



ASSR News

Te Rōpū Kairangahau Tikanga-ā-iwi o Aotearoa Pānui

April/ May 2010

June Forum

Speaker: James Newell
Topic: Gender shifts in NZ Occupational Pathways 1981 to 2006
Date: Wednesday June 2, 2010
Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
Place: L1, Department of Internal Affairs, Waring Taylor St., Wellington

Context: The last 25 years has seen dramatic changes in the participation of women in work, changes in the contribution of different occupations to the jobs people work in and shifts in participation of women and men in many occupations.

James will summarise some results from the recently released working paper "Converging and Diverging Strands in the Evolution of Gendered New Zealand Occupational Pathways", prepared for the FRST funded "Missing Men Programme" (long title : Education capital formation, employment, migration,gender, work-life balance and missing men).

The working paper outlines a method for, and results after, separating out gender specific shifts in occupational pathways from the effects of relative changes in female and male employment rates and shifts in occupational size. The working paper is available for download from the url: <http://www.mera.co.nz/Publications/WorkingPapers/WorkingPapers/MERAWkgPaper200903Sum.htm>.

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Convenor's Corner

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to the April/ May newsletter for ASSR. This is a month of comings and goings, and dreams.

If we weren't sure whether the final days of Spring were truly over and Winter upon us, the weather bomb currently hitting the county does appear to have cleared this up. We now dream of the distant past, of lazy summer afternoons and paua fritters on the barbecue...

In other goings, we extend our warm thanks to the outgoing Co-convenors, Jane Renwick and Ngaire Bennie for their fabulous work leading the ASSR over the past year – *kia ora mo oku mahi e hoa!*

We are pleased to announce the transition into these roles of the two new Co-convenors, Paula White and Kathie Irwin. For those of you who don't know us, you can read more about us in this issue (page 2).

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Convenor's Corner

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Meet the new ASSR Convenors

We come into this role with a shared vision for ASSR, and for the ongoing development of social science research capability and capacity in Aotearoa New Zealand. Indeed, we view the two as inextricably connected.

We want to see a thriving ASSR, with clear goals and strategies for achieving them. We are informed by and seek to progress the wish-list that you as members articulated in the ASSR Membership Survey in 2009. You said that bedding in a presence in the regions, and facilitating more opportunities to share knowledge and connect with other researchers were important to you. We heard you.

In working towards these goals, we will encourage ASSR to contribute to social science research that is reflective, that acknowledges the indelible progress it has made to date, that is nevertheless aware of its own gaps and growth areas, and that is comfortable with itself in striving to meet the social challenges of the future.

"We have a dream...that one day in Aotearoa social science research demonstrates its leadership, where Maori and Pakeha social researchers, all social researchers of the multiple cultural perspectives in this country, are able to sit down together at the table and form partnerships, mutual understanding, for shared social science research theory, practice and knowledge development... This is our hope."

Paula White

Ko Paula White ahau.
Nō Whanganui-a-Tara ināinane ahau.
Nō Airihi (County Cork, County Down), me Ingarangi (Bexhill-on-Sea, Birmingham), me Kōterani, me Tiamani ōku whānau.
Ko Dee te whaea, ko Mike te matua, ko Jeremy taku tungāne.
Nō Tāmaki makau rau e noho ana rātou.

After a life-changing student exchange year in 1990 in Berlin, Germany, I studied language, literature and history at Otago University. Following big shifts in tertiary education funding in Aotearoa at this time, my growing interest in politics led me to Wellington in 1995 where I completed degrees in political science and later an applied Masters in social science research (Victoria). I began my career as a public servant/applied researcher, working at Statistics NZ (2001 - 2004), the Tertiary Education Commission (2005 - 2008) and SPARC (2008 - 2009). 2006 - 2008 I completed specialist training in evaluation research (Massey). I am currently working as a research and evaluation consultant. I have been an active ASSR committee member since 2005, and a member of the Royal Society of NZ Social Sciences Advisory Committee since 2006. My broader interests include cooking, photography, bikram yoga, kayaking, diving-spearfishing (pretty much anything involving the sea), and this year I am learning to play and sing with the ukelele.



