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CESAA NEWS

Upcoming CESAA AGM

CESAA is announcing the upcoming 2020 AGM for Monday 25 May at 5pm. The meeting will be conducted over an online forum given current restrictions. All members are invited to take part in the AGM and to participate in its proceedings. Members will be invited to register their attendance prior to the date.

CESAA Website

CESAA Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - Australian affairs to stay 'tuned' to the [CESAA](http://www.cesaa.org.au) 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](https://twitter.com/CESAA_AU)

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. Similarly, the Australian government has placed a temporary ban preventing the entry of non-citizens into the country and restrictions on travel for all Australians. All measures are being taken to tackle the spread of COVID-19.

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](#)

EU NEWS

Brexit and the UK

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is now recovered from COVID-19 and has returned to work. In response to containment restrictions, Mr Johnson stated that it was too early to relax measures.

Brexit talks continue with two more rounds of negotiations between the two parties scheduled prior to a crucial June summit. There continue to be several points of disagreement including on trade, police cooperation and fisheries.

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. Leaders of the member states discussed on 23 April the Union's response and validated a support plan of €540 billion, proposed by the Eurogroup earlier in the month.

The European Agency for Health and Safety at Work has published guidance on safe return to work practices. The publication contains information dedicated to certain sectors of the economy and aims to help employers assess the risks to their employees during the process of returning.

Improvements and easing on restrictions

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced late this month that Italy would relax restrictions on May 4. The

changes include reopening of factories, shops, parks and family visits will be allowed. Schools will remain closed until September.

France and Belgium have also announced deconfinement plans due to begin in early May. In contrast Spain extended the state of emergency until 10 May while Austria is expected to reopen schools on 4 May.

Meeting of Tourism Ministers

Tourism ministers have met and agreed on the need to establish a recovery plan for the sector for the reopening of borders. Several ministers signed a declaration calling for priority to be given to the sector in preparation of the Union's Recovery Fund.

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 on contemporary European studies across all disciplines.

Submission for consideration in the journal can be found [here](#)

Conferences .

International.

POSTPONED - Date to be confirmed at a later stage

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.

Opportunities

European Union Visitors Program Application

Applications for the EUVP are open and due to close on May 1. The program is scheduled for 2021 for the winner to gain first hand experience on how the EU institutions work. Application is open to professionals working in government, media, unions, civil society, education and analysts with career related interests in the EU. More information can be obtained via the website below.

[EUVP Application](#)

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

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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