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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

Throughout September and October, ESAANZ has been hosting online seminars, with a distinct Eastern European vibe in recent times.

On September 3, ESAANZ hosted 'The Belarusian Election: Political Analysis and Identity Crisis' with speakers Dr Elena Govor (ANU) and Associate Professor Alexey Muraviev (Curtin University). Dr Govor spoke about the Belarusian national identity, and how it is being challenged and is changing in a new political climate.

Professor Muraviev gave an analysis of the election of President Alexander Lukashenko, and whether his appointment had anything to do with Russian influence. Their slides are available on the ESAANZ website.

On September 19, along with the RMIT EU Centre, ESAANZ hosted an event titled 'European Union 2020: State of the Union'. This event discussed the speech by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen which outlined the vision for Europe over the next year. Three speakers spoke on the panel, each adding their own flair and analysis. The speakers were Professor Martin Hollande (NCRE, University of Canterbury, NZ), Dr Chloe Ward (RMIT EU Centre) and Ms Anne McNaughton (Centre for European Studies, ANU).

Last, but certainly not least, Professor Les Holmes gave an in depth analysis of Post-Soviet Colour Revolutions. Professor Holmes discussed numerous revolutions over the past few decades, and the chance for future revolutions in some Eastern European Countries. His presentation will be made available on the website in video format in due course.

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Australia - EU joint committee

On 19 October 2020 the EU and Australia held their third annual joint committee meeting. The announcement confirmed both parties are strong supporters of the International rules based order and an effective multilateral system.

Full details can be viewed by following the link below.

[AUS-EU Joint press release](#)

NEW ZEALAND - EU NEWS

German film festival is being held in Auckland between September 22 and November 30. See details below

[HERE](#)

EU NEWS - brief

Brexit and the UK

Negotiations are in the final stages and the mood has been more positive with hopes of a deal being reached. Updates of progress from chief negotiators Michel Barnier and David Frost are expected November 3.

England have now entered their second lockdown for the year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Prime Minister Boris Johnson stated there was no alternative to lockdown and that no responsible leader could ignore the rising number of cases.

ECB and digital currency

To find out whether to launch a virtual single currency, the digital euro, the European Central bank commenced a public consultation and a series of tests. On 12 October, the European Central Bank launched a three months public consultation phase and a series of tests on a virtual single currency. Depending on the outcome of the consultations and tests, the ECB is intending to make a decision around mid-2021 whether to introduce a digital euro. If the decision were to launch a digital currency, implementation would take two to four years. Further information: [Digital Euro](#)

European Commission

The European Commission extended the temporary relaxation of the State aid rules to support the economy during the pandemic until June 2021; the provisional rules on support for business recapitalisation have been extended until September 2021. [Extension State Aid](#)

European Parliament

The European Parliament called on the European Commission to clarify that the increase to the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027 Parliament had requested was € 39 billion. The European Parliament's negotiator also urged the Commission to accept this offer, after discussion between the EP and EC had broken down on 8 October. [39-milliards-d-euros-](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 12 (2) is now available.

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

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

ESAANZ CONFERENCE 2020

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.

ASEM Online Conference

October 13-25 2020, 8am - 12pm GMT

The [ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub](#) (ASEM LLL Hub), the official network for university cooperation in Lifelong Learning Research between Asia and Europe, has a new Chair, Dr. Séamus Ó Tuama.

Theme: 'Future Directions in Lifelong Learning: creating a vision for Lifelong Learning Research, Policy & Practice in Asia & Europe': [1st ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub Virtual Forum](#) The registration is open.

AIPA Online Conference

October 22, 8.15pm AEST

The Australian Institute of Polish Affairs (AIPA) is pleased to announce the lecture titled: **Counter-Elites and Populism in Poland**, by Dr Stanley Bill, the Director of Polish Studies Programme at the University of Cambridge.

This presentation will look at the idea of the "counter-elite" in the discourse and political practice of Poland's current ruling coalition, paying particular attention to the sphere of civil society. The populism of Law and Justice (PiS) is not hostile to elites per se, but posits a Manichaeian conflict between the "wrong" elite and "the nation" — represented, in turn, by the "true" (counter-)elite. Accordingly, the party's ambitious programme of change demands the replacement of the old "establishment elite" and the institution of what leader Jarosław Kaczyński calls a "new social hierarchy".

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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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