Dr Kathie Irwin

Rakaipaaka, Ngati Porou, Ngati Kahungunu, Orkney Islands, Scots and Irish

Dr Irwin trained as a primary school teacher in the mid nineteen seventies. She has built a career as an academic/researcher, specialising in Maori education, research and development, since first holding a position as a Junior Lecturer at Massey University in 1981. She has worked at Massey University (1981 - 1988), Victoria University (1988 - 2000), Christchurch College of Education (1999 - 2000), Te Kohanga Reo National Trust (2002 - 2005), Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi (2005 - 2008), and Te Puni Kokiri, where she held the position Chief Analyst Culture in the Policy Division.

Dr Irwin is currently the Chief Analyst Policy, Research, Māori at Te Komihana a Whānau (Families Commission). Kathie is the doting mother of two young adults in recognition of the powerful dimensions they have added to her life. Singing, swimming, walking and movies are favourite pastimes.



Science News:

from the [Royal Society of New Zealand](#)

PM's Budget emphasis on research, science and technology is 'empowering scientists' The Royal Society of New Zealand's President, Dr Garth Carnaby, commenting on the Prime Minister's announcement on the research, science and technology component in the forthcoming Budget. "I see this announcement as hugely empowering for scientists as they are keen to contribute to the New Zealand economy. The direction is particularly exciting because of the engagement between science and business which is clearly signaled as commanding significant new government funding in the Budget. It is also really pleasing to see the Prime Minister taking personal ownership of the importance of science's place in industry."

From 1 January this year the Royal Society, which promotes science and technology [including social science research], has officially included the humanities as part of its scope with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Te Whaingā Aronui Council for the Humanities. Royal Society of New Zealand President Dr Garth Carnaby said this is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Royal Society of New Zealand. "For the first time there will be an organisation in New Zealand that promotes excellence in research and scholarship across all the disciplines and areas of knowledge. We are now a true academy of scholars." He said it was important that in New Zealand, scientists and technologists confronted new moral and philosophical questions arm in arm with humanities colleagues, rather than from "the narrow perspective of a deterministic scientific world view". "The contemporary issues of science are no less staggering in their impact on every aspect of what it means to be human. [{RSNZ Media Release 12 Feb 2010}](#)

Royal Society of New Zealand partners with TVNZ 7 to promote the value of science and technology. "The idea of a brand new television series on TVNZ 7 designed to excite and inform with great stories of science and technology in contemporary New Zealand is thrilling to the Royal Society of New Zealand. "We especially want to see young New Zealanders become inspired by the fantastic array of opportunities which science and technology offer as a career. We are also looking forward to seeing the benefits of research presented in a way that makes viewers take a second look and say 'Wow, I didn't know that'." [\(Dr Di Marthy, RSNZ Media Release 15 April\)](#)

In discussion with the Royal Society it appears that although social science was not considered in the initial pitch for the series, a social science research perspective is potentially on the cards. - ASSR editor.

The Royal Society has also announced a new initiative. A series of [Nationwide workshops for emerging researchers](#): Dunedin (28 June), Christchurch (29 June), Palmerston North (1 July), North Shore (5 July), Auckland City (6 July), Hamilton (7 July) and Wellington (9 July) Supported by The Royal Society of New Zealand, the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology and Immigration New Zealand are running these free workshops at locations around New Zealand for PhD and Post-Doctoral student. more info: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/news/events/emerging-researchers/>

Royal Society of New Zealand election results

Voting for the position of Vice President (Education, Public Awareness and Outreach) on the Royal Society of New Zealand Council closed last Friday. Votes were counted by the scrutineer on Monday and Professor Michael Corballis ONZM FRSNZ, University of Auckland, has been voted in as the new Vice President (Education, Public Awareness and Outreach) for a 3-year term beginning 1 July.

Professor Richard Le Heron FRSNZ, also from the University of Auckland, has been elected unopposed for the position of Vice –President (Social Sciences and Humanities), for a 3-year term beginning 1 July.

ASSR AGM 2010 Highlights

This years AGM heard reports from the various ASSR office holders, and included a lively discussion of issues as diverse as ethics processes, through to thoughts on how ASSR might develop enhanced relationship with other social science organisations including the Royal Society of New Zealand (more about RSNZ below), and better support emergent researchers, and existing members. These issues featured earlier in the year at the ASSR committees annual planning meeting and it was reassuring to receive feedback that the committee's work program was inline with member interests.

