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## EDUCATION

*Australian National University: Doctor of Philosophy, 2017*

- Political Science with specialisation in party government and parliament
- Dissertation Title: [\*Policy, Policy Development and Political Communication During Opposition: The Federal Liberal Party of Australia 1983-1996 and 2007-2013\*](#)

*Australian National University: Bachelor of Arts with Honours (History), (2011)*

- History with specialisation in Australian and British History
- Political Science with specialisation in International Politics
- Dissertation Title: *The Battle of the Soul of the Liberal Party: Leadership, Ideology and Dissent in the Liberal Party, 1983-1989 and 2007-2009*

## METHODS TRAINING

- *Regression Analysis*, International Political Science Association, National University of Singapore, Singapore, Summer Program, 2017.
- *Fundamentals of Multiple Regression*, Australian Consortium of Social and Political Research Inc. Summer Program, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, 2017.
- *CASS big data in R training*, Australian National University, Canberra, 2015
- *Fundamentals of Statistics*, Australian Consortium of Social and Political Research Inc., University of Technology Sydney, Winter Program, Sydney, 2012.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCH POSITIONS

#### POST-DOCTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer (Teaching Fellow): The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia  
2017–2018

Lecturer (Research): The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia  
2019–2021

#### MEDIA RESEARCHER: FAIRFAX MEDIA (2008 – 2016)

- Editorial Researcher: *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, Canberra, Australia.

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING

### LECTURING (2016-PRESENT): AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- *POLS1009: Research and Writing in Political Science (ANU) (u/g)* 2018
- *POLS4011: Research Training: Methods and Scope (ANU) (Hons level)* 2018
- *POLS1009: Research and Writing in Political Science (ANU) (u/g)* 2017
- *POGO8032: Comparative Public Sector Management (ANU) (Masters)* 2016

### TEACHING ASSISTANT (2012-PRESENT): AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ANU) AND UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA (UC). ALL UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- *POLS1002 Introduction to Political Science (ANU) (u/g)* 2017
- *POLS1009: Research and Writing in Political Science (ANU)(u/g)* 2016
- *HIST2227: Australian Political History (ANU) (u/g)* 2016
- *POLS6606: Government Business Relations (UC) (u/g)* 2015
- *ANIP3005: Australian National Internships Program (ANU) (u/g)* 2013
- *ANIP3005: Australian National Internships Program (ANU) (u/g)* 2012
- *POLS2114: Australian Political Institutions (ANU) (u/g)* 2012
- *POLS6606: Government Business Relations (UC) (u/g)* 2012

### COURSE DESIGN (2016 - PRESENT): AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- *Research Training: Methods and Scope (Masters Level)* 2018
- *Researching and Writing in Political Science (u/g)* 2017
- *Introduction to Public Policy (u/g)* 2016

### TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- Australian National University, *Graduate Teaching Program* 2012
- Australian National University, *Education Fellowship Scheme* 2018  
(anticipated)

## RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

### ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

#### BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT

Marija Taflaga, *Conservative parties, organisational learning and policy institutionalisation: A comparative study of the United Kingdom and Australia*, Bristol University Press  
(Delivery date April 2020)

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Marija Taflaga and Matthew Kerby, (forthcoming 2019), 'Who does what work in a ministerial office: Politically-appointed staff and the descriptive representation of women in Australian political offices 1979-2010', *Political Studies*.

Jill Sheppard, Marija Taflaga and Liang Jiang, (forthcoming 2019) 'Explaining anomalous political assimilation among immigrants to Australia', *International Political Science Review*.

Marija Taflaga, (2018) ["What's in a Name? Semi-Parliamentarism and Australian Commonwealth Executive-Legislative Relations."](#) *Australian Journal of Political Science* 53 (2): 248–55. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10361146.2018.1451484>.

Marija Taflaga, (2017) ["The Challenges of Transitioning from Opposition to Government: Liberal Party Planning for Government 1983 – 1996."](#) *Australian Journal of Politics & History* 63 (2): 206–22. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajph.12351>.

