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## **CESAA NEWS**

### **CESAA Essay Competition 2018**

**Closing date: 5 June 2018**

The CESAA essay competition is calling for submissions from undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in an Australian tertiary institution. Essays from any discipline which deal with contemporary (post-war) Europe and/or the European Union, and have been submitted and assessed as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in:

- Semester 1 2018

are eligible to be submitted.

To enter send an electronic version of your essay to: [info@cesaa.org.au](mailto:info@cesaa.org.au). Please ensure the subject heading reads 'CESAA ESSAY COMP'.

The winning and highly commended essays will be considered for publication in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies. Prizes will be awarded as gift vouchers to the value of: Undergraduate: \$500; Postgraduate: \$500. Winners will also receive a year's free membership of CESAA.

Please contact Cael Hannah at: [caelhannah1@gmail.com](mailto:caelhannah1@gmail.com) with any questions.

You can also download the [CESAA 2018 annual essay competition PDF](#).

Further information is available on the CESAA website: [CESAA essay competition](#)

## **AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS**

### **Western Australian Business Forum in Perth**

The European Delegation to Australia's newsletter reported on the Western Australian Business Association's Forum held in Perth on 23 March which attracted representatives from EU-Australian business, policy makers, diplomats and Western Australian government representatives. Dr Michael Pulch, EU Ambassador to Australia, spoke about the possibility of Perth becoming Europe's gateway to Australia. Western Australian Minister for Tourism, Small Business, Defence and Gaming, Paul Papalia MLA, spoke about the EU-WA collaborations in the areas of space, science and trade as well as FTA opportunities.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Perth Forum](#)

### **Emerging Leaders Forum**

The European Delegation to Australia's newsletter reported that the EU-Australia Leadership Forum is looking for promising young leaders from Australia and the EU to take part in the Emerging Leaders Forum/Senior Leaders Forum scheduled take place in Brussels from 18 to 22 November 2018.

Further information is available via the link below:

[/eu-australia-leadership-forum-seeks-participation-emerging-leaders?platform=hootsuite](#)

## **EU NEWS**

### **Brexit**

Even though the referendum that paved the way for the UK's exit from the EU, was held nearly two years ago, the situation is still unsettled.

There have been calls for a second referendum. A recent report on survey by the Guardian and ICM reported that 47 percent of British voters surveyed support having a say on the terms of a final Brexit deal. Interestingly, the poll found that approximately a quarter of Leave voters would also like a second referendum.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Survey Brexit](#)

[Leavers also want poll](#)

[another-brexit-referendum/551816/](#)

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### **EU response to UK Russian poison attack**

Conclusions from the European Council Summit held in Brussels on 23 March included condemnation of the Salisbury attack. On 26 March sixteen EU Member States expelled Russian Federation diplomats and at the request of the Council of Europe, the Head of the EU Delegation to Russia was recalled for consultation with the High Representative Federica Mogherini.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[EEAS newsletter-459-28-march-2018\\_en](#)

### **North Korea: EU aligns its restrictive measures with latest UN sanctions**

On 6 April 2018, the European Council added one person and 21 entities to the list of those subject to restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), transposing into EU law sanctions imposed on 30 March 2018 by the UN Security Council (UNSC) Committee established by UNSC resolution 1718 (2006).

Further information is available via the link below:  
[North Korea sanctions](#)

### **€107.5 million to address needs of Yemeni civilians**

On 3 April in Geneva, the European Union has pledged €107.5 million in new funding for 2018 to help Yemeni civilians most in need.

The funding was announced at funding event for the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Yemen, bringing total EU funding to Yemen to €438.2 million since the beginning of the crisis in 2015.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Yemen funding](#)

### **€180 million emergency support for refugees in Greece**

On 2 April, the European Commission announced €180 million of new funding for aid projects in Greece. The aim of the funding is to extend the ESTIA program ("emergency support to integration and accommodation" which is designed to help refugees find housing in urban area outside of camps.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Greece emergency funding](#)

### **€150 million EU grant to Lebanon**

On 6 April the European Commission announce the grant of a €150 million in support of Lebanon's economy. There is the possibility of up to €1.5 billion in loans until 2020; in return Lebanon's financial institutions are required to identify and propose appropriate projects and adopt relevant reforms.