Also the [Tribute Booklet](#) prepared in memory of Raewyn Good was presented to those present. A PDF version is [available online](#) on the ASSR website to view, and a physical copy is available to others [on request](#).

At the AGM thanks were given to committee members who have stood down: Lana Moriarity (Forum Writer), and Jane Renwick (Co-Convenor). Needless to say the committee and members will miss their contributions.

Reports tabled at the AGM are attached to the email distribution of this newsletter to members.

How to Access the [ASSR Online forums](#) *(March forum)*

At the March ASSR forum Michelle Gosse provided a thorough introduction to the new additions to the ASSR website, which also has a new web address: www.assr.org.nz, and the newly developed ASSR online forums: <http://www.assr.org.nz/forums>.

The ASSR forum interface will be familiar to many members as it uses the widely used open source bulletin Board software (PHPBB). When you first access the forum pages you will see this page →

Before entering the forums you will need to first Register here.

Following initial registration, and authorisation you will access the forums by entering your name and password here.



How to access ASSR forums

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After you click the Register button, you will be taken to a disclaimer page that asks you to agree to behaving in an appropriate manner online, i.e., maintain professional etiquette, and that registration and forum content will not be secured in a database, but will not be provided to a third party without your further consent. This is intended to ensure that the software makers, and ASSR have some protection from legal action if someone such as a hacker misuses the forums to publish libellous, or abusive posts (very unlikely for our members), and is built into the software. When you agree to these terms by clicking here.



You will then be taken to the main registration page on which you enter your "User Name" and other details.

IMPORTANT! Please **use your real name (First - Last-name e.g., John Waldmann)** as this will facilitate the administrators to authorise your access to the forum, (a cross check with the member database), and enhance dialogue with other members.

Enter other details, **including the email that is your usual email** as this is the email that private messages will be sent to by members. Passwords must be more than six characters.

Before submitting your details, you also need to enter the code from the graphic.

If the code is hard to read as it is here, click the Refresh button, then enter the code.

Then click submit.

How to access ASSR forums

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This page (above) is presented.

At this point, you then need to wait until you receive an email from the ASSR web administrator confirming your registration success.

The Administrator will process your registration as quickly as possible, but it could take a day or two. This process is in place to prevent hackers, and unwanted internet trolls from accessing the forums. When you receive an email notifying account activation is complete you can go to the ASSR forums at <http://assr.org.nz/forums> and then enter your user name and password and click the Login button.

If you also check the “Log-me-on automatically” then next time you access the forums page you will be logged in.



REMEMBER


Use your first and last name and password to login.

Registrations lacking a recognisable Member name, and a contactable email will not be activated.

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Once you are logged in the page will show the board indexes: which include: Flights of fancy (a general chat room); Emergent issues; Job and Contract Vacancies; Quantitative Research Help; Qualitative Research Help; Ethics; Software; Recommendations; and Suggestions for the Committee. To the right of the screen several columns show how many posts are in the forum, and how recently.

Clicking on a forum title takes you into the forum, where the forum post titles, are shown. Click on the title of interest. If on reading the post you wish to respond, click the dark blue button. 

A new page will open with a text box in which you can write your response. You can use the buttons above the text box to format your response. (highlight the text and click the chosen button.) This looks a little strange as all the normally behind the scenes formatting codes can be seen (for example bold text will look like this [b]bold text[/b]. don't worry when your response is then previewed or submitted this text would look like this: **bold text**.

When finished your finished writing you can either preview, or submit your post. and then go on to read other posts.

This has been a fairly brief introduction to the new forums. Later in the month we expect to send out a more detailed email describing how to write and edit posts, and configure your user profile: adding avatars/detailed signatures, and private messaging.

Please go to <http://assr.org.nz/forums> and register so that you can explore our new communications medium. Make a post, and give the committee your feedback.

VACANCY: ASSR is looking for a replacement in 2010 as forum recorder/ minute taker. If you are interested in this (Wellington) position, for which there is a small koha, Please contact: [Ngairie Bennie](#).

