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ESAANZ NEWS

Merger .

We are delighted to announce that at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) held on 25 May, the meeting resolved to merge CESAA with its New Zealand equivalent to become the European Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ESAANZ). This form of greater regional cooperation marks an important milestone and development in expanding the profile of European Studies in both Australia and New Zealand and in making our activities even more effective. Join with us in celebrating this important milestone.

The merger was approved by a special resolution to change the name and the rules of CESAA Inc to ESAANZ Inc. on 15 June.

Also announced at our May 2020 AGM was the incorporation of a new Sydney branch to ESAANZ. This too gives us great optimism that this kind of national expansion of the activities of ESAANZ will enhance the awareness of European Studies and provide all greater awareness of the activities of the European Union. Another celebration for us all.

Within the coming weeks you will see the change reflected in website, bulletin and all other branding material.

ESAANZ Website

ESAANZ Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - Australian affairs to stay 'tuned' to the [ESAANZ](#) website. This website contains up to date ESAANZ activities and it is also the site where you can find the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) publication. We are currently in the progress of completing our rebranding so look out for the new logo and updated site soon.

Upcoming - ESAANZ Blog

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a blog series that will be on our website. The first installment is in progress and we look forward to delivering exciting and informative posts for our members in coming months.

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Aus-EU FTA

The 7th round of negotiations took place virtually due to the travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The round covered most aspects of the agreement including sustainable development, geographical indicators and technical barriers to trade. The negotiations allowed for progression and both parties stated a commitment to helping both economies recover from the effects of the pandemic. Read the full report below.

[7th round](#)

NEW ZEALAND - EU NEWS

NZ - EU FTA

The FTA of NZ-EU has also finished their 7th round of negotiations once again these were held virtually. Commissioner Hogan and Minister Parker confirmed the shared objective to intensify efforts towards a conclusion of negotiations. The round saw progress on the issue of geographical indicators and provisional agreements on other areas. The full report can be read below.

[7th round - NZ](#)

EU NEWS

Brexit and the UK

Both the EU and the UK have agreed not to extend the transition period beyond 31 December, 2020. Despite this the agreement still faces a number of challenges with parties failing to agree several areas including fisheries.

EU opens talks with Albania and North Macedonia

The European Council has opened accession talks with Albania and North Macedonia. Negotiating frameworks for the two countries will be submitted in order to establish guidelines governing the accession process. Albania has been asked to make further progress on judicial reforms and in the fight against corruption.

European Council Presidency

Germany will take over the European Council Presidency on 1 July, 2020. The focus of the presidency will be on steering Europe through the COVID-19 recovery.

Ireland

On 15 June a coalition between the Greens and centre-right parties Fianna Fail and Fine Gael was formed following the 8 February elections. Michael Martin of the Fianna Fail party is expected to replace Leo Varadkar as Prime Minister.

Hungary

On 16 June, Parliament unanimously voted to end the state of emergency that was introduced in March.

The Court of Justice has found that the 2017 Hungarian Law on NGO funding is contrary to EU law. The Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice stating in its press release that "Hungary had introduced discriminatory and unjustified restrictions with regard to both the organisations at issue and the persons granting them such support. Those restrictions run contrary to the obligations of Member States in respect of the free movement of capital laid down in Article 63 TFEU".

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies
Volume 12 (1) is now available.

[Volume 12 \(1\)](#)

EVENTS

Review

RMIT EU Centre Event: Italy and the EU

The European Union Centre of Excellence at RMIT hosted an online event: the book launch and discussion on Italy-European Union (EU) relations with the authors, Associate Professor Marco Brunazzo from University of Trento and Professor Bruno Mascitelli from Swinburne, of the new book *Italy and the European Union: A rollercoaster journey* (2020). The event had 49 registrations and 30 who logged in on the day.

The book *Italy and the European Union* examines Italian foreign policy from 1945 to the present day and the role that domestic politics has influenced Italy's role in European and international politics. The book discusses Italy's contribution to European integration as well as how developments within the EU have also influenced Italian domestic politics.

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 .

National

SDG 14 - Life Below Water

Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series - ONLINE

Tuesday, 30 June 2020, 12:30pm – 2pm

From 2018–20, the [Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) Seminar Series will address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each seminar focuses on an individual Goal, offering an opportunity to explore the intent of the Goal, its targets, and some of the initiatives being undertaken to deliver on them. Each seminar will be accompanied by a [Policy Brief](#).

Panellists include Professor Vincent Pettigrove, Dr Tanya King and Dr Nathan Bott.

Register for the FREE event below

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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.

IPSA World Congress -POSTPONED to JUNE 2021

IPSA is please to open an additional call for Proposals from **1 September to 20 October, 2020** to give the opportunity for new participants to take part in the 2021 IPSA Congress.

New and revised Paper and Closed Panel Proposals will be accepted for the following sessions:

- Research Committee (RC)
- General Sessions (GS)
- Local Organising Committee Sessions (LOC)

More information can be viewed at the website

[IPSA Home](#)

Opportunities

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 ESAANZ Membership

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

For further information on joining ESAANZ,, see the ESAANZ website at [cesaa.org.au](#)

Contributions

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

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