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission

Federica Mogherini affirmed *the EU's interest in and support for Lebanon*.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Lebanon support](#)

### **German court rules that Catalan independence leader Carles Puigdemont can be released on bail**

Puigdemont was arrested on 25 March upon entering Germany on his way from Finland to Belgium, on a warrant issued by Spain on the charges of rebellion and misuse of public funds.

The German court of Schleswig set bail at €75,000; in its ruling the court stated that it considered the charge of rebellion insufficient grounds for extradition as the comparable German charge, treason requires violence to be involved. However, the charge of misuse of public funds was considered sufficient grounds for an extradition and the proceedings to decide whether to extradite him on corruption charges could continue, it said.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[puigdemont bail](#)

### **Orban win in Hungarian general elections**

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban won the general election in Hungary on 8 April. His party, the Alliance of Young Democrats-Civic Union (FIDESZ-MPP), won 48.53% of the vote which will give it 133 of the 199 seats in Hungary's only house of Parliament, the Orszaggyules, approximately a 2/3 majority. Election participation was higher than in 2014.

Orban is no strong supporter of the EU and often opposes its decisions, such as the EU's commitment to relocate 160,000 refugees from Syria, Iraq and Eritrea within the 28 Member States. However, as Hungary requires EU funds, his opposition to EU initiatives has so far been limited.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Orban victory in Hungary](#)

### **Meeting of EU and Western Balkan partners to prevent and counter terrorism**

European Union and Western Balkan policy makers met in Sofia on 4 April 2018 to discuss measures to prevent and counter violent extremism, focussing on law enforcement cooperation and effective and sustainable partnerships with NGOs and communities at international and local level.

Further information is available via the links below:  
[EU-Western Balkans meeting](#)

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## EVENTS

### Public Lectures & Seminars

**19 April—19.00—20.15**

#### **Big History and Truth: Knowledge as Mapping**

Speaker: Professor David Christian, Director, Big History Institute, Distinguished Professor in History, Department of Modern History, Macquarie University

Location: The University of Melbourne Kathleen Fitzpatrick Theatre, West Wing, B101, Arts West, Parkville

The recent burst of talk about fake news encourages us once again to think carefully about what we mean by 'truth', and how we know when we are dealing with 'truth'. In this lecture, Professor Christian will discuss the nature of truth from the perspective of big history, which links ideas from many different disciplines in order to construct a modern account of the history of everything, a modern discipline. Big history can be thought of as the attempt to tease out a modern equivalent of the origin stories that have guided the search for truth in all traditional societies. What has 'truth' meant in different human societies? And what does it mean within different scholarly disciplines, from cosmology to chemistry to biology and history?

Looking at different understandings of truth forces us to move beyond simple dichotomies between truth and falsehood, and towards a less stable but more realistic middle ground in which we work with truth as probability and approximation, but vital nonetheless. That sense of truth is, after all, anchored in our biological nature. As living organisms, getting some grip on the truth is a matter of life and death. But we do not seek absolute or total truth because the cost of certainty is prohibitive. In the real world, the truths we seek are local and approximate, like maps of the Moscow underground. Bits are missing and not all the details are accurate, but they work pretty well most of the time and they provide precisely the sort of guidance we need in order to pursue our lives. Helping students towards this more nuanced idea of truth is a major challenge for educators of all kinds, and one of the major challenges of big history.

Further information is available via the link below:

[-big-history-and-truth-knowledge-as-mapping](#)

**24 April 2018—12.00—13.00**

#### **Eroticism, Food, Spirituality: The Films of Bigas Luna**

Speaker: Professor Santiago Fouz Hernández, Professor in Hispanic Studies and Film Studies, Durham University (UK)

Location: Lecture Theatre C, Room 124, Old Arts, The University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

Josep Joan Bigas Luna (1946–2013) was one of Spain's most important filmmakers of the democratic period. Although he is known internationally for the film *Jamón*,

#### **Schengen area: France extends its border controls until end of October**

Due to the continued terrorism threat in France, the country has indicated to the European Commission that the border controls in force since November 2015 would be extended until October 2018.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Extension of border control](#)

#### **Unemployment decreases in the Eurozone in February**

According to a Eurostat report on 4 April 2018, the euro area (EA19) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.5% for February 2018 was the lowest rate recorded in the euro area since December 2008. It marks a decrease from 8.6% in January 2018 and from 9.5% in February 2017.