Note: Previously the ASSR website was hosted on the Royal Society of New Zealand at <http://www.assr.rsnz.org/> this link no longer works.

The new ASSR Website address is:

<http://www.assr.org.nz>



Casting the net

SPEaR: www.spear.govt.nz/. [Job opportunities](#), [Funding](#), [Events and sector news](#), International and [NZ Research Centre links](#). Very useful and updated regularly.

Social Science at the Royal Society: http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/About/Our_structure/advisory/social_science/default.aspx and Royal Society News: www.royalsociety.org.nz

Websites to monitor:

- * American conferences: <http://www.aeaweb.org/RFE/conferences.php>
- * UK Conferences: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>
- * General conference search engine: http://socialsciences.academickeys.com/conf_main.php
- * Australia and Asia: <http://coombs.anu.edu.au>
- * EU conferences: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events_en.html
- NZ community hui, conferences, and events: [CommunityNet Aotearoa New Zealand](http://www.community.net.nz/communitycentre/events/Default.htm?Region=default)
<http://www.community.net.nz/communitycentre/events/Default.htm?Region=default>
- Footprint Books – some of the latest publications www.footprint.com.au
- Knowledge Auckland: www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz
- ANGOA: Association of NGOs of Aotearoa: www.angoa.org.nz/pages/news.php A very useful resource, with an wide regional, and organisational base.
- [Good Practice Participate](http://www.goodpracticeparticipate.govt.nz/): From the Office of the Community & Voluntary Sector. A resource to help government employees follow good community engagement practices – case-studies, useful links and further reading. <http://www.goodpracticeparticipate.govt.nz/>
- Tertiary Research Online: The [Kiwi Research Information Service](#), National Library of NZ, A selection of research articles and theses produced in NZ universities and polytechnics.
- [The Clearing House](http://www.communityresearch.org.nz/) Clears research and other resources for Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector. Sharing your research. Resources and (162) researchers available for your projects. www.communityresearch.org.nz/
- [CommunityNet Aotearoa](#) View the events calendar on [CommunityNet Aotearoa now...](#)

Funding Resources on the web:

- [Dept. Internal Affairs Grants Online](http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/): <http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/>
- The [Funding Information Service](http://www.fis.org.nz/): A subscriber based funding database: <http://www.fis.org.nz/>
- [Community Net](http://www.community.net.nz/how-toguides/funding/)'s funding page: <http://www.community.net.nz/how-toguides/funding/>
- Also look at [Ngatahi: Newsletter of Hutt City Council Community and Youth Development](#). The March issue has very accessible list of annual funding options.
- Royal Society of New Zealand list of funders: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/funding/>
- [Health Research Council \(HRC\)](#) HRC is the major government-funded agency purchasing and co-ordinating health research and fostering the health research workforce in New Zealand. Our mission is "Benefiting New Zealand through Health Research" [Funding Events Calendar](#).
- [Fullbright NZ](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/): Promotes educational and cultural exchange between NZ and the US. Education services include advice and reference guides on studying at universities in the US. Also prestigious Study and research awards for [NewZealanders](#), www.fulbright.org.nz/

Regional Updates

All Regions

Make use of the new ASSR bulletin board forums at www.assr.org.nz/forums to make contact with members in other regions; seek assistance and advice; raise issues for discussion, and organise local events. Please register and login using your first and last name and your preferred email address. Motu is organising seminars for other regional centres. See [here](#) for more information: http://www.motu.org.nz/events#ongoing_seminars

Auckland

Knowledge Auckland is a collaborative website by the Auckland Regional Council, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and the Department of Labour. Knowledge Auckland is a place to find and share useful research and data about the Auckland region. At: www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz

Knowledge Auckland economic [updates](#), www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz/home/economic/economic_home.cfm. This includes: New industry-specific data on how the region has been affected by the recession; Latest labour force participation statistics; and Auckland and income inequality. In this month's [Update](#): - Latest Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS); - Building consent indicators; - Spatial economics.

Knowledge Auckland Infometrics [quarterly review](#) of trends in the Auckland economy to December 2009.

