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CESAA NEWS

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

After much anticipation the 'Europe In a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities' Conference was held on November 6 and 7. CESAA, RMIT EU Centre of Excellence, Swinburne University of Technology, ANU Centre for European Studies and EU Studies Association - Asia Pacific, provided sponsorship for this event. Proceedings were opened by CESAA president, Professor Mascitelli and the introductory address from His Excellency Dr Reiterer, EU ambassador to the Republic of Korea. The presentations from scholars, diplomats and researchers over the two days discussed a variety of issues and events affecting the European Union. A number of plenary sessions were also held and included discussions from Professor Sang-Chul park, Directors of EU Centres of Australia and perspectives from EU Ambassadors to Australia. Registrations for the event reached 82 and there were a total of 100 participants. CESAA welcomes all new members and looks forward to publishing further details of the conference on the website in the near future.

CESAA Essay Competition 2019

The CESAA Essay Competition was again a success this year, with the 2019 winner, Abigail Leblanc, an undergraduate student from the University of Melbourne. Her essay on the Franco-German relationship as the foundation stone of the EU is up for publication in the Australian New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) and we thank Abigail for her submission and contribution to European studies in Australia.

We were fortunate enough to present Abigail her winning prizes at a CESAA sponsored Conference in which four European Ambassadors to Australia Bernhard Zimburh,

Marc Mullie, Nineta Barbulescu and Breandán Ó Caollaí from Austria, Belgium, Romania and Ireland respectively, were present. Special thanks also to the EU Delegation for their continued sponsorship and support of the essay competition. The work of Tracey Dennis from the Delegation is invaluable and we thank her for her efforts and support of the competition.

We look forward to running the competition again next year, having students submit their work and explore the ever changing field of European Studies.

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 Qantas Journalism Award

Political correspondent and journalist David Crowe was the recipient of the 2019 EU Qantas award. The award was presented by the CEO of the Business Council of Australia, Jennifer Westacott together with EU Ambassador to Australia, Michael Pulch and Qantas representatives. David will travel to Europe in 2020 to talk with government agencies and consumer groups on the topic of Digital Economy.

EU NEWS

Brexit and the UK.

The UK will hold a general election on December 12 and Brexit will certainly be a contentious issue during the campaign. Prime Minister Johnson has released the Conservative manifesto with the promise of leaving the EU by January 31. Current opinion polls have the Conservatives ahead of the Labour party and the pro-EU Liberal democrats. Jeremy Corbyn, opposition leader has stated that he will negotiate a better deal with the EU than the current and put it to voters in a new referendum.

Spain

The Socialist party PSOE have won the most recent election but have fallen short of the required 176 seats needed for a majority. Far right party Vox made large gains in the election to become the third largest party with leader Santiago Abascal stating “ We have changed the political landscape of Spain politics in eleven months and we have begun a political and cultural revolution”.

ECB and Inflation rate

President of the ECB, Christine Lagarde delivered a speech on November 22 confirming the continued use of quantitative easing measures to support economic activity.

Eurostat has released figures for the eurozone stating the annual inflation rate to be 0.7%. This rate is down from the previous month.

2020 Budget

The 18th of November saw the Commission, Council and Parliament come to an agreement on the 2020 budget which will focus on climate change, youth, employment and solidarity in the European Union.

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](#)

Call for Papers and Expressions of Interest

To all ‘Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities’ Participants

Call for editors and papers for a European Union researched book published by Connor Court Publishers

We encourage those who would like to submit a chapter based on their research presented at the conference to contact Bruno Masitelli bmascitelli@swin.edu.au

Editors for the book are also required and encouraged to volunteer.

ANZJES - Call for Papers

We encourage the submission of papers from research presented at the conference for publication in the ANZJES journal. Submission for consideration in the journal can be found [here](#)

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

26 November 2019

12:30-2:00pm AEST

Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduce Inequality within and among countries

Location: RMIT University, Council Chambers, Level 2R, Building 1, 124 La Trobe St, Melbourne 3000

From 2018-2020 the Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series addresses 17 SDG. Each seminar offers the opportunity to the intent of the goal. The panellists for the event are Dr Serena Kelly, National Research on Europe, The University of Canterbury (NZ), Professor Guy Johnson, Urban Housing and Homelessness, RMIT University and Professor Bruce Wilson, Director EU Centre of Excellence, RMIT University.

This is a free event

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

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