



APSA Conference 2014, Sydney
28 September to 1 October

The 2014 Annual Conference of the Australian Political Studies Association is organized jointly by the APSA2014 Program Committee, the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney, and the Australian Political Studies Association.

The conference is designed to showcase research and strengthen networks among colleagues and practitioners in political studies and international relations in Australia and the world. The conference general theme this year is *'Democracy, Autocracy and Elections'*. Over four days, the program will combine all-day interactive thematic workshops, over one hundred stream panels, several special plenary sessions, and major social events. The meeting has attracted a record number of over 400 participants – many from overseas. We are also posting conference papers this year on the SSRN network to widen distribution and paper-givers will be invited to upload their papers to maximize dissemination and readership.

Highlights among talks in the conference include a **plenary roundtable moderated by Prof. Guy Lachapelle** (IPSA Secretary General, Concordia University), including Professors Aiji Tanaka (Waseda University) and Chan Wook Park (Seoul) on *'Challenges of Electoral Integrity'*, to be held on Tuesday 30th September 2014 from 5.30-6.30pm (after the AGM and immediately prior to the conference annual dinner at 7pm). We are also delighted to add an exciting **retrospective of the work of director Eugene Jarecki**, including screenings of four of his major documentary films and live interviews with the director and producer, moderated by Professor

James Der Derian (Sydney). The meeting will also feature a **Presidential Address by Professor Brian Head** (University of Queensland) on *'What is the Value of Political Science?'* with a roundtable discussion with Jenny Lewis and Jacqui True moderated by Professor **Graeme Gill**.

In addition, the meeting will have several social events to meet and greet colleagues and friends. Highlights include a drinks and canapé reception in the Strangers' Dining Room at the **New South Wales Parliament** in Sydney from 6.00-8.00pm on Monday 29th September, including featuring a welcome to Sydney and also a brief speech by the well-known ABC political commentator Antony Green, and the Conference Dinner and Award Ceremony at the **Marigold Restaurant** in historic Chinatown the following evening.

We greatly hope that you enjoy the annual meeting. This **Preliminary** Conference Program (August 2014) gives details of the current schedule and meeting organization. More information will be gradually added on the conference website as the meeting gets nearer. The **Final** Conference Program will be available at the meeting with all amendments and updates. You can also download a mobile Guidebook program app for APSA2014.

A separate document is available for download with the practical **Logistical Information** for the event.

Preliminary Program:

<https://sites.google.com/site/apsa2014/registration>

Conference registration:

<https://sites.google.com/site/apsa2014/home/call-for-papers>

We greatly look forward to welcoming you all to Sydney in late September!

Pippa Norris and Richard W. Frank

SAVE THE DATE APSA Conference 2015, Adelaide

5-8 July 2015

The 2015 Annual Conference of the Australian Political Studies Association will be hosted by the University of Adelaide, in conjunction with other Adelaide-based institutions, and held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The venue will be shared with the International Convention of Asian Scholars, which may facilitate useful interaction between the two groups.

More information on the 2015 Conference will be available in the next edition of the newsletter.

***Australian Journal of Political Science:* Impact Factor, Rankings, and Submissions**

The Editorial team is pleased to report that the 2013 impact factor for the *Australian Journal of Political Science* has risen to 0.659, and currently ranks the journal at 82 of the 156 journals in the category of Political Science. The 2013 impact factor was higher than the previous two years (0.388 and 0.305 respectively), and above the five-year average of about 0.400. It is also the highest for a decade. (The *impact factor* is calculated on the basis of citations received in 2013 to articles published in 2011 and 2012, divided by the total number of source items published in those two years.) A comparative indicator of the journal's standing is that in 2012, the *AJPS* impact factor (IF) was slightly lower than those of two peer publications, the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* (2013 IF of 0.273) and the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, (2013 IF of 0.290) but in 2013 it surpassed both. This trend is encouraging, but the impact factors of even the world's highest-ranking journals, such as the *American Political Science Review* (2013 IF of 3.844), fluctuate from year to year.