[MOTU Seminar series](#) Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, in cooperation with the University of Auckland Masters in Public Policy Programme, is organising a series of free [seminars](#) over the next few months. The next is Dr David Hensher, of University of Sydney, on: [Informed Thinking on Frequent, Connected and Visible Metropolitan-Wide Public Transport](#), Thursday 1 July, 12:30 to 2:00pm, Reception Lounge Auckland Town Hall.

If you would like to organise or present an ASSR forum in your regional centre, similar to those held in Wellington, contact: Ngarie.Ngaire.Bennie@minedu.govt.nz to discuss.

**Your ASSR News contributions, comments, and debate. Please
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Or share them at the new ASSR online forums
www.assr.org.nz/forums**

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SPEaR: Social Policy Evaluation and Research (SPEaR) Committee **Linkages Funding Programme** at: <http://www.spear.govt.nz/funding/linkages/apply/linkages-funding.html>. This programme includes: The **Social Science Research Award** and the **Social Science Capability Building Award**. Linkages Funding Rounds are on hold. Updates to be posted on the **SPEaR website**.

Publication: *New Zealand Population Review Vol. 33 & 34 2007/2008* (combined issue) has just been released (Sept 2009) by **PANZ (Population Association of New Zealand)**. This issue examines contemporary and historical demographic issues and in particular migration in the international and Asia/Pacific contexts. Hard copy of the latest New Zealand Population Review is forwarded to all current PANZ members. PANZ **Membership enquires**

Publication: *Journal of the Sociological Association of Aotearoa/ New Zealand 24 (1) 2009* is free online.

Publication: *Kōtuitui, New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences* Free online, Royal Society of New Zealand **Latest issue**: Work and well-being in New Zealand, November 2009.

Motu **Papers and Publications**. Motu supports the objective of enhancing research infrastructure. Motu develops and documents datasets and makes this data readily available to other researchers and graduate students. <http://www.motu.org.nz/building-capacity/datasets>.

Publication: **E-newsletter from the Office for the Community & Voluntary Sector** ~ Issue 33 ~ 20 May 2010
This regular **e-newsletter** features news about the community-government relationship, together with sector-related activities, events and publications – especially those that promote community engagement, participation and collaboration. **Click here to read** the full e-newsletter onscreen or to **print it out**. Back issues are on the OCVS website www.ocvs.govt.nz - under 'OCVS newsletters'.

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The National Centre of Mental Health Research. Information and Workforce Development: www.tepou.co.nz/

Health Research Council of New Zealand Funding Opportunities, publications and ethics links.

Families Commission **Latest research reports**; **Archived published research reports**; **Research funding** (current round closed). **Links to other agencies**.

Asia:NZ **Emerging Researcher grant (\$6,000)** A grant for emerging researchers in areas relating to Asia:NZ's work, including doing business in Asia, preparing New Zealand for a future with Asia, increasing New Zealand's Asia literacy, Asia in the media, Asian cultural expressions and New Zealand's international relations with Asia. Preference will be given to post-graduate researchers, new academics and those who have not already received significant funding from other sources. Next deadlines: 7 May 2010 (\$3,000), 13 August 2010 and 20 February 2011

Asia:NZ **Big Issues grant (\$10,000)** This grant is awarded for research on important contemporary or emerging issues relating to New Zealand's future with Asia. Research may address culture, business, public policy, international relations, education or the media. The grant is intended to support timely, innovative and original research, which will promote debate and discussion on matters relating to Asia

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and New Zealand, or that has implications for policy and/or business. This is an open research grant for which new or established researchers may apply. Next deadline: 16 October 2010. *See also the **Calendar***

Asia:NZ [NZASIA Postgraduate Research Awards \(up to \\$5,000\)](#) In early 2010, Asia:NZ announced deeper collaboration with the New Zealand Asian Studies Society through a joint postgraduate research award.

