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9 - 10 January 2025

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington

Venue: MacDiarmid and Cotton Buildings, Kelburn Campus

Rooms: AM101, AM102, AM104, AM106, AM151, COLT122

Keynote: Professor Rose McDermott

(Brown University)

In this document you will find basic information about the conference, this year's keynote, the university, the conference program, moving around Wellington and the dinner venue.

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About this year's Keynote

Rose McDermott is the David and Mariana Fisher University Professor of International Relations at Brown University and a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She works in the area of political psychology. She received her Ph.D. (Political Science) and M.A. (Experimental Social Psychology) from Stanford University and has also taught at Cornell and UCSB.

She has held fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies and the Women and Public Policy Program, all at Harvard University, and has been a fellow at the Stanford Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences twice.

She is the author of five books, a co-editor of two additional volumes, and author of over two hundred academic articles across a wide variety of disciplines encompassing topics such as American foreign and defense policy, experimentation, national security intelligence, gender, social identity, cybersecurity, emotion and decision-making, and the biological and genetic bases of political behavior.

About Political Science and International Relations at VUW

The Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) Programme is New Zealand's largest and oldest department of politics. It is the only university in the country offering an undergraduate degree in International Relations, and it is in the top 100 in the world in the QS rankings. Situated in New Zealand's capital city, it is especially well placed to study the nation's politics, the institutions of government, and the manner in which foreign affairs are conducted.

About *Political Science*

Political Science publishes peer-reviewed articles and review essays across all fields and subdisciplines of political science and international relations. *Political Science* is an academic journal published in Aotearoa New Zealand by the Political Science and International Relations Programme at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, in association with the New Zealand Political Studies Association/Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa. Its foundation in 1948 makes it one of the world's longest running political science journals. It presents original, peer reviewed, high-quality scholarship drawing on a variety of theories and methodologies. It welcomes submissions of papers, research notes and proposals for review articles from all parts of the world and, where of relevance to political science, from related disciplines such as sociology, Indigenous studies, psychology, philosophy, and economics.

Conference format

There are 19 panels, with three presenters each (apart from one panel with four presenters). There will be a chair. Presentations are expected to take about 20 minutes each (15 minutes for panels with four presenters) with about 30 minutes for discussion. If the presenter would like the chair to also serve as discussant, the presenter should send the paper at least a week in advance to the chair. Otherwise, the presenter should not expect the chair to have read the paper and provide feedback. The email of the chair is available in the program.

There is also a 90-minute poster session after lunch on Day 1 of the conference during panel session C.

Travel to the Conference Venue

If staying in the city, the Kelburn campus of Victoria University of Wellington sits on a hill overlooking the harbour, so travel to the conference venue will require a steep uphill walk from the city if travelling by foot. Public transport options include regular buses or the cable car, taxi or ride share, or a motorised scooter if you are feeling adventurous. Buses from the city centre to campus include numbers 4, 18, 21, and 22. For further details on your public transport options, visit https://www.metlink.org.nz.

Dinner

Thursday night we will dine at Dockside on the waterfront. Dockside specialises in New Zealand cuisine, including fresh seafood and local ingredients. https://www.dockside.co.nz/.

Day One: Thursday 9 January

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION: 8.30am-9.00am, AM 151

SESSION A: 9.00-10.30am

Panel A1: Advances in Political Analysis, AM 101
Chair/Discussant: *Feng Yang (Peking University), feng-yang@pku.edu.cn*

- L1-Regularized Item Response Theory Model for Robust Estimation of Ideal Points in the Presence of Protest Votes, *Jong Hee Park (Seoul National University), Kwangok Seo (Seoul National University) and Johan Lim (Seoul National University)*
- The Cognitive Number of Parties, *Kentaro Fukumoto (University of Tokyo) and Hirofumi Miwa (Gakushuin University)*
- ACROSS: Accessible Country-Relevant Outlier Selection System, *Cantay Caliskan (University of Rochester), Oskar Lelko (University of Rochester), Benjamin Noe (University of Rochester) and Keitaro Ogawa (University of Rochester)*

Panel A2: AI for Political Analysis, AM 102
Chair/Discussant: *Xun Pang (Peking University), xpang@pku.edu.cn*

- Do Conversations with AI Influence Beliefs about Trans Rights? *Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College), Mitchell Bosley (University of Michigan), John B. Holbein (University of Virginia) and Semra Sevi (University of Toronto)*
- Causal Representation Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence: Application to Texts as Treatments, *Kosuke Imai (Harvard University) and Kentaro Nakamura (Harvard University)*
- Using Generative AI to Extract Emphasis Frames, *Gechun Lin (Washington University in St. Louis)*

