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 Geography **Auckland **

**Kia ora tatou …**

The Auckland branch of NZGS promotes the activities of geographers and the development of the discipline in the Auckland region. It has proven an effective platform for hosting and sponsoring public seminars and workshops, and talks by prominent local and international geographers; running competitions for schools; providing opportunities for young geographers to attend conferences; and for bringing geographers together to discuss issues of public and disciplinary concern. One initiative is to seek **better links with professional geographers** beyond the university and schools.

The Auckland activities include **monthly Geography Dialogues with Wine.** The Branch invites any members with ideas for activities to bring them forward for discussion and development. It also encourages new members to join. **Membership of the New Zealand Geographical Society includes branch membership**.

**This year’s Awardees for Excellence in First Year Geography appears on page 4**

**The June Dialogues will be presented by Tom Baker and others: “**Innovatory urban governance: A research agenda” – see Page 2

The Canterbury Branch will be hosting the biennial New Zealand Geographical Society Conference at University of Canterbury both in-person and online: 22 – 25 November

The NZ Geographical Society’s newsletter can be found on <http://www.nzgs.co.nz>

Past copies of Geography Auckland’s newsletter can also be found in the (Branches) Auckland Branch section of <http://www.nzgs.co.nz>

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**What’s on?**

**MONTHLY GEOGRAPHY**

**DIALOGUES WITH WINE**

**These meetings give a chance for Geographers to talk informally about their research.**

**The Auckland Branch invites you to attend the next meeting**

**Tuesday, 21st June 2022**

**University of Auckland**

**Ontology Lab, Level 5, Science Centre, 23 Symonds Street**

**The Speaker will be Tom Baker**

**(If you wish to attend via Zoom, a link will be sent to you)**

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**Celebrate Geography,**

**Get excited**

 Karen Fisher (k.fisher@auckland.ac.nz)

June Logie: june.logie@me.com (secretary)

**News for teachers:**

**Geography Scholarship Lectures:**

**Theme: Urban Growth:**

1 June: What is urban growth? Tom Baker;

29 June: Urban Growth and inequality – Larry Murphy;

17 August: Sustainable Urban Growth? Mel Wall

For your diary:

**Monthly Geography Dialogues with Wine**  21 June, 5 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 1 November, 22 November

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**Auckland Dialogues**

**Tuesday 21 June**

**Building 302, Room 551 Ontology Lab – 4.00pm to 5.30pm**

**Innovatory urban governance: A research agenda**

**Tom Baker**

As ‘governance innovation’ is embraced as an imperative to address urban policy challenges, many cities are adopting novel governance arrangements, institutions, and mechanisms. Yet, innovatory urban governance—a distinctive set of urban governance practices and heterogeneous political project—is not well understood within critical urban scholarship. Stemming from a collaborative research project with Pauline McGuirk, Robyn Dowling, Sophia Maalsen and Alistair Sisson, this paper argues for such recognition and suggests engagement with public sector innovation literatures as a productive way forward. We build from this engagement to suggest a critical urban geography research agenda to drive systematic analysis of innovatory urban governance, its heterogeneous formation, politics and possibilities.



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| **Schedule of Dialogues for 2022** |

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| **DATE** | **SPEAKER** | **COMMENTS** |
|  April |  | Night of Geography cancelled |
| 17 May | Nick Lewis | Global management consultancies and extra-state governance, what’s the geography and why should we be concerned? An anatomy of long-term project |
| 21 June | Tom Baker and others | Innovatory urban governance: A research agenda |
| 5 July | David Waite (visiting from Glasgow) | TBA |
| 16 August | Martin Brook | Rainfall-induced state of emergency in Tairawhiti/Gisborne, 2021: academic response |
| 20 September | Melissa Bowen | TBA |
| 18 October | Jenny Salmond | TBA |
| 1 November | Valentine Ibeka (with Ward and Lyndsay) | Traversing the Western Academia in a black habitus: reflections from my doctoral journey |
| 22 November | JC Gaillard and others | Gender and Disaster |

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**New Zealand Geographical Society Excellence in Geography Awards for achievers of excellence in First Year Geography:**

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded an Excellence in Geography award at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, 24th May:**

Alanna Abrogena, Sasha Barrett-Garnier, Isabel Bloomfield, Summer Edwards, Kyla Fisher, Pippa McCormack Wolf, Natia Mestvirishvili, Janki Patel, Abi Potter, Laura Simcock, Guy Spratt, Alaska Webb, Kiu Hei Chloe Yip

**Join the New Zealand Geographical Society (NZGS)?**

To join, go to the Membership section on the NZGS website at <http://nzgs.co.nz/>  Subscriptions for Individuals, Fellows and Schools (including concessionary) can be completed here.  You can also join study groups, the Postgraduate Network, and the NZBoGT newsletter under 'Extras'.

To renew your existing membership: also go to the Membership section on the NZGS website at <http://nzgs.co.nz/>  and enter your username and password.  If you have forgotten these, you can request a reset.

New members: select your subscription plan and complete your profile online.