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CESAA Essay Competition 2019

Closing date: 25 June 2019 at 5pm

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 2019

are eligible to be submitted.

To enter send an electronic version of your essay to: 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 a combination of gift vouchers and prize money.

Please contact Cael Hannah at: caelhannah1@gmail.com with any questions.

You can also download the [CESAA 2019 annual essay competition PDF](#).

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

Conference - Europe In a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

CESAA along with the EU Centre at RMIT and Swinburne University will host a conference on November 6th and 7th 2019. The conference offers scholars, early career

researchers, students, policymakers and those with an interest in Europe and varied aspects of the European Union, an opportunity to examine the possibilities and challenges presented during this time of change.

A call for papers is underway, please see further information in the call for papers section.

CESAA Website

CESAA Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - 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 Twitter account

CESAA is on twitter and it is a great source for up to date information on current and relevant seminar events, news stories and links. Follow us here

[CESAA Twitter](#)

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

EU Advisory Mission joined by Australian Humanitarian expert

An Australian SSR expert has been sent to Baghdad to contribute to the EUAM Iraq. The EU have thanked the Australian Government for their support of the mission which aims to create a more stable and prosperous Iraq.

EU NEWS

Brexit

Theresa May has resigned from her position as British Prime Minister. The announcement took place on May 24th after much speculation and the lack of a Brexit deal to be supported in Parliament. The resignation triggers a Tory leadership race for the next leader who will be crucial in the Brexit developments in upcoming months. While the new leader may try to initiate negotiations once again, the EU27 have previously stated they do not intend to restart or enter into any new dialogue. Mrs May will continue to fulfill her responsibilities until another leader is chosen.

European Elections

The European Elections were held May 23 to May 26 and included the UK as no exit deal had been finalised. Turnout for the elections across the 28 member states were at improved levels to the previous election with a total of 50.95%. The results have seen a shift in the make-up of parties however the Eurosceptic movement did not see a mass rise but rather a consolidation of the 2014 results. The domination of the two parties EPP and S&D has diminished somewhat with the two parties not able to form an absolute majority alone. It is likely they will join forces to form a new pro-european majority with the Greens and the ALDE. For further breakdown of results, follow the below link.

[EU Parliament Election Results](#)

European Union's Next Leaders

The heads of government will meet in Brussels late in the month to discuss filling the top jobs which include the EU Commission president and ECB president. Potential candidates to head the commission include Michel Barnier and Manfred Weber, while Jens Weidmann is being considered for the bank's top position.

Slovakia

Slovakia has elected its first female president in Zuzana Caputova. The presidential role is primarily ceremonial with the prime minister being the dominant politician overseeing the country's affairs. Caputova, however in her role as president, is the commander in chief of the armed forces, can appoint top judges and has blocking powers in parliament.

Italy

Italy has been urged by the French and German finance ministers to tighten its public finances and to honour its previous commitments to reduce debt. This follows a warning from the European Commission that Italy was in breach of the bloc's rule.

Czech Republic

Demonstrations were held June 4 to demand the resignation of Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis who is suspected of embezzling European subsidies. Babis has rejected an audit and has labelled claims of a conflict of interest as an attack on the Czech Republic.

Inflation down to 1.2% in eurozone

According to an estimate by Eurostat published June 4, the Euro area's annual inflation is at 1.2% in May against 1.7% in May..

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 11 (1) is now available.

[ANZIES Volume 11 \(1\)](#)

EVENTS

Cultural Events

Italian Cine-scapes

April - Dec 2019

The first Sunday of every month a selection of Italian films will be shown that depict the landscape of Italy, both contemporary and long gone.

[Cine - scapes](#)

Call for Papers and Expressions of Interest

CESAA Conference Call for Abstracts

Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

This is an opportunity to examine the various aspects of EU-Australia relations. Abstracts for proposed papers or special sessions should be submitted (200 words or less) by **31 July 2019** via email to bmascitelli@swin.edu.au

Please direct any enquiries about the conference to Professor Mascitelli.

Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy (CYELP) Vol.15 (2019)

Call for Papers

An opportunity to be published in the CYELP Journal with submission requirements and instructions located on website [CYELP](#)

Deadline for submissions is 30 June 2019

Conferences

National

6 - 7 November 2019

Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

Conference to be held at RMIT Melbourne. More information to be released at a later date.

International

6 -7 July 2019

EUSAAP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop at Fudan University in Shanghai

New Leadership, New Priorities - The EU in 2019

The 2019 EUSA AP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop will be held in Shanghai on Saturday and Sunday, 6 + 7 July.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of direct elections to the European Parliament and will have the selection of the new Commission, Council Presidents and High Representatives. The conference will examine this institutional renewal and reflect of the performance of these main actors in the past 2015-2019 period.

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](#)

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

Please forward any items you would like considered for inclusion in the next issue of the CESAA Bulletin to info@cesaa.org.au by the 20th of each month.

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