The lowest unemployment rates in February 2018 were recorded in the Czech Republic (2.4%), Germany and Malta (both 3.5%) as well as Hungary (3.7% in January 2018). The highest unemployment rates were recorded in Greece (20.8% in December 2017) and Spain (16.1%).

Further information is available via the links below:

[Decrease in unemployment rate](#)

#### **Annual inflation increase to 1.4%**

According to an estimate by Eurostate, the Euro area's annual inflation is expected to be 1.4% in March 2018, up from 1.1% in February. Food, alcohol and tobacco are expected to have the highest annual rate in March (2.2%, compared with 1.0% in February), followed by energy (2.0%, compared with 2.1% in February), services (1.5%, compared with 1.3% in February) and non-energy industrial goods (0.2%, compared with 0.6% in February).

Further information is available via the links below:

[Euro area inflation](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 9 (2) is now available.

[Anzjes 9 \(2\)](#)

### Newsletters

#### **ECSA World-News**

To access the *ECSA World-News* newsletter please use the link below:

[ECSA World-News](#)

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jamón (1992), which launched the careers of now global stars Javier Bardem, Penélope Cruz and Jordi Mollà, he directed 17 feature films and worked with some of Spain's most important actors in a career that spans five decades.

His work's overwhelming emphasis on bodily pleasures (food and sex in particular), and its subversive mix of high art and popular culture, have contributed to mixed receptions in Spain, sometimes focused on superficial readings of the films' explicit content. Yet it is precisely the explicit depiction of sex and violence and the eclectic aesthetic style of the films that has helped to question, subvert and re-shape traditional notions of 'Spanishness' and their perception both domestically and internationally. Interestingly, many of these motifs have resurfaced in much more subtle ways in his posthumous work, which includes an adaptation of a Catalan post-apocalyptic bestseller (*Segon Origen/Second Origin*, 2015) and a documentary based on more than 600 hours of his personal video-diaries, produced by Javier Bardem (*Bigas x Bigas*, 2016).

This talk will explore the legacy of Bigas Luna by focusing on posthumously-released films and art exhibitions. It seeks to identify an aesthetic and thematic continuum in his oeuvre by focusing on the works' surprising combination of his notorious 'gastronomic eroticism' with much deeper reflections on ecology and spirituality.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[eroticism-food-spirituality-the-films-of-bigas-luna](#)

**24 April—19.00–20.00**

### **Open Markets, Open Play**

Speaker: Alexis Şanal, Bachelor of Architecture (Southern California Institute of Architecture), Master of City Planning (MIT), recipient, 2014 Graham Foundation research grant

Location: Room B117, Melbourne School of Design, Parkville campus, Masson Road

The Australian Institute of Architects Foundation, in partnership with the Melbourne School of Design, invite you to attend a special lecture by distinguished architect Alexis Sanal, 2018 Droga Architect in Residence.

In this talk, Alexis will discuss her research around open one-day markets and how their timeless acts of self-organised urbanism across civilisations and geographies are as pertinent to contemporary architecture, place-making and iconic identity as are museums, public libraries and entertainment centers. Istanbul's unique construction of market making is defined by its use of residual and underutilised city spaces into places of vibrant community-centric public life, one day each week. SANALarc has earned international recognition for their public realm works, and their practice focuses on investigating ways city-makers can self-organise in re-imagining the potential for transforming underutilised spaces into places for living culture. These are also

envisaged as sites for robust micro-ecologies, and as inclusive environments for sub-cultures to flourish.