Panel A3: Australian Public Opinion and Political Behaviour, AM 104
Chair/Discussant: *Ian McAllister (ANU), ian.mcallister@anu.edu.au*

- The changing role of social class and housing in explaining voting intentions, and views on government in Australia, *Nicholas Biddle (ANU)*
- Democratic responsiveness to different forms of public opinion: the case of Australia, *Daniel Casey (ANU)*
- Look whose talking? CanberraInbox: A study of e-newsletters of Australian politicians, *Daniel Casey (ANU)*

Panel A4: Public Policymaking, AM 106
Chair/Discussant: *Thiago Nascimento da Silva (ANU), ndsthiago@gmail.com*

- Randomized Policy Experiments Increase Legitimacy, *Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne) and Aaron Martin (University of Melbourne)*
- Bad Democracy Traps, *Hasin Yousaf (UNSW), Gabriele Gratton (UNSW) and Barton Lee (ETH Zürich)*
- Term lengths and legislators' temporal focus, *Patrick Leslie (ANU) and Chris Hanretty (Royal Holloway, University of London)*

SESSION B: 11.00am-12.30pm

Panel B1: Audio and Visual Analysis, AM 101
Chair/Discussant: *Cantay Caliskan (University of Rochester), cantay@bu.edu*

- Do Legislators Vote As They Speak? A Multi-View Analysis of Vote and Text to Detect Incongruence, *Xuancheng Qian (Princeton University) and Sayumi Miyano (Harvard University)*
- Supreme Guide to Attitude: Vocal Pitch and Emotions in North Korean TV News, *Jongyoon Baik (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), Haohan Chen (University of Hong Kong) and Yiqiang Wang (University of Hong Kong)*
- Portraits of Power: Facial Features and the Tacit Domain of Political Selection in China, *Songpo Yang (Tsinghua University) and Junyan Jiang (Columbia University)*

Panel B2: Machine Learning, AM 102
Chair/Discussant: *Hye Young You (Princeton University), hyou@princeton.edu*

- Introducing CoxNet: A Deep Learning Approach to Predicting Conflict, *Ioannis Ziogas (Georgetown University) and Billy McGloin (Georgetown University)*
- Market-dominant Minority as Middleman: How Chinese investment influences ethnic relations in Malaysia, *Naiyu Jiang (Stanford University)*
- A Julia Program for Scraping Australian Parliamentary Speech Data: Efficient XML Processing for Political Science Research, *Eve Cheng (ANU)*

Panel B3: Great Power Politics, AM 104
Chair/Discussant: *Matthew Castle (Victoria University of Wellington), matthew.castle@vuw.ac.nz*

- A novel investigation into the relationship between conflict levels and types and under-5 mortality, *Brandon Ives (Seoul National University)*

- Affective Geopolitics and Border Anxiety: How Spatiality of Emotions Shape Attitudes Towards China's Belt and Road Initiative, *Huiyi Lyu (Tsinghua University), Xun Pang (Peking University) and Wei Xiong (China Foreign Affairs University)*
- They're All the Same to Me: Great Power Favorability among Global Mass Publics, *Ben Goldsmith (ANU)*

Panel B4: Social Media Politics, AM 106
Chair/Discussant: *Jonathan Nagler (NYU), jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu*

- Online and offline political engagement in democracies and autocracies, *Sarah Cameron (Griffith University) and Ashley Lee (Pratt Institute NYC)*
- Does social media exposure lead to attitude convergence or 'backlash'? A longitudinal study of Twitter posts about refugees, *Michael Kumove (ANU) and Jana von Stein (ANU)*
- Has "be kind truly become be nasty"? Negative Campaigning in the 2023 New Zealand General Election and voters responses to it, *Mona Krewel (Victoria University of Wellington) and Jeanelle Frontin (Victoria University of Wellington)*

LUNCH: 12.30pm-1.30pm, AM 151

SESSION C: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Panel C1: Political Violence, AM 101
Chair/Discussant: *Brandon Ives (Seoul National University), brandonives@snu.ac.kr*

- The Legacies of Historical Civil Conflict in Contemporary Civil Conflict: Evidence from India's Districts, *Subhasish Ray (OP Jindal Global University) and Casper Sakstrup (Aalborg University)*
- Historical statehood and Targeted Mass Killing, *Charles Butcher (NTNU), Ben Goldsmith (ANU), Christoffer Andersen (NTNU)*
- How Armed Conflict Transfer? Physical Modeling of Spatial Diffusion and Relocation in Prediction, *Jingtian Hu (Tsinghua University), Hao Sha (Tsinghua University), Pengfei Tian (Tsinghua University), Yue He (Tsinghua University), Chong Chen (Tsinghua University), Fan Yang (Tsinghua University) and Peng Cui (Tsinghua University)*