We can also report that full article downloads increased by about one third (from 43,664 to 58,463) in 2013 compared to the previous year. This is more than double the number of downloads that were recorded in 2009. Full article submissions also increased in 2013 compared to the previous year, with the publisher Taylor & Francis recording 113 submissions compared to 98 in 2012. The full extent of the increase is not evident in the data provided by the publisher because some articles, especially review essays, were submitted 'off-system' rather than through the online system. Furthermore, papers that

are considered for symposia or special issues tend to be submitted outside of the Scholar One, which under-represents the increasing rate in submissions over time.

The rejection rate for full article submissions in 2013 was 36 per cent, which was slightly lower than the previous year (43 per cent). An increasing number of submissions – in the vicinity of 20 to 30 per cent – receive 'desk rejections', which is to say that they are not sent out for review. This is in keeping with broader trends in the discipline at a time of ever-increasing rates of submissions.

The editorial team has planned several initiatives to mark the fiftieth volume of the journal, which will be published in 2015, and welcome ideas from readers for innovative ways of promoting research excellence in political science.

Editorial team:

Senior Editors: Geoffrey Stokes and Marian Simms

Associate Editors: David Hundt and Hans Löfgren (deceased)

Review Editor: Marina Cominos

Editorial Assistant: Colleen Keane

Advanced Methods in Political Science and International Relations

26-28 November 2014, Sydney

This three-day intensive workshop is designed to give the early-career researchers of tomorrow a comprehensive working knowledge of a range of methods used in Political Science and International Relations. It will assist current PhD students in developing their own research strategies, as well as helping students to assess research produced by other scholars. It aims to improve methodological skills of PhD students as both producers and consumers of research.

To apply:

Places at the workshop are limited. To submit an application, please provide the following information in a single .pdf file to methods@adfa.edu.au by 14 September 2014:

- year of study and institutional affiliation
- title and abstract of PhD
- a brief summary of the research training you have received

- a statement outlining, in less than 500 words, why the workshop will benefit your research
- a letter of support from your supervisor(s).

Please note that you must be a currently registered PhD student at an Australian university, a student member of APSA, and doing research in the areas of Political Science or International Relations in order to be eligible to apply.

New Threats to Democracy

5 December 2014, Australian Catholic University and La Trobe University Melbourne

Democracy has acquired an ideological dominance virtually unchallenged by its philosophical rivals. Yet despite this, democracy's place is far from ensured. Market volatility, the rise of the far right, global warming, voter apathy, the withdrawal of the demo from public life, the curtailment of media independence, xenophobia, ethnonationalism, and rising disparities between wealthy and poor are among the pressing issues that undermine the realisation of popular self-government and risk shifting societies closer to authoritarianism. The aim of this workshop is to understand how such issues threaten democracy and to assess the possible routes available for democracies to circumvent them. The workshop is open to a variety of methodological approaches, welcoming papers that are historical, conceptual, normative, comparative and empirical in nature.

Abstracts are due September 15, 2014.
Full papers are due November 15, 2014.

The workshop will take place December 5, 2014, at Australian Catholic University.

Please send abstracts of not more than 200 words to Dr George Vasilev (g.vasilev@latrobe.edu.au) and Dr Jean-Paul Gagnon (jeanpaul.gagnon@acu.edu.au) by September 15, 2014.

Deliberative Democracy Summer School in Canberra

16-18 February 2015, Canberra

The Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance is hosting the first Deliberative Democracy Summer School at the University of Canberra on 16-18 February 2015.

The three-day summer school will provide intensive training to post-graduate students and early career researchers on the current debates in the theory of deliberative democracy, empirical applications, the role of mini-publics and other forums in deliberative capacity-building, and methods for ascertaining deliberative quality within structured forums and large-scale deliberative systems. Participants will have an opportunity to present their projects on the third day and get feedback from members of the Centre.