Alexis will share SANALarc's Imaginable Guidelines design tool, as an inventive actuator of crowd-sourced city-making knowledge, and that engages an inclusive process in public realm design. As open markets are perceived as playful acts of civic life, have simple program rules and are stages for actual multi-generational playtime, her residency research is focused on developing this notion of 'Open Play.' Alexis will elaborate on this as a concept that can underpin an alternative repositioning of regulations as enablers, to rehearse multi-functioning living, working, trading, playing and sharing into particular time-based architectural designs.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[open-markets-open-play](#)

**26 April 2018—18.15–19.15 (public lecture) (19.15–20.15 refreshments)**

### **The Changing Face of Agriculture and Food System into the 21st Century**

Speaker: Professor Mark Howden, Director, Climate Change Institute, The Australian National University, Honorary Professor, Melbourne University, School of Agriculture and Food Systems

Location: The Craig Auditorium, The Gateway Building (Next to University of Melbourne Sports Centre), Parkville, Trinity College, Tin Alley

In the future we will need to balance the competing demands of a rising world population and middle class, dealing with climate change and progressive degradation of natural resources and the environment.

A rising world population combined with managing climate change means food security targets become harder to meet. A rising world middle class will demand higher quality food, more animal-based protein, but also higher animal welfare and food safety standards. However, we also need to improve the sustainability of agricultural practices to reduce environmental impacts including maintaining biodiversity.

This presentation delivered by Professor Mark Howden will address aspects of this nexus being faced by the changing demands on our food production systems into the 21st century.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[-the-changing-face-of-agriculture-and-food-system](#)

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**27 April 2018—12.30**

**Post-Truth, Compelling Fiction: On Transnational Feminist Politics, Knowledge Claims and Contemporary Art**

Speaker: Professor Marsha Meskimmon, Professor, Art History and Theory, Loughborough University (UK)

Location: ANU, Sir Roland Wilson Building, #120, 120 McCoy Circuit, Acton, ACT, 2601

The Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year for 2016 was post-truth: 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief'. Together with 'fake news', post-truth has become a watchword for the swiftly moving media hyperbole characteristic of the new nationalisms and their reactionary rhetoric of intolerance and exclusion. This paper argues that while the politics of transnational feminisms are strongly opposed to the ideological positions held by the Alt-Right and contemporary proponents of populist nationalism, a feminist riposte to post-truth cannot reinstate simplistic appeals to 'objective facts' against 'emotion and personal belief'. Exploring some connections between transnational feminist political advocacy and contemporary art, this paper will argue for the significance of compelling fictions in creating dialogic ecologies of knowledge capable of challenging post-truth through their combination of affect, imagination and collective responsibility.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[post-truth-compelling-fiction](#)

**2 May 2018—18.30–20.00**

**Creating Wealth: How Economies Grow**

Speaker: Professor Beth Webster, Director, Centre for Transformative Innovation, Swinburne University of Technology; Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research Impact and Policy

Location: The University of Melbourne, Copland Theatre, The Spot, Parkville campus, Berkeley Street

Economics does not explain all, or arguably most, of the immense growth in productivity we have experienced since the industrial revolution. Yet the data clearly shows that natural resources and the education level of the population do not offer comprehensive explanations either. In this talk, Professor Beth Webster will discuss the missing 'intangible' elements that make some economies rich and others poor, what we have tried over the last few decades to sustain productivity growth, and why it may have failed.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[creating-wealth-how-economies-grow](#)

**3 May 2018 —19.15–20.45**

**Building Democratic Participation in a Connected but Disillusioned World**

Speakers: Dr Andrea Carson, University of Melbourne, Coordinator, Pathways to Politics program; Henry Timms, Executive Director, 92nd Street Y, Visiting Fellow, Stanford University's Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, co-founder, #GivingTuesday; Jeremy Heimans, co-founder and CEO, Purpose, co-founder GetUp!, co-founder Avaaz, co-founder All Out, recipient, Ford Foundation's 75th Anniversary Visionary Award

Location: The University of Melbourne, Public Lecture Theatre, Old Arts, Parkville campus

How do you spread ideas, transform an organisation or start a movement? Drawing on insights from their recently published book on understanding 'new power', Jeremy Heimans and Henry Timms will unpack the critical skill of the 21st century: the ability to harness the energy of the crowd.

