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CESAA AGM and committee appointments

The CESAA Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday the 2nd of April following the Brexit - symbol of Crisis seminar. The seminar was presented by Professor Bruce Wilson and discussed the fragility at the heart of trade relations at the heart of Brexit. It further explored how the the UK referendum on leaving the EU is symptomatic of a much deeper crisis. There was a good turn out for the seminar and views shared among those in attendance at the conclusion of the presentation.

The AGM was sat afterwards with committee members only in attendance and the following committee appointments were made.

President: Bruno Mascitelli

Vice President: Peter Morgan

Treasurer: Chiara De Lazzari

Secretary: Jessica Quirk

Membership Officer: Felicity Sharpe

Events Officer: Matthew Coote

Members of Committee: Bruce Wilson, Matthew Coote, Chiara De Lazzari, Felicity Sharpe, Rimi Khaferi, Bruno Mascitelli, Stephen Alomes, Jessica Quirk, Maren Klein, Cael Hannah, Peter Morgan and Matt Harvey.

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

The due date for submission into the 2019 CESAA essay competition is Tuesday the 25th of June at 5pm. The 2018 winners are currently listed on webpage.

More information and updates regarding this year to be released shortly,

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

EU - AUS FTA

On March 19 the European Commission released its Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) Report in support of the FTA negotiations. The report presents the overall methodology and approaches to research. Further information can be read at the following link.

http://trade-sia-australia.eu/images/reports/EU-AU_SIA_inception_report_draft-exec_sum_EN.pdf

The third round of negotiations for the FTA were held in Canberra between 25-29 March 2019. Further progress was made in the area of goods and market access and on services and investment. A fourth round of negotiations is scheduled for July 2019. The DFAT report can be read following the link below.

<https://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/negotiations/aeufta/Pages/aeufta-round-3.aspx>

EU NEWS

Brexit

A further delay of Brexit has been granted until October 31st 2019. An extension will not be granted beyond this date. If however a deal can be ratified by both sides before this date, Brexit will occur on the first day of the following month.

If the UK is still a member of the EU between 23rd to 26th of May, it will have to take part in the European Parliament Elections or else it would mean an immediate departure, with or without a deal on June 1st.

British parliament continues to remain in deadlock with the pressure to ratify a deal merely pushed out. Mrs May has offered to resign as PM if her deal is accepted. The British parliament will resume after the Easter break.

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.

France

The city of Paris was left saddened at the destruction of the Notre Dame Cathedral that was severely damaged by fire on April 15. President Macron has vowed to launch a fund for its repair.

EU Politics Brief

Finland

General Elections were held on April 14 with the Social Democratic Party (SDP) winning 40 seats with 17.7% of the vote. This result is slightly ahead of the True Finns with 39 seats and 17.5% of the vote. The Centrist Party of outgoing Prime Minister Juhani Sipilä lost 18 seats. The SDP still need to form a coalition government and have stated they intend to do so by the end of May.

Finland is due to take-over the six monthly presidency of the Council of the European Union as of July 1st 2019.

Italy

A meeting between Italian Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte and Jean-Claude Juncker was held on April 2nd in Rome. The President of the European Commission has stated his concern with the Italian economic situation and the increase of Government debt.

Poland

On April 3rd the European Commission launched an infringement procedure against Poland regarding the new disciplinary regime for judges. The Polish government now has two months to respond to the formal notice.

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

SDG 4: Quality Education

Tuesday, 7 May 2019, 12:30pm – 2pm

RMIT City Campus

Council Chamber, Level 2R, RMIT Building 1

124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

IIC

Articulating Gender and Questioning Global Sisterhood in Contemporary Italy

Tuesday, 7 May 2019, 6.30pm

223 Domain Road, South Yarra

Cultural Events and Symposium

German Film Festival

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

21st May - 12th of June

See website for specific dates in your city

www.germanfilmfestival.com.au

2019 Moro Spanish Film Festival

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

18th April - 8th May

www.spanishfilmfestival.com

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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