Marija Taflaga and Jennifer Curtin, (2018) ["Australia"](#), *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*, 2017.

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#### PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Keith Dowding, Marija Taflaga and Matthew Kerby, 'The representation of women on Australian parliamentary committees'.

Katrine Beauregard and Marija Taflaga, 'Party Quotas and Gender Differences in Resources and Support to Run for Office in Australia: 1987-2016',

Marija Taflaga and Katrine Beauregard, 'The merit of party institutions: resistance and support for gender quotas by Conservative parties in Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand'.

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#### EDITED BOOKS

John Wanna and Marija Taflaga, (2015), ["A Liberal Dissident: The political writings of Senator Peter Baume"](#), Canberra: ANU Press.

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#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Marija Taflaga, (2018), 'Boats, Terror, Legacy', in ["Elections matter: Ten Federal elections that shaped Australia"](#), Melbourne: Monash University Press, eds. Benjamin Jones, John Uhr and Frank Bongiorno.

Marija Taflaga and John Wanna (2018), ["I'm not expecting to lose...": The election overview and campaign narrative"](#) in ["Double Disillusion: The 2016 Federal Election"](#) eds. Anika Gauja, Peter Chen and Juliet Peitsch, Canberra: ANU Press.

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#### ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Marija Taflaga and Jennifer Curtin, 'Australia', *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*.

Marija Taflaga and Jill Sheppard, 'The 'class of 2013': Political professionalisation and conservative ideology in Australia', *Australian Journal of Politics & History*. (Revise and Resubmit)

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#### THESES

Marija Taflaga, (2016), [\*Policy, Policy Development and Political Communication During Opposition: The Federal Liberal Party of Australia 1983-1996 and 2007-2013\*](#), Doctoral Thesis submitted to The Australian National University.

Marija Taflaga, (2010), *The Battle of the Soul of the Liberal Party: Leadership, Ideology and Dissent in the Liberal Party, 1983-1989 and 2007-2009*, Honours Thesis submitted to The Australian National University.

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#### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Marija Taflaga, 'How Do Parties Institutionalise Policy Making? The British Conservatives and the Liberal Party of Australia Compared, 1970 - 1990', paper presented to the Meetings of the Political Studies Association, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom, 15-17 April 2019.

Katrine Beauregard and Marija Taflaga, 'Party Quotas and Gender Differences in Pathways to Run for Office in Australia: 1987-2016', paper presented at the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science Conference, The Australian National University, Canberra, 10-11 December 2018

Katrine Beauregard and Marija Taflaga, 'Party Quotas and Gender Differences in Resources and Support to Run for Office in Australia: 1987-2016', paper presented at the *European Consortium of Political Research, General Conference*, The University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, 22-25 August 2018.

Shaun Ratcliff, Marija Taflaga and Andrea Carson, "How Immigration Complicates Voting Cleavages, Even without the Radical Right: Evidence from Australia", paper presented to the 25th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association, Brisbane, Australia, July 21-25 2018.

Marija Taflaga and Matthew Kerby, 'Who does what work in a ministerial office: Politically-appointed staff and the descriptive representation of women in Australian political offices 1979-2010', Sharing is Caring: Comparative Ministerial Elites Across Time and Space workshop, Canberra, Australia, July 28-29 2018.

Marija Taflaga, Matthew Kerby and Patrick Leslie "Examining why parliamentarians leave: political elites in the Australian parliament", paper presented to the 25th World Congress

of Political Science, International Political Science Association, Brisbane, Australia, July 21-25 2018.

Marija Taflaga, "Campaigning, Policy learning and exchange between Political Parties: The UK Conservatives and the Australian Liberal Party 1976-1979", paper presented at the workshop of the Political Studies Association Conservatives and Conservatism group, 14-15 June 2018.

Marija Taflaga, "Factionalism and Socialisation of political elites into intra-party groups: evidence from Australia", paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia 26 - 28 September 25-27 September, 2017.

Marija Taflaga and Matt Kerby, 'Mapping the career trajectories of political staff in Australia 1979-1999', *European Consortium of Political Research, General Conference*, The University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, 6 - 9 September 2017.