Our increasingly chaotic yet hyperconnected world has laid the foundations for unprecedented political disruption, as we've seen with both Brexit and Trump's election. Given the significant resistance to 'old power' it is vital to consider how 'new power' can be harnessed to strengthen democratic participation. By exploring lessons from crowdfunding successes, such as GetUp!, these two visionary thinkers will help you navigate our changing political landscape and your place in it.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[-building-democratic-participation-in-a-connected-but-disillusioned-world](#)

**4 May 2018—18.00–19.00**

**Ageing and Care in Mediterranean Countries: the case of Italy**

Speaker: Associate Professor Giuliana Costa, Associate Professor of Sociology, Politecnico di Milano, Italy, 2018 Institute of Advanced Studies Visiting Fellow

Location: University of Western Australia, Fox Lecture Theatre, UWA Arts Building, Hackett Drive Entrance No 1, UWA Crawley campus.

Care arrangements depend a great deal on where we live, which services are available to support us if we become 'dependent', and how "care systems" function. The majority of research has shown that care remains a family task even in those contexts characterized by generous publicly funded personal services, as in the Nordic European countries. But in the Mediterranean "care regimes", this task is taken for granted. A kind of "implicit familialism" is in place because of the huge duties assigned to families by policies (or the absence of them) assuming that family members are always capable and available to provide care. In these care regimes formal services are indeed scarce and intervene only residually, in very urgent and complex cases. This approach is

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embedded in social policies as well in the wider normative framework, for example concerning financial responsibilities towards relatives.

In this presentation, Associate Professor Giuliana Costa will illustrate and discuss the main elements of the Mediterranean care regime focusing on the Italian case: the lack of in-kind services, the existence of unregulated monetary supports for long term care, the centrality of families and the emergence of a 'private to private' solution that is peculiar to Italy, and which is attracting care workers from Eastern European countries. As a matter of fact, growing long-term care needs are supported by few existing formal public services and rely heavily on the informal care provided by family members and the help of private assistants, the so-called "badanti" (care-workers). These care workers are mostly migrant women and are filling the existing care gaps within the Italian welfare state. Giuliana will present the dilemmas related to this policy pattern as well as the most recent proposals to overcome it.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Care giving](#)

**4 May 2018—12.30–14.00**

#### **Unpacking privilege**

Speakers: Professor Irene Watson, Pro Vice Chancellor Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy, Professor of Law, School of Law, University of South Australia Business School; Professor Sujatha Fernandes, Professor, Political Economy and Sociology, The University of Sydney; Mariam Veiszadeh, lawyer, author, social commentator, 2016 Fairfax Daily Life Woman of the Year; Dr Gaynor Macdonald, Senior Lecturer, International Student Co-ordinator, The University of Sydney, co-convenor, Social Inclusion Network; Associate Professor Lily Zubaidah Rahim, (chair), Department of Government and International Relations, The University of Sydney, President, Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia; convenor, multi-disciplinary 'Religion, State and Society' Network, co-convenor, Social Inclusion Network.

Location: The University of Sydney, Law School Foyer, Level 2, Sydney Law School (F10), Eastern Avenue

The economic and political structures we live in have long histories of privileging certain kinds of people over others – class, gender, education, ability, ethnicity, sexual rights and skin colour have all played a part in a consistent, if variable, politics of inclusion and exclusion. We live in a time when there is increasing effort to address this history, to be more inclusive, to live with diversity. With such goodwill, why does this remain so difficult? Why are there resistances, silences, denials? What character do these take, and how are they experienced? What does desired 'change' really look like? What might be getting in the way of achieving it?

Such questions require that we interrogate the foundational question: what is 'privilege'? Who has it,

who doesn't? Is it a status or an experience? Is it a label imposed by others, often rejected? Is it a virtue, born of hard work; or a justification of inequity? Is it simply the absence of oppression?

This event invites four panellists to explore what it means to 'unpack privilege' from different perspectives, in order to open up a conversation and bring the issues involved to the forefront of everyone's workplace and personal agendas.

There will be time for Q&A – so come and get involved in one of the most important issues of our times.

Further information is available via the link below:

[unpacking-privilege.html](#)

## **Conferences**

### **National**

**21–26 July 2018**

#### **Borders and Margins—25<sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science**

Location: Brisbane

The Congress will integrate the annual conference of the Australian Political Studies Association and the biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies.