Panel C2: Language, Rhetoric, and Relationships, AM 104
Chair/Discussant: *Jong Hee Park (Seoul National University), jongheepark@snu.ac.kr*

- The Power of Words: How Rhetorical Strategies Influence Regime Legitimacy in Russia, *Daria Kuznetsova (University of Canterbury) and Yufan Yang (Augusta University)*
- How do global trade rules evolve? Mapping the legal language of the trade regime, *Matthew Castle (Victoria University of Wellington) and Stephen Skalicky (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- The Changing Dynamics of US-China Relations: Insights from Computational Text Analysis, *Mon Madomitsu (University of Tokyo), Peter Trubowitz (London School of Economics) and Kohei Watanabe (Waseda University)*

Panel C3: Identity, Prejudice, and Public Opinion, AM 106
Chair/Discussant: *Shawn Treier (ANU), shawn.treier@gmail.com*

- Binary Gender Identity Strength Increases Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals, *Tony Zirui Yang (University of Oxford) and Margit Tavits (Washington University, St Louis)*
- Is there really a 'consensus' on refugees? A test of refugee attitudes in the Americas, *Jana von Stein (ANU) and Michael Kumove (ANU)*
- Natural Disasters and the Electability of Women: Evidence from Philippine Mayoral Elections, *Holly Jansen (University of California, San Diego)*

SESSION D: 3.30pm-5.00pm, COLT 122

Keynote Address: Rose McDermott (Brown University)

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CONFERENCE DINNER: 6.30pm, Dockside Restaurant & Bar, Shed 3/9 Queens Wharf

Day Two: Friday 10 January

SESSION E: 9.00-10.30am

Panel E1: Survey Methods, AM 101
Chair/Discussant: *Sarah Cameron (Griffith University), s.cameron@griffith.edu.au*

- Predicting Public Opinion in National Surveys: A Comparative Analysis of Large Language Models Across Countries, *Feng Yang (Peking University) and Xun Pang (Peking University)*
- Analyzing Economic Views via Social Media Posts versus Survey Data, *Suzanna Linn (Penn State University), Patrick Wu (American University), Jason Greenfield (NYU) and Jonathan Nagler (NYU)*
- Innovative Methods for Survey Data Quality and Collection, *Ioannis Andreadis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)*

Panel E2: Large Language Models, AM 102
Chair/Discussant: *Gechun Lin (Washington University in St. Louis), lingechun@wustl.edu*

- News Production and Source Selection: Evidence from 17,000 Climate Change Article, *Hye Young You (Princeton University) and Sylvan Zheng (NYU)*
- Using Large Language Models to generate Political Regime Datasets, *Xavier Marquez (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- Automated Annotation of Evolving Corpora for Augmenting Longitudinal Network Data: A Framework Integrating Large Language Models and Expert Knowledge, *Xun Pang (Peking University), Xiao Liu (Peking University), Zirui Wu (Peking University), Zhicheng Shao (Peking University), Jiayi Li (Peking University), Yansong Feng (Peking University)*

Panel E3: Public Opinion on Energy Policy, Inequality and China's Non-Tariff Trade Barriers, AM 104
Chair: *Yutzung Chang (National Taiwan University), yutzung@ntu.edu.tw;* Discussant*: Jill Shepherd (ANU), jill.shepherd@anu.edu.au*

- NIMBY Effect on Nuclear Power Support in Taiwan: A Field Experiment Amid Energy Challenges, *Osbern Huang (Griffith University) and Yutzung Chang (National Taiwan University)*
- Inequality's Silent Ally: The Convergence of Rich and Poor Perceptions, *Kai-Ping Huang (National Taiwan University)*

- Backlash to Weaponized Non-Tariff Trade Barriers: Evidence from the Chinese Mango Ban during the 2024 Taiwanese Presidential Election, *Jason Kuo (National Taiwan University)*

Panel E4: The 2023 NZ General Election, AM 106
Chair/Discussant: *Lara Greaves, (Victoria University of Wellington), lara.greaves@vuw.ac.nz*

- An economic choice? The issues that shaped the 2023 New Zealand general election, *Sam Crawley (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- Affective Polarisation in the 2023 New Zealand General Election, *Tom Jamieson (Victoria University of Wellington) and Sarah Bakewell (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- Political trust, 'undue influence' and attitudes about political party funding reform, *Jack Vowles (Victoria University of Wellington) and Mona Krewel (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- Pass the Parcel or Musical Chairs? Support for New Zealand First in the 2023 General Election, *Luke Oldfield (Victoria University of Wellington) and Chloe Jackman (AUT)*

