/registration.php), by selecting the Non-Fellows option, or Student option as appropriate. Online registration requires payment at the time of registration by credit card or PayPal payment.

If you have any questions about the Symposium or arrangements, please contact Ms Margaret Blood [Margaret.blood@anu.edu.au](mailto:Margaret.blood@anu.edu.au)



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## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS IPSR SPECIAL ISSUE 2014**

With the encouragement of its Editorial Board, *IPSR* will publish more regular special issues beginning in 2014. Special issues will be devoted to themes of particular theoretical and/or political importance and will be of a similar size to other issues (substantial editorial introduction of c. 6000 words plus five or six articles of a maximum of 8000 words each).

*IPSR* is now calling for proposals for the 2014 special issue, tentatively scheduled for publication in September 2014. Prospective guest editors should submit proposals to [IPSR ipsr.journal@gmail.com](mailto:IPSR.ipsr.journal@gmail.com) by **30 November 2012**. All special issue proposals should include the following:

1. Outline of the theme.
2. Rationale in terms of significance, timeliness and relevance for *IPSR*.
3. Abstracts of the proposed articles (five or six articles and editorial introduction).
4. Brief author biographies for contributors and editors.

Prospective guest editors will be informed whether their proposal has been accepted by January 2013. Guest editors will then be responsible for ensuring the articles are submitted online by 31 July 2013 in accordance with the usual *IPSR* submission guidelines. The submissions should be clearly identified as intended for the special issue. The *IPSR* editors will be responsible for ensuring double-blind peer review of the articles.

Queries relating to the 2014 special issue should be directed to the *IPSR* editors at the above address.