Members and associates of the Centre are running the modules including John Dryzek, Nicole Curato, Selen Ercan, Simon Niemeyer (University of Canberra), André Bächtiger (University of Lucerne), Carolyn Hendriks (Australian National University) and John Parkinson (University of Warwick/Griffith University).

Participants have the option to take part in a week long summer school on governance hosted by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis. They are also welcome to organise a longer visit at the Centre as visiting scholar.

There is no registration fee. We can cover accommodations near the University of Canberra for all participants. Limited travel grants are available (1500 AUD each for 3 international applicants and 500 AUD for 4 domestic applicants) which will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Exceptionally good honours students may also apply.

To apply, candidates must send short write-up (less than 500 words) describing the applicant's current research project and a one-page CV. Applicants for travel grant should submit a case for support (less than 500 words). Deadline for applications is on **3 October 2014**.

Submissions and enquiries should be sent to juliana.rocha@canberra.edu.au

Summer Research Scholarships at the Parliamentary Library of Australia

2015, Canberra

The Parliamentary Library is seeking applications for its 2015 Summer Research Scholarships.

The Scholarships are open to honours and postgraduate students. Scholars have the opportunity to spend six weeks in the Parliamentary Library in Canberra conducting research on a topic of relevance to the Commonwealth Parliament. The subject can be historical or contemporary in nature.

Students of public policy, political science, history, law and economics will have a particular interest in the Scholarship.

Only students with Australian citizenship or Australian permanent resident status are eligible to apply. There is a one-off payment of \$1,800 for the student on completion of the Scholarship, but please note that there is no financial support available for travel or accommodation.

For more information, please contact Alex Grove (alex.grove@aph.gov.au). Applications close at midnight on 28 September, 2014.

2014 Amartya Sen Prize Contest

The Yale Global Justice Program, Global Financial Integrity, and Academics Stand Against Poverty invite submissions of original essays of ca. 7,000 to 9,000 words on how illicit financial flows relate to global poverty and inequality. All prizes are named in honor of Amartya Sen, whose work has shown how the rigor of economic thinking can be brought to bear on normative and practical questions of great human significance.

The best entries will be presented at an international conference, 7-9 November 2014, at Yale University and subsequently published in a special issue of a prominent journal. In addition, at least two of the winning essays will receive a monetary award: a first prize of \$5,000 and a second prize of \$3,000. Professor Sen hopes to join us for the conference presentations.

Entries can be e-mailed to Rachel Payne at rachel@academicsstand.org and must reach her by 5 October, 2014. We ask that entries be anonymized to

facilitate blind refereeing. Winners will be selected by an expert jury, whose decisions are final.

The Henry Mayer Lecture 2014

7 October 2014, Sydney

The Centre for Media History, Macquarie University, and *Media International Australia* invite you to The Henry Mayer Lecture 2014 delivered by Professor Murray Goot on "The Press We Had to Have?" at 4:30pm followed by a reception at 6pm. The Lecture will be followed at 7pm by the launch of *A Companion to the Australian Media* edited by Professor Bridget Griffen-Foley.

In 'The Press We Had to Have?', Professor Murray Goot looks at what *The Press in Australia* accomplished, how it was received, and its impact on subsequent work. In doing so he focuses on its central thesis – that 'given the technical and business conditions' under which they are produced and 'why they are read', newspapers were 'bound to be much as they are' – a thesis made immediately problematic by the launch of a new national daily, *The Australian*, a few weeks after the book was published.

Eugene Goossens Hall
ABC Ultimo Centre
700 Harris St
Ultimo
Sydney

RSVP by 30 September to Elisa deCourcy:
elisa.decourcy@mq.edu.au

(Please specify whether you will be attending the lecture and/or reception and/or launch.)

BECOMING AUSTRALIAN

Brian Galligan, Martina Boese and Melissa Phillips, *Becoming Australian: Migration, Settlement, Citizenship*. Melbourne University Press, 2014.