The Congress theme is Borders and Margins. The acceleration of globalisation and the consequences of the 9/11 terrorist attacks have had profound effects on borders. These include empirical borders, such as state, regional, security and "glocal" boundaries, and also conceptual ones, such as social, cultural, economic, religious, ethnic, sexual and linguistic distinctions that discipline and divide human populations through identity politics and bio-political management.

These borders create margins, through which administrative and military bureaucracies, as well as NGOs, activists, "networks" and more-or-less organized criminals and terrorists operate, empirically and conceptually. Borders between recognized states, de-facto states, sub-states, occupied territories and supra-national governance authorities are spatial creations defined through lines that separate one country, state, province, zone, "union" etc. from another, while borderlands appear to be critical zones at the margins of state control and governing institutions.

However, borders are not simply territorial lines. They have a dynamic character arising from their formal or informal functions and impacts. At a time when entire regions have been destabilized by the implosion of borders – often imposed by former and current imperialisms rather than arising through freely negotiated or democratic means – these margins are now conflict zones and flash points in national and international politics. Such conflicts and controversies are currently

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presenting very serious challenges to the international governance of human rights derived from the Universal Declaration of 1948, which reaches its 70th anniversary in 2018.

The evolution of information technologies has transformed the traditional “border as a barrier” by virtually enclosing people into groups with common identities and interests. These groups are dispersed throughout the globe, and so lack any form of territorial compactness or contiguity. Electronic “connectedness” challenges the imposition of physical barriers, bureaucratized checks and migration controls in starkly political terms. The challenges posed by these global developments – which make headline news when violence erupts or powerful politicians are exposed – invite us to explore the fundamental dynamics of inclusion and exclusion under an all-encompassing theme “Borders and Margins.”

Along with those who constitute the current majority/minority or other identity “mix” within a state, there are also those caught in marginal zones, such as immigrant groups that are physically “inside” but are said by some not to “belong.” They are typically central to a politics of multiculturalism/cosmopolitanism, or nationalism/assimilation, or expulsion/genocide. The politics of “Borders and Margins” has a common centre of gravity: that of “otherness” or “otherisation,” which, in turn, determines the borders and creates marginalizations. It is these practices which further determine inequalities of wealth and power, now very extreme in global terms. “Borders and Margins” offers participants in IPSA’s 25th World Congress broad scientific possibilities within the ethical dimensions through which the discipline operates.

These conjunctions of empirical activities and conceptual claims generate new methodologies in cognate disciplines that political scientists are keen to adopt. The Congress theme should be taken to include further perspectives including history, geography, international relations, international law, philosophy, sociology, political psychology, cultural studies, feminist and gender studies, queer perspectives, security studies and similarly engaged forms of scientific enquiry. In these fields there are crucial debates on sovereignty and identity, rights and obligations, just and unjust warfare and “interventions,” democratic theory and practice, and international governance, among other areas of concern.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[2018 IPSA Congress](#)

## **International**

**23-27 April 2018**

### **16th Dubrovnik Jean Monnet Seminar ‘Advanced Issues of European Law’**

#### **‘Blame it on Brussels – EU Law and Distributive Effects of Globalisation’**

Location: Inter University Center, Dubrovnik

The 16th session of the Dubrovnik Seminar will focus on the topic “Blame it on Brussels – EU Law and Distributive Effects of Globalisation”.

Paper proposals may cover a variety of areas focusing on two questions raised by the recent political events, particularly Brexit, which shed doubt on the traditional legal narrative of EU integration as beneficial to most citizens. First, did EU Law cause or accentuate any inequality in Europe (e.g. for low skilled labour), or are such inequalities the result of different causes (e.g. globalisation, technical progress) and, second, how could the EU address such inequality and make the positive sides of integration and its contribution to equality more visible?

The Seminar entails two parts - lectures by prominent EU law professors and members of the Court of Justice of the EU and research presentations by PhD candidates and junior academics.

