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ESAANZ Blog Series

The ESAANZ blog series has been a great success with many members of our community reaching out and wanting to contribute.

We are pleased to increase our content from bi-monthly to weekly. We encourage anyone wanting to contribute a blog to get in touch with the committee and we can guide you through the process.

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

ESAANZ Essay competition 2020

ESAANZ with the support of the delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand is proud to announce its first annual Undergraduate and Postgraduate Essay competition.

Categories: * Best essay by an undergraduate Student (2000-4000 words)

* Best essay presented by an Honours or postgraduate student (3000-5000)

Eligibility and Details: Essays eligible for submission must have been assessed as part of an undergraduate or

postgraduate degree at an Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution in 2020.

Essays from any discipline with a European issue are eligible – history, politics, law, economics, business, sociology, cultural studies, etc.

Essays will be judged by a panel of judges selected by ESAANZ, including from the Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand.

Prizes: Book vouchers to the value of **\$250** (undergraduate) and **\$350** postgraduate

One year's FREE membership of ESAANZ

Winning papers will be considered publication in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

HOW TO ENTER: Upload an electronic version of your essay at [HERE](#) or contact Dr Serena Kelly for more information: serena.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz

DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSION: 1 December 2020

Check link below for more information

[HERE](#)

ESAANZ Event Review

[The Belarusian Election: Political analysis and Identity Crisis](#)

The seminar was held 3 September and discussed the recent political fallout from the election in Belarus, and the historical context and ethno-emotional background of the developments.

Guest Speakers were Dr Elenor Govor and Associate Professor Dr Alexey D. Muraviev who offered very different perspectives on recent events.

European Union: State of the Union Event

Co - Hosted with the EU Centre RMIT

The seminar to discuss the annual State of the Union address was held 17 September and chaired by Dr Bruce Wilson. His Excellency Dr Michael Pulch, Ambassador of the European Union to Australia gave the opening address

Guest speakers included Dr Martin Holland, Dr Chole Ward and Dr Anne McNaughton who gave insight into the themes, mood and implications of the speech delivered by Commission President, Ursula von de Leyen.

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Aus-EU FTA

The 8th round of negotiations are set to happen virtually this month. More to be reported in the next issue.

NEW ZEALAND - EU NEWS

NZ - EU FTA

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EU NEWS - brief

Brexit and the UK

Negotiations and challenges continue between the two sides of the Brexit divorce. Tensions grew as Prime Minister Johnson compromised with his back bench over controversial plans to override part of the Brexit deal. Northern Ireland and its border with the Irish Republic is one of political sensitivity and the Brexit agreement set out the protocols to be followed after the end of the transition period. The EU has threatened legal action against the UK if areas of the deal were to be re-written.

State of the Union address 2020

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen delivered her first speech on the state of the Union on 16 September. The speech could be described as optimistic and ambitious in nature. Key points include the proposal to cut emissions by 55% by 2030 and the importance of solidarity. While the numbers of people in the crowd were limited, she received a standing ovation from those present.

Italian Referendum

Italy has held regional elections and a referendum that could reduce the lawmakers by a third. Early polling indicates the Yes vote will win. If the referendum passes, lawmakers in the lower house will reduce from 630 to 400 and from 315 to 200 in the senate.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 12 (2) is now available.

[Volume 12 \(2\)](#)

Papers and Articles

Nicholas R. Smith, Nina Markovic Khaze and Maja Kovacevic, "[The EU's stability-democracy dilemma in the context of the problematic accession of the Western Balkan states](#)", *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*)

Markovic Khaze, N & Xaferi, R, *The Interpreter* (Lowy Institute for International Policy): "[Trump's gambit in the Balkans](#)" (published on 16 September 2020)

EVENTS

Call for Papers

ESAAZ - Europe in 2020: times of turbulence

We invite you to submit a paper for our upcoming conference.

Submission: 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.

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

Griffith University Event: 75 years since the end of World War II: commemoration and historical understanding

Thursday 24 September, 4:00pm - 5:30pm AEST

The webinar has four guest speakers: Professor Mark Edele, Professor Roger Markwick, Associate Professor Alexey Muraviev and Dr Leonid Petrov.

RSVP by 23 September [HERE](#)

Europe in 2020: times of turbulence

1 -3 December, 2020

The event is proudly co-hosted by ESAANZ, RMIT European Union Centre of Excellence, The Australian National University (ANU) Centre for European Studies and The University of Canterbury National Centre for Research on Europe

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 socio-cultural 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. 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.

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

Follow the link for more information [HERE](#)

Summer School for Secondary Teachers 'Challenges for the European Union: Is the Geopolitical Commission the Real Deal?'

RMIT University City Campus

19 - 20 January 2021, 9.00am - 5.00pm AEST

The event will be hosted by RMIT EU Centre of Excellence, ESAANZ and Swinburne University and will review the developments in the European Union in 2020, noting the impact of the pandemic.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

International.

The EU in a Globalised World - ESSCA Lyon

Date: 30 November - 1 December 2020

The EU in a Globalised world.

The conference offers the opportunity to bring together scientists of different disciplines, talk on new issues, solutions for new trends in International Relations.

Papers will be subject to peer review and papers deemed of top quality will be given the opportunity to extend to publication in the Online Encyclopedia on European Integration or in an edited book.

The EU-Asia Institute is accepting papers on the following:

- EU International Relations with foreign countries
- European Integration
- EU Foreign Policy
- Institutional Development within the EU
- Common Market and Free Trade
- Sustainable Development and EU policies

For further information: Thomas.HOERBER@ESSCA.FR

Submission deadline for papers: 30 September 2020

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 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](#)

Model Event: EU Parliament for high school students

NCRE: 21 -22 October 2020, 9;00am - 5:00pm NZST

United for Climate Action! Is the EU on track?

A Jean Monnet funded event. Any NZ highschool level student is encouraged to apply and attend what will be a fun and educational event. Follow link for more information

[HERE](#)

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 esaanz.org.au

Contributions

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

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