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## **CESAA NEWS**

CESAA continues to operate remotely during the global COVID-19 pandemic and hopes all CESAA members stay well during this time. Please note for all upcoming events listed in the bulletin, we advise to check regularly for any changes or postponements due to the current health crisis.

### **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**

### **Restrictions of movement between Australia and the European Union**

EU leaders have agreed to restrict non-essential travel from Australia into the EU area for a time of 30 days, this time could be extended. Similarly, the Australian government has placed a temporary ban preventing the entry of non-citizens into the country. All measures are being taken to tackle the spread of COVID-19.

### **National Multicultural Festival**

The European External Action Service in Canberra hosted the National Multicultural Festival on February 22, the event was opened by EU Ambassador Michael Pulch. The day celebrated the different culture of the member states with stalls set up and performances in a village square for attendees to enjoy.

### **Aus-EU FTA**

The 6th round of negotiations were held on February 10 - 14. The EU negotiating team was led by Ms Helena König while the Australian team was led by Ms Alison Burrows. The 7th round of negotiations is scheduled for May 2020. A report of the outcomes of the 6th round can be read following the below link.

[Aus-EU FTA Report 6th Round](#)

### **The European response to the COVID-19 outbreak**

Along with the rest of the world, Europe is responding to the challenges presented from the COVID-19 pandemic. The first major response was seen in Italy with large scale closures across the country. Italy is now the European epicentre with the largest number of cases and deaths related to the virus. Many other member states appear to be following the path of Italy with Spain declaring a state of emergency, Hungary and Ireland enforcing a 15 day lockdown from Friday March 27. All member states are enforcing some form of movement restrictions and limits on public gatherings and the situation continues to change rapidly.

### **European Commission announcement of funds to fight coronavirus**

232 million euro has been allocated to tackle the COVID-19 virus. Half of the funds will be used to support the World Health Organisation (WHO) global preparedness and response plan. Of the member states, Italy has been most significantly affected with numerous cases and deaths reported. Several towns within the Lombardy and Veneto regions of the North, have imposed restrictions and closed public places and schools with measures to be reevaluated on 2 March.

### **ECB**

The ECB announced a contingency plan to help alleviate the economic pressure as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

€750 billion bonds will be repurchased throughout the year to support the euro area.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 11 (3) is now available.

[Volume 11 \(3\)](#)

## EVENTS

### Call for Papers

#### ANZJES - Call for Papers

We encourage the submission of papers from research presented at the CESAA conference 'Europe in a Year In Transition: Challenges and Opportunities' for publication in the ANZJES journal. Submission for consideration in the journal can be found [here](#)

#### Europe Day 2020 - POSTPONED

#### AIIA EU Delegation Europe Day Event

This event that was scheduled to be held May 8 has been postponed until further notice given the circumstances. AIIA have advised that the event will take place later in the year

#### The Future of EU Enlargement and Partnership Policies: EU Actorness in South-Eastern Europe and the Eastern Neighbourhood

A call for papers has been issued in the lead up to the conference to be held in **Athens, Greece, 25-26 May 2020**

Please submit abstracts of about 250 words with your name, title and affiliation to the conference administrative coordinator, Ms. Eleni Georgoulia ([elenigeorgoulia@uop.gr](mailto:elenigeorgoulia@uop.gr)), by 10 February 2020. The organisers expect to inform participants of the acceptance of their papers by 1 March 2020.

The conference organisers expect to publish one or more edited volumes (a book or a special journal issue) from the selected papers presented at the conference.

Participants will be invited after the conference to submit an extended and enhanced version of their papers for possible publication.

For any further information please contact the conference administrative coordinator, Ms. Eleni Georgoulia, or one of the programme coordinators listed below.

## Conferences

### National

**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.

### International

**5-26 May 2020**

#### The Future of EU Enlargement and Partnership Policies: EU Actorness in South-Eastern Europe and the Eastern Neighbourhood

#### Athens, Greece

The conference seeks to reconsider two EU policies - enlargement and eastern partnership through theory and policy perspectives. Papers from a broad range of disciplines are welcome, including but not limited to: political science, history, economics, sociology and cultural studies.

Keynote speaker - Professor Geoffrey Pridham, Emeritus Professor at Bristol University.

**POSTPONED - Proposed date of 31st August - 01 September 2020**

#### **EUSAAP Annual Conference**

**EU's institutional Leadership and the new priorities and challenges for the EU 27**

#### **Christchurch, New Zealand**

This annual conference also serves as the 20th anniversary celebration of the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) at the University of Canterbury, the host of the conference. To build capacity and sustainability in EU Studies in the Asia Pacific region both academics as well as graduate students are invited to participate. Early career researchers will be able to benefit from networking with more experienced participants, develop important research and presentation skills and bring new and different perspectives to the conference.

#### **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**

#### **2020 CESAA Membership**

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2020 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA,, see the CESAA website at [cesaa.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@cesaa.org.au) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

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