New Website: [Youth Developments](#) new online data resource developed in response to the need for better national and sub-national data about young people: <http://www.youthstats.myd.govt.nz/>

Rutherford Foundation NZ Post-doctoral Fellowships. Applications close on 30 June for the above fellowships, worth \$190k, which are intended for two excellent New Zealand researchers who had their PhDs conferred no more than two years ago. They are tenable at any NZ research institution for two years starting late 2010 or early 2011. Application form, and criteria: http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/rutherford/nz_pdf.aspx

Writing for Science course with Dave Armstrong, Victoria University, Wellington. Are you a scientist wanting to learn to write in a more engaging and accessible style? Are you a creative fiction or non-fiction writer wanting to write about science? This course, presented in partnership with the Royal Society of New Zealand, will combine practical writing sessions and discussion of your own written work with examination of the issues involved in science writing. Dave Armstrong has written extensively for screen and stage. He won the fiction category of the 2008 Royal Society of New Zealand Manhire Prize for Creative Science Writing. Dates and time: Saturdays **12, 19, 26 June, 10am-4pm** Fee: \$225 Enrol online at the Creative Writing section of our website: www.victoria.ac.nz/conted

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Forthcoming Local and World Events

NZ seminars, workshops and lectures are listed at:

- www.spear.govt.nz/events/index.html
- www.royalsociety.org.nz/tools/events/list.aspx?SECT=Public_Events

*an asterisk * marks New Zealand events, and local awards to help you find them.*

June

*2nd ASSR Forum

*3rd Families Commission Research Seminar, Wellington Conventioncentre Wellington Town Hall

Presenting the results of recently completed projects, and progress reports on studies underway at this seminar. This is an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other interested groups to discuss issues of significance for families and whānau. Keynote addresses from Professor Alan Hayes, Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, and Professor Gordon Harold, Director of the Centre for Research on Children and Families, University of Otago. For more information and to register for this event please go to <http://www.nzfamilies.org.nz/research-seminar-2010>. Contact Penny Dring-Aust on penny.dring-aust@nzfamilies.org.nz or 04 917 7055.

*9th Symposium: 'eResearch', and how are people in different disciplines using eResearch methods?

Rutherford House (LT1) Victoria University, Wellington. from 9.30-4.00 (with drinks to follow) on Tuesday 8 June. You can register to attend by emailing eresearch2010@vuw.ac.nz,

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***6th - 9th 4TH International Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Conference [Owen G Glenn Building University of Auckland](#).** Conference theme 'Behind the tattooed face a stranger stands: Recognising, engaging, understanding difference'. Speakers will discuss strategies for building relationships that understand and accommodate the differences among indigenous and non-indigenous communities and societies. info: <http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz/>

***15th Panel Discussion - Education Equity: Is the system serving boys and girls equally? Fed of Graduate Women, Rutherford House (LT3), Victoria University, Lambton Quay, Wellington** Panel: Dr Jane Gilbert, NZCER; Carol Much, ERO; Ro Parsons, Ministry of Education; Barbara Mabett, NZFGW; drinks and nibbles in the foyer from 6pm (the discussion will start at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome.

***21st - 23rd Reviewing Welfare & Social Sector Policy & Reform, Wellington Town Hall.** Does the New Zealand welfare system need an overhaul? Will the Government's proposed changes achieve reduced reliance on benefits, or only make things more difficult for beneficiaries? This carefully researched conference will examine the main concerns in New Zealand's welfare and social policies, and how they impact on the many varied demographic groups. Info: <http://www.conferenz.co.nz/conferences/reviewing-welfare-social-sector-policy-and-reform>.

***23rd - 24th June [IPANZ New Professionals 2010 Conference, Making a Difference, Te Papa, Wellington](#).** This biennial conference is a signature event for IPANZ New Professionals—an organisation which provides a crucial platform for the new generation of public servants. If you're a public servant under 35, or have worked in the public sector for less than 5 years... then don't wait for someone to invite you—take advantage of this professional development opportunity and talk to your manager about attending. More info: http://www.ipanz.org.nz/Site/Groups/_New_Professionals/Conference_details.aspx. Please direct your questions to the [IPANZ NP team](#) online.

***28th - 29th Smart Cities New Zealand 2010, Rendezvous Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.** For the first time in New Zealand, we are excited to bring you a conference that features best practice presentations on the myriad of aspects that makes up a Smart City. Topics: Confirmed keynote: Amsterdam Innovation Motor will give us an insight into how Amsterdam is transforming the city with a multitude of innovative, green projects – and ask the question how may local authorities learn from experience. More info: <http://www.brightstar.co.nz/conferences/smart-cities-summit>.