Marija Taflaga, 'Intra-party group formation at the level of individual political actors The Liberal Party of Australia 1983-2013', paper presented to the *European Consortium of Political Research, Joint Sessions*, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom, 25 - 30 April 2017.

Shaun Ratcliff, Andrea Carson and Marija Taflaga, 'We will decide who comes to this country': Attitudes towards immigration and voter behaviour at the 2013 federal election', paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia 26 - 28 September 2016.

Marija Taflaga, 'How do actors rationalise mediatisation adaption strategies? The Liberal Party of Australia 1983-2013', *European Consortium of Political Research, General Conference*, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 7 - 10 September 2016.

Marija Taflaga, 'Political debate and policy elites in parties: Opinion piece writing in Australian newspapers by Coalition MPs, 2007 - 2013,' paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, The University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia, 28-30 September 2015.

Marija Taflaga, 'Just for Show?: How does the LPA approach policy making in opposition?', paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 28 September to 1 October 2014.

Marija Taflaga, 'Unfair treatment?: Lessons from Australia's media coverage of Federal Oppositions, 2002-2012', paper presented to the Annual Meetings of the New Zealand Political Studies Association, University of Auckland, Auckland New Zealand, 1-3 December 2014.

Marija Taflaga, '[We need to talk about Tony: Media coverage of the Abbott-led Opposition 2009-2013](#)', paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia, 28 September to 2 October, 2013.

Marija Taflaga, '[A More Aggressive Parliament? An examination of Australian parliamentary behaviour 1996 to 2012](#)', paper presented to the *Annual Meetings of the Australian Political Studies Association*, The University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia, 24 - 26 September 2012.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS

Review of '[The Rise of the Fifth Estate: Social Media and Blogging in Australian Politics](#)', by Greg Jericho. Australian National University Australian Studies Centre, 22 January 2013.

Review of '[Hear our Voice: The Democracy Australians Want](#)', by Ken Coghill and Paula Wright, *Australian Journal of Public Administration*. March 2013.

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#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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#### PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY RESEARCH PAPER

Marija Taflaga, '[A Garden of Opportunity: Preparation for Government by the Coalition in Opposition 1983-1993](#)'. Parliamentary Library of Australia, Canberra, 2014.

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#### ONLINE ARTICLES AND MAGAZINES

Marija Taflaga, '[The End of the Era of Mass Party Politics](#)', *Inside Story*, 26 February 2018.

Marija Taflaga, '[NSW Liberals' factional battles stand in way of reform, but changes in participation demand it](#)', *The Conversation*, 15 August 2016.

Marija Taflaga, '[Australian Politics enters the 'big target' era](#)', *Inside Story*, 30 June 2016.

Marija Taflaga, '[Don't Hear all about it](#)', *Advance*, Crawford School of Public Policy, Canberra, Spring edition, 2014.

Marija Taflaga, '[Ninety-nine Policy Problems: The high price of focusing on tactics](#)', *Policy Forum*, Asia and the Pacific Policy Forum, April 2015.

Marija Taflaga, '[Small targets, small ambitions](#)', *Inside Story*, 12 March 2015.

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#### BLOGS

Marija Taflaga, 'Does it really matter if we call Australia Semi-Parliamentary?', [The Policy Space](#), 2 May 2018, [Democratic Audit UK](#), 26 April 2018 and [POP Politics Aus](#) 12 April 2018.

Marija Taflaga and Patrick Leslie, '[Marriage from hell: what can Australia's coalition tell us about the Tory-DUP government?](#)', *LSE Blog*, 17 June 2017.

Marija Taflaga, [‘Who knew that toilets would have such a complicated history?’](#), *Museum of Australian Democracy Blog*, 2014.

Marija Taflaga, [‘Political Animals: domesticating Australian politics’](#), Blog, 2013-2015.

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#### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Jane Lee and Marija Taflaga, [‘Federal Election: Labor pledges to outspend Coalition on local roads, transport, sport centres’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 19 June 2016.

