



Europe in 2020: times of turbulence

The European Studies Association Australia and New Zealand (ESAAANZ) is proud to announce their conference for 2020, running from the 1st – 3rd of December 2020.

By whatever yardstick one wishes to apply, 2020 has been a bumpy year. The COVID-19 pandemic has dominated international and national conversations, in Europe as elsewhere. Many other plans for the year have had to go on hold as political, economic and institutional actors have turned their focus to managing the pandemic and its health, welfare, economic and indeed sociocultural impacts.

Times of turbulence and change in Europe are not restricted to the impacts of the pandemic. The landscape of European politics, both within and beyond the EU, is dominated by both internal political strife and tricky international relations. The legitimacy of states is being questioned in many countries in both Western and Eastern Europe, with often authoritarian responses, and events in the European neighbourhood, such as the tragic explosion in Beirut on 4 August, have had repercussions for EU foreign policy in particular. Many European countries are struggling as economic and political crises, such as recently in Belarus, compound the impacts of the pandemic, especially on vulnerable populations such as refugees.

At the same time, a new leadership team in the EU is attempting to make its mark, in terms of both domestic and foreign policy, with the European Green Deal being one of its flagship initiatives. An historic European Council meeting in July 2020 adopted not only a new budget for 2021-27 but also a large Recovery Package, with the European Commission gaining new financial powers.

We invite you to submit a paper...

Submission Details

We invite paper, panel and workshop proposals on any theme related to ‘Europe in 2020’, understood broadly, including in its cultural, social and historical dimensions. Individual papers will be 15-20 minutes and panels and workshops should be up to 90 minutes.

Please send abstracts of up to 200 words (plus panel abstract in the case of panels), along with contact details and a one-sentence biography to Xiwen Wang at xwa124@uclive.ac.nz.

Submission deadline: 23 October 2020

Conference Details

Platform: The conference will be organised entirely online via a Zoom platform.

Date: December 1st – 3rd, with sessions planned throughout the date to accommodate the Eastern Australian Summertime and participation from Europe and the Americas in real-time.

Registration fees: Tickets for this event will be \$40AUD for individuals and \$15AUD for students/retired/unwaged. Your ticket also comes with a full years membership to ESAANZ and all of the associated benefits, including;

- Access (and chance to contribute) to weekly blog posts on European studies
- Notification of ESAANZ and associated events running throughout the year
- Receiving the ESAANZ bulletin
- Subscription to the Australia & New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES)”

Those with an existing membership will receive an additional year, added at the expiry of their existing membership

Registration: Registration will be via Eventbrite, with a link to be sent in due course.

About ESAANZ

The European Studies Association Australia and New Zealand (ESAAANZ) was created in June 2020, when the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) and the European Union Studies Association of New Zealand merged. The association aims to promote the teaching of European studies in Australia and New Zealand, provide a forum of discussion for European affairs and foster networking between those interested in European studies/affairs.

Sponsors

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