***29th - 1 July NZSA International Conference on Statistical Methodologies and Related Topics in conjunction with the New Zealand Statistical Association (NZSA) 2010 Annual Conference, Massey university, Palmerston North.** The theme is quite general. Papers were invited from any area of probability and statistics including Student presentations. One or two sessions will be set aside for Statistics Education on the last day. More Info: http://nzsa_cdl_2010.massey.ac.nz/.

***30th - 2nd July [The 51st NZAE Conference 2010](#) (New Zealand Association of Economists), University of Auckland.** Registrations open **28 March**, Call for Paper Abstracts closes **31 March**. Enquires to Dr Bill Kaye-Blake: bill.kaye-blake@lincoln.ac.nz or Teresa Cunningham: teresa.cunningham@lincoln.ac.nz

July

***5th & 6th [The Fourth International Asian Health and Wellbeing Conference](#), School of Population Health, Tamaki Campus, University of Auckland.** Download the [Conference Brochure](#). During the course of the conference CAHRE Centre for Asian Health Research and Evaluation) is also hosting a Photo-Essay Competition on Holistic Asian Health: [download photocomp details](#).

***5th - 8th [New Zealand Geographical Society \(NZGS\) Biennial Conference](#), & Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG), Rydges Hotel, Christchurch.** Programme is [here](#). and [More information](#).

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*7th ASSR Forum

*15th Data Matters: Making the Most of Publicly-Funded Research Data, Te Papa, Wellington (9am to 5pm).

The Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, supported by the National Library of New Zealand and the Royal Society of New Zealand, is hosting a one-day event to discuss issues surrounding the long-term management of publicly-funded research data. At this event see what excellent data management can achieve. Talk about what it would take to make better data management more common. Get a better understanding of initiatives currently underway in New Zealand.

This event is aimed at: Leaders in publicly-funded research data management, procurement, and policy development; IT Directors and technical specialists in information and knowledge management; Researchers leading the charge in data management and reuse. *This event is invitation only and places are limited.*

RSVP by 25 June 2010 to Deanna.Lysaght@morst.govt.nz

*18th-12th, NZPsS Annual conference: Psychology for a Sustainable Future, Rydges Hotel, Rotorua. A Satellite Conference to ICAP 2010 in Melbourne. Call for submissions [Submission form and guidelines](#).

International submissions deadline **30 January**; Local submissions **30 March**. To discuss possible symposia please contact the academic programme convener, Michael O'Driscoll, directly at: psyc0181@waikato.ac.nz or any other information contact: conference@psychology.org.nz

•23rd - 24th [ANZEA](#) Upper South Island Regional Mid Winter Symposium: Evaluation 'in a midwinter spot' - best practice, social innovations and new methods, tools and approaches for evaluation, Heritage Hotel, Hamner Springs.

Mid-winter evaluation symposium on the theme of best practice and new developments and innovations in thinking, practice, theory and methods (including ICT). So come and share your innovative ideas and practices! Engaging, participatory contributions in four formats: Panel discussion followed by participants' questions and discussion (1-1½ hours); Small group discussion (1-1½ hours); Workshop (1-1½ hours); Paper (30 mins, includes 10 mins for questions and discussion). Libby Gawith - libpaul@globe.net.nz.

•28th - 9th Nationwide workshops for emerging researchers: Dunedin (28 June), Christchurch (29 June), Palmerston North (1 July), North Shore (5 July), Auckland City (6 July), Hamilton (7 July) and Wellington (9 July) Are you looking at how to further your research career? Interested in the changes that are happening in the New Zealand research system? Are you thinking about how to develop your skills?

The Royal Society of New Zealand, the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology and Immigration New Zealand are running free workshops at locations around New Zealand for PhD and Post-Doctoral researchers. Information will be presented on how to make the most of opportunities to apply for research funding provided by the Marsden Fund and the Foundation. In addition, Immigration New Zealand will be providing advice for non-residents. Also sessions on communication, networking and preparing for prospective employment. This will be followed by a networking session to use some of your new skills! Numbers are limited. Information and registration: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/news/events/emerging-researchers/>

August

*4th ASSR Forum

*30th - 31st Australian Evaluation Society pre-conference Workshops: Reflecting on *Evaluation*. Wellington.