James Massola and Marija Taflaga, [‘Federal budget 2014: Labor says budget built on Tony Abbott's 'act of mass deceit at last election’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 14 May 2014.

Judith Ireland, Jonathan Swan and Marija Taflaga, [‘Christopher Pyne sets up Coalition denials of a GST Rise’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 13 August 2013.

Jonathan Swan and Marija Taflaga, [‘Setback for Rudd as independents signal reservations’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 June 2013.

Jonathan Swan and Marija Taflaga, [‘Time for a COAG overhaul, says Carr’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 27 February 2013.

Mark Metherell and Marija Taflaga, [‘Twice the man: changing the record books’](#), *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 23 February 2012.

Marija Taflaga, *Electorate Profiles: Decision 2010*, *The Sydney Morning Herald online*, 2010.

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#### INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

Marija Taflaga, ‘Who does what work in a political office: Ministerial Staff in Australia’, The Australian National University, Canberra, 28 July 2018.

Marija Taflaga, ‘Revisiting the 2001 election: using historical research methods in Australian political science’, School of History, The Australian National University, Canberra, 2 May 2018.

Marija Taflaga, ‘Party preselection processes and the impact on Parliamentary Careers: The federal Liberal party of Australia 1983 to 2013’ "Political and Parliamentary Careers Conference", Parliament House, Canberra, Australia, 4 April 2017.

Marija Taflaga, ‘How do Parties respond to changing forms of voting?’, Election Regulation Research Network, fifth Biennial, University of Western Australia, Perth, 9 November 2017.

Marija Taflaga, ‘The influence of alternative Prime Ministers on major public debates’, Australian Prime Minister’s Centre, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House, Canberra, 13 June 2014.

Marija Taflaga, 'A Garden of Opportunity': Preparation for Government by the Coalition in Opposition 1983-1993'. Parliamentary Library of Australia, Canberra, 8 April 2014.

Marija Taflaga, 'The influence of alternative Prime Ministers: John Howard and Australia's multiculturalism debate in the 1980s', Australian Prime Minister's Centre, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House, Canberra, 19 February 2014.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS): 'Analysing Speech in the Australian Federal Parliament': \$6970

ANU SPIR: '*Conservative parties, organisational learning and policy institutionalisation: A comparative study of the United Kingdom and Australia*', (June 2018): \$7855

ANU SPIR, with Keith Dowding, "Committees and Career Paths", (March - December 2018): \$5000

ANU SPIR, with Katrine Beauregard and Jill Sheppard, 'Early voting, spending promises and voter learning in Australia' March - December 2018): \$2970

ANU SPIR, "Political parties and parliamentary tactics" (March - December 2018): \$3355

Australian Prime Minister's Centre at the Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House Summer Scholarship (January - February 2014): \$2400.

Australian Parliamentary Library, Parliament House, Summer Scholarship (March - April 2014): \$1800.

Australian Postgraduate Award (March 2011- March 2014): approx. \$71,000.

## AWARDS

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence: Public Policy and Outreach (23 November 2016), Federal Election 2016: ANU public outreach

ANU Crawford School Annual PhD conference (27 November 2012) Best Presentation (Public Policy): \$500.

## NOMINATED

Nominated for: The College of Arts and Social Science Awards for Excellence in Education (2018)

Nominated for: The Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Education (2019)

Nominated for: Australian National University Media and Outreach Awards: Emerging Media Talent (2016)



## SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Presentation: “How to teach Australian political institutions to high school students” ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies, 16 March 2018.

*Editor:* [Political Organisations and Participation Blog](#) (2016 – present)

Political Studies Association (PSA): Internationalisation Officer, Conservatives and Conservatism research group (2018 – present)

ANU: *School Web assistant*, School of Politics and International Relations (2016)

ANU: *Seminar Series co-ordinator*: School of Politics and International Relations (2015 - 2016)

ANU: *PhD Representative*: School of Politics and International Relations (2012).

### VOLUNTEER WORK

President the ACT Debating Union (2007-2008).

Presentations to Parliamentary delegations (2011-2013).