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CESAA NEWS

CESAA Website

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

WA - European Business Week

The week is held in Perth and run between 18th and the 22nd of March and will cover a number of sectors including agriculture, government, education, tourism and more. Ambassador of the EU to Australia, Dr Michael Pulch will attend for an official visit.

Visit from EU Commissioner for International Development, Neven Mimica

Neven Mimica visited Australia between the 5th and 7th of March to strengthen cooperation on private sector investment, infrastructure, climate action and gender equality. Mr Mimica stating “the EU and Australia are working closely to meet shared global responsibilities”. The event was hosted by the Europe-Australian Business Council and the European Investment Bank.

EU NEWS

Brexit

The past month has seen a number of twists and turns and ever increasing uncertainty surrounding the departure of Britain from the EU. The deal that May negotiated with the EU has been rejected down in her parliament twice, and a vote has been taken regarding leaving the EU with no deal, it was also rejected in the House of Commons. At time of writing with the scheduled departure a week away, Prime Minister May will formally request an extension, predicted to be until June 2019. The side of the EU has suggested that the possibility of a lengthy delay be considered. Some Member State leaders such as Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron have expressed discontent with the lack of progress by Britain and would like an explanation as to why a short delay is needed. Further complicating matters are the upcoming European Parliament election to be held in May. If the UK has an extension past June, it would require the UK to take part in the elections. If however the UK does not take part in elections but does not secure a deal for their exit, a draft EU plan state that the UK will simply be ejected from the union in July.

Tax Haven Blacklist Extended

The EU added ten jurisdictions to the five existing on the tax haven blacklist. The inclusions include Aruba, Bermuda, Fiji, and the UAE. The UAE has been flagged for delisting once it completes new legislation to make it compliant with EU tax standards.

EU-Turkey Association Council Meeting

In Brussels on March 15 the EU-Turkey Association Council had its first meeting since the lifting of the state of emergency for Turkey last year. Turkey remains a candidate country and while the EU acknowledge Turkey as a key partner in areas such as migration, economy and trade, it still has fears regarding the functioning of the Turkish legal system. The EU has stated the need to reform the legal system in line with the EU's standards to ensure progression of discussions.

Migration in the EU

The Commission this month release a report of the progress with regards to migration over the past four years. It stated a reduction in illegal arrivals which is at its lowest level in five years. Despite progress the report cited a need for increased measures that include a strengthening of Frontex.

European Elections

April 18 will see the EU Parliament dissolved in anticipation of upcoming elections. May 23rd to May 26, Europeans will have the opportunity to choose their 705 MEPs for the next five years.

The major issues impacting voter decisions include trade policy, competition rules and the future direction of the EU. July 2nd is the scheduled European Parliament's first session.

EU Politics Brief

Slovakia

Zuzana Caputova won the first round of the presidential election, receiving over 40% of the votes. She will now run against Maros Sefcovic who received 19% of the vote. If elected Ms Caputova would become Slovakia's first female president.

Estonia

Elections will be held on March 3rd to elect 101 MPs with 1099 people from 10 different political parties and 16 Independents officially running.

Spain

Thousands of pro-independence demonstrators marched through Madrid in support of the Catalan politicians on trial for attempting to leave Spain. The Supreme Court will house the trial for the 12 separatists who ran the unconstitutional referendum in Catalonia in 2017. Sentencing is expected after Spain's general election on April 28th.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 10 (3) is now available. A special issue that presents the challenges of Serbia's accession into the EU.

[Anzjes 10 \(3\)](#)

EVENTS

Public Lectures & Seminars

RMIT

Friday 22nd March 12.30pm

Brexit: What it means for International Business?

Held in Courtroom 3, Building 20, Level 2, 124 La Trobe St (Enter via RMIT building 1)

University of SA

27th March 6.00 - 7.30pm

Europe - Quo Vadis: A German Perspective

Held in Bradley Forum, Hawke Building UniSA City West Campus

Lecture given by Dr Anna Elisabeth Prinz is the German Ambassador to Australia.

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/Business-community/Hawke-Centre/Events-calendar/quovadis/>

Cultural Events and Symposiums

French Film Festival

A celebration of French films the festival is playing across several Australian cities.

6th March - 10th April

www.affrenchfilmfestival.org

Italian Cine-scapes#2

The first Sunday of every month (Apr - Dec 2019) a selection of Italian movies will be shown that tell of the landscape of Italy, both contemporary and long gone.

www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

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