The conference will bring together people and organisations with an interest in the theory and practice of evaluation. Evaluators, commissioners and users of evaluation are invited to reflect on current professional practice and the role of evaluation within the wider society. Key dates: • proposals due **16 April 2010**; • Registrations open **28 May 2010**.

Conference [website](http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/) <http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/>

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September

*1st ASSR Forum

***1st - 3rd Australian Evaluation Society Conference: Reflecting on *Evaluation*. Wellington.** Registrations open 28 May 2010. Conference [website](http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/). <http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/>

6th - 9th Action Learning Action Research Assn. (ALARA) 8th World Congress: Participatory Action Research and Action Learning: Appreciating our Pasts, Comprehending our Presents, Prefiguring our Futures. Melbourne, Australia. (plus two pregress skill sharing days (4th -5th). A critical and reflective review of the philosophical foundations of PAR, AR and AL, with an appreciative look at present – and future – concrete practices in their real-life contexts. Info: <http://www.globalfocus.org.nz/infoservices/downloads/Journal%20Call%20for%20Papers%20Ad%20%2824.02.10%29.pdf> Email: alara@borderlands.org.au

October

*1st ASSR Forum

***6th Royal Society Annual General Meeting and Group meetings, Holiday Inn, Featherston street, Wellington.** Constituent Organisations, Regional Constituent Organisations, and Companions will all be holding meetings beginning at 1 pm and concluding about 3.30 pm so that all membership groups can come together for the Members' Annual General Meeting starting at 4 pm. The Annual General Meeting will be followed by Cocktails from 5.30 until 6.30 pm. to be followed by a fellows meeting at 7:30pm. Note: ASSR will have a representative at the constituent organisation meeting.

***26th - 29th From Discovery to Delivery: Science, Policy, Leadership and Action. 2010 EIANZ Conference, Te Papa, Wellington.** Focused on sound environmental management and biodiversity, streams also include: community action; business leadership, natural resource governance, assessment and monitoring. Call for papers (June 4) from economists, policy analysts, urban designers, and community development specialists. Info: <http://www.confer.co.nz/elanz2010/programme.html>.

November

*3rd ASSR Forum

***17th - 19th [NZAI New Zealand Assn. for Impact Assessment 2010 Conference](http://www.nzai.org.nz/Conference/2010/NZAI_2010_Conference_Flier.pdf) and 3rd Asia and Pacific Regional Health Impact Assessment Conference: Health, wellbeing, and HIA: Working better, working smarter, University of Otago.** http://www.nzai.org.nz/Conference/2010/NZAI_2010_Conference_Flier.pdf
Contact: Professor Richard Morgan On behalf of the HIA2010 organising group email: hia2010@otago.ac.nz

December

*1st ASSR Forum

***1st-3rd DevNet Conference: Making Development Sustainable: Connecting, Learning, Committing, Massey University, Palmerston North.** Suggestions sought for paper presentations, panels, and workshops from NGO and NZAID staff, development consultants, researchers and students of Development Studies. Announced April 2010 here: <http://www.devnet.org.nz/updates/>

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December cont....

***3rd Transitions to Sustainability, NZ Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science (NZSSES) 2010 Conference.. Faculty of Engineering, University of Auckland.** Before 2050, our global civilisation faces one of its greatest challenges - to match our demands to the limited resources of the planet. Business as usual will not be enough to ensure the ongoing viability of our community. Themes include, limits to growth; new economics of sustainability; resilient societies; beyond today's infrastructure; and embedding sustainability, providing plenty of scope for social science contributions. Email: Vicky Adin vicky@nzsses.org.nz, Phone (09) 479 9113. Info: <http://www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz/conference/index.htm>

October 2011

23rd - 27th Ageing Well Together: Regional Perspectives: The Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics 2011, Melbourne, Australia. This congress is run every four years, on behalf of the Asia/Oceania Regional Council of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG). The Australian Association of Gerontology, in partnership with the New Zealand Association of Gerontology (NZAG), will host this significant congress. Register your interest early at www.ageing2011.com

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