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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 Event Review

ESAANZ Conference 2020.

Between December 1st-3rd the newly formed ESAANZ held its annual conference (continuing the CESAA tradition), but this time with a difference, it was totally online. With COVID-19 Restrictions preventing a face to face event, ESAANZ utilised online platforms to run a full three-day conference. Over 70 active participants presented on a wide array of topics, from Eurovision to the EU Green Deal, from the Western Balkans to Brexit and everything in between. Sessions ran largely parallel with roughly three speakers in each session, and eight sessions per day.

The conference also welcomed the EU Ambassadors to Australia and New Zealand, the honourable Michael Pulch and Nina Obermaier respectively, as well as the Irish Ambassadors to Australia and New Zealand, Breandán Ó Caollaí and Peter Ryan respectively. The ambassadors spoke on a wide array of topics and welcomed questions from our audience.

In what was always going to be a challenging circumstance, the organisers were able to pull together a full and diverse program with participants from across the globe. ESAANZ would like to thank Bronwyn Winter, Xiwen Wang, Sophie Di Francesco-Mayot, Bradley Davison and Bruno Mascitelli for their efforts in pulling this conference together.

EU NEWS - brief

Brexit and the UK

The EU and the UK signed the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) on 30 December 2020. The agreement follows many months of tense negotiations and is comprised of three main points :

- FTA with collaboration on economic, social, environmental and fisheries issues
- a law enforcement framework and judicial cooperation
- governance framework to provide clarity on how the agreement will function moving forward

The TCA is alongside two other agreements: a Security Information Agreement (SoIA) and a Civil Nuclear Agreement. The UK Parliament has ratified all three agreements with the EU expected to do so prior to 28 February 2021.

European Council

Portugal has taken over the presidency of the European Council from Germany. The nation will hold the position for six months and has stated its main priority to be helping the EU through the COVID-19 crisis. The time presiding will be driven by the motto “ Time to deliver: a fair green and digital recovery”.

The Netherlands

Frustration and discontent with lockdown restrictions has resulted in rioters taking to the streets against the Government. More than 180 people have been arrested for vandalism and looting during the riots.

Italy

Giuseppe Conte has resigned as Italian PM, continuing the political uncertainty that has impacted the nation over past decades. Mr Conte made the decision after surviving a no confidence vote.

Former PM, Matteo Renzi triggered the current political crisis by withdrawing the Italia Viva party from the ruling coalition leaving Mr Conte with a slim majority. President Sergio Mattarella has begun consultations with party leaders to create a new government.

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

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

Multicultural hub, Elizabeth Street Melbourne

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.

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EUSAAP Conference 2021

New Directions, New Leadership in a post-Covid Environment

28+29 June 2021, Melbourne, Australia

EUSAAP is planning its 2021 annual conference to be held in Melbourne, Australia as an in-person event with a virtual component. Conference papers accepted for the 2020 conference are automatically transferred to the 2021 edition and can be presented in-person or virtually.

2021 presents EU scholars with a new canvas on which to explore the nature and direction of European Integration. The conference will focus upon the renewal of the EU's institutional leadership and the new priorities and challenges for the EU27 in a post-Covid-19 environment. Papers are welcome from a broad multidisciplinary perspective that investigate these questions from both an European and Asia Pacific perspective.

Building 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.

Due to the pandemic-related cancellation of the 2020 conference, this also serves as celebration of the 15th EUSAAP conference, the founding of the European Studies Association Australia and New Zealand ([ESAANZ](#)) and the 20th anniversary celebration of the National Centre for Research on Europe ([NCRE](#)) at the University of Canterbury (New Zealand), seat of the EUSAAP secretariat.

Timeline

Conference papers accepted for 2020 and automatically transferred to 2021:

1. Confirm your attendance as in-person or virtually by 31 January 2021. Paper titles can be amended until 19 February 2021.
2. Presenters that need to withdraw their paper can do so with a refund of their registration fees until 31 January 2021.

Additional or new papers can be submitted until: 19 February 2021

For information on the conference please visit <https://wp.me/P8ZcqX-aSI>

Other

Events

BOOK RELEASE: FREE EVENT

2 March 2021 at 5pm AEDT

Albania: Escaping the East, Aspiring for the West by Dr Perparim Xhaferi

The book will be launched by Ambassadors of the republic of Albania and Kosova to Australia, Dr Edmond Trako and Dr Hajdin Abazi.

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Membership

2021 ESAANZ Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to ESAANZ for 2021 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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