SESSION F: POSTER SESSION: 11.00am-12.30pm, AM 151

Chairs/Discussants: *Kosuke Imai (Harvard University), imai@harvard.edu; and Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College), crabtree@dartmouth.edu*

- Boot for Boot? Tied Aid Practice of the US in response to China in Africa, *Timothy Chanimbe (Hong Kong Baptist University)*
- A new estimator for addressing Design Bias Due to Instrumental Variables in Web Experiments ---- Considering Violations of the Exclusion Restriction, *Yizhou Fan (Hiroshima University), Ran Nakao (Ehime University) and Yuki Hayashikawa (Tokyo University)*
- Causal Pathways in Conflict Dynamics: Unveiling Causal Networks with Differentiable Causal Discovery, *Jingtian Hu (Tsinghua University) and Xun Pang (Peking University)*
- Who's at the Cutoff? Characterizing the Analytical Sample of Regression Discontinuity, *Jeremy Siow (University of Oxford) and Bryant Moy (NYU)*
- Informal Institutions, Party Co-optation, and Public Goods Provisions: Evidence from Rural China, *Lin Song (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)*
- Architecting Governance Synergies: A Network-Theoretic Examination of Strategic Entity Interactions in Singapore's AI Policy Ecosystem, *Wenting Sun (The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)), Yuqing Cai (Nanyang Technological University) and Tongyao Li (Macquarie University)*

- Why Public Accountability Cause Negative Corruption Perceptions? “Expectation Discrepancy” in Latin America's Anti-Corruption Governance, *Yuwei Xin (Peking University)*
- Perception, Misperception, and Crisis De-escalation: Dyadic Experiments in China and the United States, *Eddy Yeung (Emory University) and Matthew Conklin (University of Chicago)*

LUNCH: 12.30pm-1.30pm, AM 151

SESSION G: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Panel F1: Spatial Analysis, AM 101
Chair/Discussant: *Ben Goldsmith (ANU), ben.goldsmith@anu.edu.au*

- Claimability in International Relations: Oil Discoveries, Territorial Claims, and Interstate Conflicts, *Kyosuke Kikuta (Institute of Developing Economies)*
- Unpacking interactions among political actors through spatial econometrics, *Pierre F. Landry (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Zheng Zhang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)*
- Clock, Sunrise and Voting Behavior, *Elizaveta Kugaevskaia (Osaka University)*

Panel F2: Information, Knowledge and Citizen Competence, AM 102
Chair/Discussant: *Nicholas Biddle (ANU), nicholas.biddle@anu.edu.au*

- Knowledge of the Māori roll and exercising Indigenous electoral rights: Results of a survey quiz, *Lara Greaves* (*Victoria University of Wellington)*
- A crisis of confidence? The validity of business confidence as a measure of economic conditions, *Tom Jamieson (Victoria University of Wellington), Mere Below (Victoria University of Wellington) and Saskia Grant (Victoria University of Wellington)*
- Missingness and Inferential Errors in the Study of Voters' Perceptions of Parties' Positions, *Thiago Nascimento da Silva (ANU), David Fortunato (University of California, San Diego), Laron Williams (University of Missouri), Rylie Wieseler (University of Missouri)*

Panel F3: Ideology, and Political Action, AM 104
Chair/Discussant: *Jana von Stein (ANU), janavonstein@gmail.com*

- Majority ethnonationalist ethnic riot and protest in 18 European countries: variable levels of vote salience, *Brandon Ives (Seoul National University)*

- Characterising Ideology among Survey Respondents in the United States., Australia and New Zealand, *Shawn Treier (ANU)*
- Policy Feedback and Contentious Protest Action among Americans with Disabilities, *Joshua Thorp (University of Michigan)*

Panel F4: Elections and Political Behaviour, AM 106
Chair/Discussant: *Jack Vowles (Victoria University of Wellington), jack.vowles@vuw.ac.nz*

- Minority Representation around the World: Federalism and Electoral Systems, *Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca (ANU)*
- Is There a 'Youthquake'? The Structure of Party Competition and Age Differences in Voting, *Ian McAllister (ANU)*
- Who comes off the electoral roll? Analysis of a Big Data sample, *Matthew Gibbons* (*Victoria University of Wellington)*

SESSION H: 3.15pm-4.15pm, COLT 122

Group Discussion: Current and future ASQPS/Asian PolMeth activities & goals/AGM