The Dubrovnik Seminar is organized by the EU Law Department of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Dubrovnik\\_2018](#)

**16-18 May 2018**

### **Protecting and Projecting Europe**

Location: Brussels, Belgium

In the current difficult environment, will the EU be able to protect its citizens while also projecting its values into the world? In what ways has the EU's international role and standing been subject to change? We invite paper abstracts and panel proposals (deadline 23 October) for the sixth European Union in International Affairs (#EUIA18) conference (16 - 18 May 2018 in Brussels), a multidisciplinary biannual event at which international studies scholars and policy practitioners debate the role of the EU in the turbulent realm of international affairs. In 2018 it will focus on the theme of 'Protecting and Projecting Europe'. We look forward to receiving your fascinating abstracts and proposals!

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Protecting & Projecting Europe](#)

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### 18-19 May 2018

#### **EURINT 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Reflecting on Europe's (dis)order: scenarios for the EU's future**

Location: Iasi, Romania, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

**EURINT 2018** will be focused on the unprecedented challenges that European Union has faced (Brexit, the rise of populism, the devaluation of EU-USA relations) which have represented both a test and an alarm sign for future threats. These challenges have shifted the ordinary political and economic paradigms and have created a new state of affairs for the EU, as well as for its partners. Therefore, new policies are required to help address the urgent economic, political and social challenges. Current strategies are being questioned while new perspectives of the European and global economy are emerging.

During the two-day conference, an exciting academic programme, featuring renowned international experts and keynote lectures, will be offered to our participants: PhD candidates, post-doc fellows, researchers, civil society activists, NGO representatives, consultants, policy advocates and many more.

EURINT 2018 will share the latest academic research results, excellent networking opportunities, possibilities to create links for future academic cooperation (preparing potential research projects, establishing common publishing goals etc.).

The presented papers will be published either in CES Working Papers (indexed in numerous international databases) or in the Conference Proceedings (indexed in Thomson Reuters).

Further information is available via the links below:

[Eurint\\_1](#)

[Eurint\\_2](#)

### 21-22 May 2018

#### **Current Populism in Europe: Culture, History, Identity**

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

The conference is dedicated to the claim to represent the "will of the people", the rejection of "elites", the concept of "a glorious past", nationalist narratives, and a certain understanding of identity and culture promulgated by populist parties, leaders and movements across Europe. In order to fully understand the goals and successes of these actors in European politics, it is essential to look at the respective historical context in which they have emerged and to analyse their politics of history and culture. Within the scope of the 4th Prague Populism Conference, the organisers encourage applicants to submit papers on the following issues:

- Populism in historical and cultural perspective
- The use of historical and nationalist narratives in populist communication

- Comparative studies of current populist parties and movements in Europe
- Populism and the politics of identity

Further information is available via the link below:

[populism Europe](#)

### 13-15 June 2018

#### **Bringing IR back in: The European Union and the world**

Location: Paris, France

The series of crisis Europe went through in the last decade had significant implications from an International Relations perspective. They have put the EU's foreign policy system and its external relations under significant pressure, challenging the EU's role and its ways of conducting its policies in the world. Maybe more deeply, they also revealed important discontent among public opinions and tensions between the member-states. International cooperation among EU countries, and between the EU and the World, will remain a persisting challenge for the years to come.

Externally, the multiplication of hotspots ranging from Libya to Syria and Ukraine, the refugee crisis, tensions with Russia and Turkey, and the destabilisation brought by the Trump administration in the transatlantic relationships are some of the most pressing questions that the EU has to deal with internationally. Internally, the Euro-crisis and more recently, Brexit, have created tensions and uncertainty in the EU's project in general, and will entail repercussions on the entire EU's system of international relations. At the same time, however, these crises also offer opportunities for change and revision, as, for example, some moves in the field of defence cooperation seem to suggest.

