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CESAA NEWS

CESAA Website

The CESAA website has been updated and refreshed. CESAA committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in European Union-Australian Affairs to stay “tuned” to the [CESAA website](#). This website contains up to date CESAA activities and it is also the site where you can find the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) publication.

CESAA Essay Competition 2019

Last year’s Essay competition saw a great response with a number of participants submitting work on a range of European topics. Winners are listed on the CESAA website.

Due to the enthusiasm and success surrounding the competition, CESAA will be running another competition later in the year. Look out in the bulletin and website for more updates.

CESAA Twitter account

CESAA is on twitter and is a great source for up to date information on current and relevant seminar events, news stories and links. Follow us here <https://twitter.com/CESAAus>

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Aus-EU Free Trade Agreement

The negotiations for the FTA were opened between Australia and the EU in January 2018. The first round of negotiations completed in Brussels on July 2-6 2018 and the second round completed in Canberra November 19-23 2018. A third round of negotiations have been scheduled for March 2019.

EU NEWS

Brexit

The UK is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29 2019. The deadline for a deal is drawing near with the parliamentary vote in UK already being postponed in December 2018 by Prime Minister May, when she realised the bill would be soundly defeated. The result for the vote held the 15th of January was the same despite the extra time and urging of May to accept the deal. The loss margin of 230 votes is the biggest defeat of a ruling party in almost 100 years. The outcome leaves the future of Brexit uncertain with the possibility of a no-deal Brexit or no Brexit at all both equally likely.

European Elections

May 23rd to May 26 2019, Europeans will have the opportunity to choose their 705 MEPs for the next five years. It will be the first elections since 1979 where the vote will not take place in the UK with only the remaining 27 member states able to take part in the vote.

EU Politics Brief

Greece

The Greek Prime Minister, Alexis Tsipras has said he will call for a vote of confidence after his government lost the majority with the resignation of ally Panos Kammenos . The resignation was in protest to a deal made last year for the name change of Macedonia, in preparation for the Balkan country to join the EU.

France

Emmanuel Macron, the French president will launch ‘the great national debate’ in Normandy the 15th of January to address the concerns brought by the *gilets jaunes* movement. Mr Macron is asking for ideas from french

citizens on the topics of taxes, public spending, public services, the environment and democracy.

Poland

On January 13th Pawel Adamowicz, the mayor of Gdansk was murdered at a charity event gala. The event occurs at a time of continued political polarisation in Poland. Mr Adamowicz was known for his liberal views, being pro-immigrant and pro-LGBT.

Italy - Poland

Matteo Salvini, Italy's deputy prime minister will travel to Poland to meet with the leader of the ruling party (PIS) Jaraslaw Kaczynski . The meeting is to discuss the possibility of forming an alliance of the right wing for the upcoming European Parliament elections. Salvini, the leader of Italy's League party (Lega) has continued his criticisms of the EU and his desire to create reform since being elected in 2018.

Hungary

There have been recent protests in Hungary in response to the passing of the "slave law" in parliament early January. The law allows employers to demand more overtime from workers and to delay payments for up to three years. The protests were led by female MPs, all staunch opponents of the far right Prime Minister, Viktor Orban.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies
Volume 10 (2) is now available.

[Anzjes 10 \(2\)](#)

EVENTS

Public Lectures & Seminars

21-22 January 2019

2019 EU Summer School for Secondary School Teachers

'The European Union, Trump and China: Whose World Order? Where Does Australia Stand?'

Partners: Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, European Union Centre at RMIT University, Melbourne,

University of Sydney, Immigration Museum, Melbourne, with support from the Jean Monnet program of the European Commission.

Suitable for teachers.

Immigration Museum, Melbourne, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

21-22 January 2019 9am – 5pm

Info and RSVP:

<https://2019-eu-summer-school.eventbrite.com.au>

21 January 2019

The EU for Journalists: Media Reporting of the EU in

Australia

Partners: Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, European Union Centre at RMIT University, Melbourne, Immigration Museum, Melbourne, with support from the Jean Monnet program of the European Commission.

Suitable for journalists and journalism students.

Immigration Museum, Melbourne, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

21 January 2019 9am – 5pm

Info and RSVP: <https://eu-for-journalists.eventbrite.com.au>

Call for Papers

The European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific (EUSA AP) is inviting papers for the annual conference and postgraduate student workshop. The conference is entitled:

**New Leadership, New Priorities – The EU in 2019
Saturday & Sunday, 6+7 July 2019, Shanghai**

The conference will be multi-disciplinary in focus and we are inviting papers from a wide range of academic disciplines to look at findings in relation to the roles of the EU and the Asia Pacific region in this global era.

Postgraduate students working in any area of EU and Asia Pacific relations or European Integration are invited to register for the postgraduate workshop.

For more information and to register please visit www.eusaap.org. Registration close on 31 January 2019.

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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 CESAA](#)

MEMBERSHIP

2019 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2019 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA, including the membership form, see the CESAA website at cesaa.org.au