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CESAA NEWS

CESAA Essay Competition 2019 Semester 2

Closing date: Tuesday October 15

Submissions have now been received and judging commenced. 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 and presented at the upcoming CESAA conference in November.

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

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. With planning underway and a number of papers submitted, CESAA looks forward to presenting this event. The draft program is now available [here](#)

Final program to be released soon.

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

Aus-EU FTA

Negotiating Round Five was held in Canberra on October 14-18 with DFAT leading the Australian delegation. The talks have been described as positive and constructive, following the publication of product names the EU wants to protect as geographical indicators (GIs). A sixth round of negotiations is scheduled in early 2020. A full report can be found at the following link [5th round report](#)

EU NEWS

Brexit and the UK

October saw many changes in the Brexit countdown to the deadline for a decision on the 31st. Prime Minister Johnson managed to secure a deal with the EU by finding a solution to the controversial Irish border issue. In order to proceed, the deal had to be accepted in the British House of Commons but as with previous deals it was met with resistance. Prime Minister Johnson fulfilled his responsibility and requested a delay to Brexit from the EU in an unsigned letter. The delay has been supported in principle by the EU.

Mr. Johnson now wants to have general elections to be held in the UK on December 12. In order to override the Fixed Term Parliament Act, he needs a two-thirds majority. A vote is scheduled for Monday October 28.

Spain

Catalan separatist leaders were jailed this month over a failed bid for independence in 2017. The sentence has led to a number of protests in Catalonia and Barcelona. In response to recent demonstrations, approximately 80,000 people took to the streets of Barcelona in support of Spanish unity.

Poland

Recent parliamentary elections have delivered a narrow majority win for the Law and Justice (PiS) party. The ruling party secured 235 seats of 460 in the lower house, the biggest opposition winning 134 seats. The nationalist party holds conservative views and has throughout its first term had a confrontational relationship with the EU.

ECB appointment of new President

The European Central Bank (ECB) has formally appointed Christine Lagarde to be the new President on October 18. She will commence her position on November 1 for an eight year renewable mandate.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 11 (1) is now available.

[ANZJES 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](#)

Tesselaar Tulip Festival

14 September - 13 October

Set in the Dandenong Ranges, the festival has close to one million tulips flowering, dutch food, replica windmills and traditional dutch costumes. See link for further details

[Tulip Festival](#)

Lavazza Italian Film Festival 2019

17 September - 23 October

The festival is now in its 20th year and brings the best new films from Italy to Australian audiences. Follow the link below for more information.

[Lavazza Italian Film Festival](#)

Call for Papers and Expressions of Interest

Eurovision Down Under: The World's Longest-Running Song Contest Embracing Diversity

Invitation for papers and panels from both academics and broadcasting and performance practitioners that reflect on any theme related to the ESC more generally and/or to Australia's participation, such as:

History of the ESC and/or of Australia's involvement

Political and social aspects of the ESC

Gender and sexuality at the ESC

Ethnicity and ethnic diversity at the ESC

The ESC and national/cultural/linguistic branding

ESC and the media (including SBS)

ESC musical styles

ESC production/staging/design

National pre-ESC selection contests

Please send your abstracts of no more than 250 words, along with a short (50-75 words) biographical statement and contact details to Bronwyn Winter bronwyn.winter@sydney.edu.au by 15 November 2019.

17 th Borders and Crossings Travel Writing conference Theme - 'Travelling differently'

The 2020 event is now calling for papers.

Contemporary Australia, and its founding settlement of Sydney, epitomise borders and crossings. It is founded on different types of travel: forced and chosen, tourism and exile, appropriation and return, movement of ideas and cultures, movement of species and their shifting environments. We thus invite conference participants to reflect on the theme of 'travelling differently'.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 March 2020

All enquiries can be sent to Conference Convenor Bronwyn Winter - bronwyn.winter@sydney.edu.au

Conferences

National

31 October 2019 at 5.30pm - 7.15pm

'Reflections on Europe's future: borders, beliefs and Brexit'

The University of Melbourne - Exact location TBC

Professor Philomena Murray will reflect on the crisis of the European 'project' and argue that Brexit is as much about nostalgia as sovereignty.

This is a FREE event. See link to register

[Register here](#)

6 - 7 November 2019

Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

Conference to be held at RMIT Melbourne, building 80.

As the Brexit deadlock continues, and with current economic, social, cultural, political and environmental uncertainties in play, the transition within the EU institutions in 2019 adds another significant dimension to the processes of change in Europe.

Registrations for this event are currently open and the cost includes a year membership with CESAA

[Register for conference](#)

14 - 17 April 2020

Eurovision Down Under: The World's Longest-Running Song Contest Embracing Diversity

University of Sydney

The Eurovision Song Contest has had a growing following in Australia since national multicultural broadcaster SBS began broadcasting the contest in 1983. Its 65th anniversary in 2020 is testament to its success, both as light entertainment and as an expression of European cultures, societies and politics. The formal Australian participation, which celebrates its own milestone in 2020—its fifth year of participation—has opened a new chapter in this story.

It is thus timely to celebrate Eurovision at 65 and Eurovision Down Under through the first international academic conference on the ESC to be held in Australia, at one of its leading research universities. The theme of Eurovision Down Under 2020 is 'The World's Longest-Running Song Contest: Embracing Diversity'.

At the conference we will present the edited collection Eurovision & Australia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Down Under, which includes chapters by the convenors of this conference, Bronwyn Winter and Nina Markovic Khaze.

Confirmed speakers at the event include Ivan Raykoff, Jessica Carneil and Chris Hay.

The conference is currently calling for papers.

20 - 23 July 2020

17 th Borders and Crossings Travel Writing conference Conference theme - 'Travelling differently'

University of Sydney

The Borders and Crossings conference will come to Australia for the second time, and will have as its core theme the idea of differences and diversity in means and experiences of travel.

The conference is currently calling for papers.

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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