In this challenging and continuously changing environment, scholars are invited to explore numerous empirical developments as well as to enrich their theoretical toolkit to explain relations between the member states and European foreign policies. This section aims to bring back the attention on International Relations theories and Foreign Policy Analysis approaches in the study of old and new puzzles in EU studies, and to the contribution that the study of European foreign policies gives to the development of IR and FPA. Traditional perspectives as well as newer approaches focusing on practices, narratives, emotions etc., which have gained traction in the IR and FPA literatures, are welcome to offer new insights on International Relations in and of the EU. This section invites panels and papers considering these aspects, from a variety of theoretical, methodological and disciplinary perspectives

Further information is available via the links below:

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**28–29 June 2018**

**2018 EUSA AP Annual Conference: The Future of the EU and European Integration in the Aftermath of Crisis**

The 2018 EUSA AP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop will be held in Taipei on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June 2018. The Postgraduate Workshop will take place on Day 1 and Postgraduate students are encouraged to attend the conference on Day 2.

Since the outbreak of sovereign debt crisis in Greece in 2010, the EU as a whole has been confronted by a series of crises both internal and external. Though some of these crises have yet to be resolved, the EU has proved resilient and even been able to promote the integration process further, through initiatives such as the Banking Union and closer defence cooperation, which had been unimaginable a decade ago. Elections in the Netherlands, France and Germany in 2017 have addressed rising extremism, nationalism and Euro-skepticism although the consequences of Brexit remain unresolved.

It is time to rethink the future of the EU and European integration as a whole. The conference will discuss research findings on sub-themes in relation to the future of the EU and European integration and its impact upon global governance and the world order.

Asia Pacific countries have significant connections with Europe and the EU. Therefore, any changes in European politics and EU policies will affect the regions. Consequently, EUSA AP see it as timely to hold a conference focused on the future of European integration in the aftermath of crises since 2010. Is there more continuity or change in the EU - Asia Pacific relationship? How do different groups perceive the EU and is there any change in its relationship to the region?

The conference seeks to discuss the following sub-themes in greater detail:

- The Future of EU External Relations - CFSP, CSDP, Trade and Development
- The Future of the EU Global Strategy, Normative Power and Principled Pragmatism
- The Future Relationship between the EU and the Great Power
- The Future Relationship between the UK and the EU
- The Future of EU-Asia Pacific Relations
- Debates over the Finality of the European Integration process
- Future enlargements
- The Future of European Neighborhood Policies
- The Future EU Agenda for Global Governance
- Culture and the Future of European Integration

The aim is to investigate these topics from both, a European and an Asia Pacific perspective. The conference will be multi-disciplinary in focus. As relationships are not single-faceted, we aim to pool expertise from a wide range of fields to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities of the relationships and understand the broad range of areas that can be impacted by international political and economic issues. The EUSA AP is by nature multi-disciplinary and previous conferences have drawn together experts from disciplines such as History, Political Science, Law, Economics, Sociology, Geography and Cultural & Language Studies. With this conference we invite participants from other disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities to join us.

Further information is available via the link below:

[28-2018-eussap-cfp](#)

**3-5 September 2018**

**UACES 48th Annual Conference**

Bath, United Kingdom

A three-day interdisciplinary conference covering all aspects of European Studies, at which over 450 research papers will be presented.

Please note: call for papers opens in October 2017.

Further information is available via the link below:

<http://uaces.org/events/conferences/bath/>

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Other**

#### **Horizon 2020**

##### **Closing date: project dependent**

Horizon 2020, the EU Research and Innovation program, is a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Funding is based on competitive calls open to everyone. Participants from countries associated to the EU research framework program have the same rights as EU participants; for other countries, the situation varies.

Further information is available via the links below:

[horizon2020](#)

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## Erasmus+ Programme—2018

### Closing date: project dependent

The 2018 call for proposals for Erasmus+, the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport is now open. As a general rule, organisations participating in Erasmus+ projects must be established in a Programme Country. However, some Actions are also open to participating organisations from Partner Countries such as Australia. The specific conditions for participating in an Erasmus+ project depend on the type of Action supported. Please consult the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for more details.

Further information is available via the link below:

[2018-erasmus-call-guide-published\\_en](#)

## CESAA MEMBERSHIP

### 2018 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2018 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA, including the membership form, see the CESAA website at [cesaa.org.au](http://cesaa.org.au)

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Please forward any items you would like considered for inclusion in the next issue of the CESAA Bulletin to [info@cesaa.org.au](mailto:info@cesaa.org.au) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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