Available paperback, hardcopy or ebook: Melbourne University Press
<https://www.mup.com.au/items/138026>

POSITIONS VACANT

The Positions Vacant page of the APSA website is regularly updated with details of vacancies. If you are looking for a new position check out the listings at <http://www.auspsa.org.au/vacancies>

If you would like to advertise a post on the page please contact the APSA National Office at the address below.



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WORLD CONGRESS - 15-19 July 2018

The International Political Science Association World Congress 2018 will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, next to the Southbank parklands, restaurants and cultural attractions. The APSA annual conference and the OCIS biennial conference will be held in conjunction with the World Congress that year. WC2018 will provide a unique opportunity to bring political science and international relations scholars from Australia, the Asia-Pacific and the world to one conference.

IPSA has 52 Research Committees, to which panels and papers can be submitted. Additionally, APSA will have a number of allocated panels. All panel and paper submissions will go through the IPSA web site.

Important dates:

July 2017	Open panel proposals open
Aug 2017	Open panels notified
Oct 2017	Closed panels and paper abstracts open
Jan 2018	Closed panels and abstracts notified
Mar 2018	Deadline for early bird registration
April 2018	Registration deadline to be included in program
May 2018	Final registration deadline

There will be a reduced registration rate for the Congress for APSA members.

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Obituary
Hans Löfgren



It is with great sadness that we announce that Hans Löfgren passed away unexpectedly while travelling in the United States in mid-July. Hans was part of the editorial team of the *Australian Journal of Political Science*, and an integral part of the team's efforts to bring the journal to Deakin University. As Associate Editor, Hans oversaw the production of the September issue of the journal, and it is sad but fitting that his final efforts should appear at this time.

Hans grew up in Sweden, and held a life-long commitment to progressive social change. He was, however, equally critical of the approaches offered by Swedish social democrats on the one hand and the more authoritarian strategies suggested by Stalinists and Maoists on the other. He joined a small leftist party, for which he helped to produce and sell a weekly newspaper, as well as running a bookshop and café. He worked for a time in a factory, in order to better understand and support workers' struggles. Hans later trained as a librarian.

Hans travelled widely, and his knowledge of languages enhanced his love of travel. He spoke fluent English, had a working knowledge of German, and in later years learned some Spanish in order to better communicate with his daughter's new family. Hans spent a year as a young man living in the United States, and while travelling through Europe in his twenties he met his wife Rhonda Small. They settled in Melbourne, which became Hans' adopted home. He worked for a time at the State Library of Victoria, before completing a PhD in public policy at the University of Melbourne. Hans and Rhonda raised three children in Melbourne, and Hans became an active member in his local community, St Kilda. He ran for the local council in 2004, and narrowly missed out on being elected.

Hans embarked on an academic career after the award of his PhD, and spent three years at the Launceston Campus of the University of Tasmania. Most of his career, however, was spent in the (now) School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Deakin University. Hans commenced teaching in Deakin's Politics and Public Policy stream in 2001, and he developed a diverse and wide-ranging teaching repertoire. Hans was particularly pleased to introduce an undergraduate unit devoted to the study of Indian politics. He co-taught the unit with his dear friend and collaborator, Professor K.C. Suri from the University of Hyderabad. Hans had a strong capacity for friendship, which he believed should underpin both academic collegiality and political activism.

To a significant degree his areas of teaching were aligned with his research interests: Hans conducted research into the political economy of the pharmaceuticals industry as well as the politics of India, and his work was published in some of the leading journals in the discipline. Hans organised several collaborative research projects, conferences and symposia, and he edited several books as a result. These volumes enabled a number of Indian scholars to present their work to global audiences for the first time. As a supervisor of Honours and doctoral students, Hans oversaw several successful completions. His students benefited from his attention to detail, thoughtful, timely and considerate feedback, and continuous encouragement. Hans had several leadership roles in the school, serving as an Associate Head of School in the Research and External Partnerships portfolios, as well as an editor of the *AJPS*.

Hans was a compassionate, generous, thoughtful, intelligent, and well-rounded person. His friends, family, colleagues and students will miss him greatly.