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## **ESAANZ NEWS.**

### **ESAANZ Website**

We are excited to announce the new and updated ESAANZ website has now been launched. Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - Australian affairs to stay 'tuned' to the [ESAANZ](#) website. This page 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.

### **ESAANZ Blog Series**

The bi-monthly blog has seen a number of additions that contribute to the discussion on issues within EU studies. ESAANZ is excited to announce the extension of the blog series to include issues in languages other than English, including Polish and Italian. Recent contributions include *Issue 2 - Polish Presidential - In Polish* by Gosia Klatt  
*Issue 3 - The European Union, Poland and authoritarianism* by Robert Mezyk  
*Issue 4 - Italy and the European Union: A rollercoaster journey? - a book summary* by Bruno Mascitelli  
*Issue 5 - Western Balkans during COVID-19 pandemic: how a waltz between Brussels and Beijing is turning into a dragon dance* by Nina Markovic Khaze

*Issue 6 - Italy, the EU and COVID-19 - In Italian* by Marco Brunazzo

View the blog via the link [HERE](#)

### **Winners of the Jean Monnet Awards and Projects**

ESAANZ is pleased to announce that CESAA (now ESAANZ) was awarded the project of Teaching the Teachers Summer School on the EU. For all the information on awards view the link below.

[Full list here](#)

### **ESAANZ Event Review**

#### EU Recovery Fund Event

The seminar to discuss the EU Recovery Fund decision by the European Council was held over Zoom on August 13, 2020. The event had over 60 registrations and 40 people attended.

Guest speakers were Dr Remy Davison and Dr Nina Markovic Khaze whose presentation slides can be viewed on the ESAANZ website. The event was both engaging and informative with an interesting discussion time following the official presentations.

## **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

Negotiations between the two parties continue, however discussions are dogged by a lack of progress with the possibility of no deal looming. The two biggest obstacles continue to be the concept of a level playing field on trade and fishing rights.

#### Rejection of the Belarus election result

The Republic of Belarus held an election on 9 August 2020 with credible domestic sources stating the election did not meet international standards of a participating state of OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe). Mass protests disputing the election result have been seen in the days following, and EU leaders have stated they do not recognise the result reported by Belarus. EU leaders have condemned the violence used against protestors and expressed solidarity with the Belarusian people.

#### Eurozone

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic saw a large contraction in the Eurozone, the 2nd quarter GDP growth reducing by 12.1%.

The inflation rate currently sitting at 0.4% and cash rate at 0.25%

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 12 (1) is now available.

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

### Papers and Articles

*Europe's big bonds and the prospect of a boon for Australia* - by Remy Davison and Nina Markovic Khaze

## [View article here](#)

## 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](#)

#### MSA Warsaw 2021

Memory Studies Association has a call for papers for its annual MSA conference in Warsaw, (July 5-9, 2021).

Submissions will be accepted from 1 September through to 15 October. Follow the link below for more information.

## [MSA home](#)

### Conferences .

#### National

#### Seminar - The Belarusian Election: Political Analysis and Identity Crisis

Thursday 3 September, 2020

4.30 - 5.50pm AEST - event held online

ESAAANZ will be hosting an event to discuss recent political fallout from the election in Belarus, as well as discuss the historical context and ethno-emotional background of the developments.

Guest Speakers are Dr Elenor Govor and Associate Professor Dr Alexey D. Muraviev.

This is a FREE event and we encourage you to join. Please register your interest using the link below.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### International.

#### **Diplomatic Seminars 2020 - The European Union New Directions and New Leadership**

A series of thought provoking roundtable seminars with European diplomats presented by University of Canterbury with National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) and ESAAANZ

#### **14 August at 2pm, NCRE**

Ambassador Mira Woldberg - Dutch Ambassador to New Zealand

Register for this FREE event [HERE](#)

#### **19 August at 2pm, NCRE**

British High Commissioner to New Zealand Laura Clark

Register for this FREE event [HERE](#)

#### **21 August at 2pm, NCRE**

Irish Ambassador to New Zealand Peter Ryan

Register for this free event [HERE](#)

#### **IPSA World Congress -POSTPONED to June 2021**

IPSA is pleased to open an additional call for Proposals from **1 September to 20 October, 2020** to give the

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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

#### **PhD Opportunities in the EU**

EURAXESS Australia and New Zealand in collaboration with Embassy of France, Embassy of Italy and Embassy of the Republic of Poland are holding a webinar for those interested in doing a PhD or a Postdoc.

Register [HERE](#)

#### **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 ESAAANZ Membership**

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

For further information on joining ESAAANZ,, see the ESAAANZ website at [cesaa.org.au](http://cesaa.org.au)

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## Contributions

Please forward any items you would like considered for inclusion in the next issue of the ESAANZ Bulletin to [info@esaanz.org.au](mailto:info@esaanz.org.au) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

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