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## CESAA NEWS

### **CESAA Essay Competition 2013 has now closed**

The 20th Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) essay competition has now closed.

Winners will be notified formally by mail and the results will be published on the CESAA website at <http://www.cesaa.org.au/cesaa-essay-competitions.htm>.

## AUSTRALIA—EU RELATIONS

### **President of the European Commission welcomes Australia's Governor-General to Europe**

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of Australia, and her delegation of distinguished Australian business representatives were welcomed to the European Commission by President José Manuel Barroso on 5 June 2013.

Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, also hosted Governor-General Quentin Bryce at the European Council.

Further information is available at [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/press\\_corner/all\\_news/news/2013/20130607\\_barroso\\_quentin\\_bryce\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/20130607_barroso_quentin_bryce_en.htm).

### **Down-and-out Down Under? Why the EU struggles to get a good press in Australia**

James Panichi, a journalist on extended leave from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and based in Brussels, asks in a recent article in *European Voice* why the portrayal of the EU in the Australian press is generally less than favourable.

While the political and trade relationships between Australia and the EU are good, the consensus at a recent

symposium in Melbourne on Australia—EU relations was that this is not reflected in the media. Reporting on the EU in Australia tends to focus on the negative, a trend that has given rise to concerns for the future quality of bilateral relationships. While it is not easy to pinpoint the causes of this trend, one of the reasons may well be the dearth of an Australian journalistic presence in Brussels resulting in the dominance of a Eurosceptic British voice in the Australian media.

The full article can be accessed at <http://www.europeanvoice.com/article/imported/down-and-out-down-under-/77381.aspx>.

## EU NEWS

### **Shock at alleged surveillance of EU premises by US National Security Agency (NSA)**

Following reports in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian* and the German weekly magazine *Der Spiegel* that the US intelligence service NSA not only monitors and stores data of citizens of European countries but also allegedly targeted the European Union by placing covert listening devices in the EU representations in Washington and New York and infiltrating its computer network, Martin Schulz, the President of the European Parliament, expressed his shock at the allegations and demanded full clarification from the US authorities on behalf of the European Parliament.

Several high profile Australian politicians have also publicly demanded answers from the governments of the United States and Australia in the wake of news that the US National Security Agency had obtained open access to private data held by US technology giants such as Google, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft. However, Foreign Minister Bob Carr said in an interview that there was no need for Australians to be concerned, and that Australia had a strong legal framework to protect Australian citizens.

According to one of the documents viewed by *Der Spiegel*, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK are excluded from surveillance.

Further information can be found at the following websites

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/07/australians-troubled-us-surveillance-google-facebook-apple>

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/nsa-spies-on-500-million-german-data-connections-a-908648.html>

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<<http://www.spiegel.de/international/europe/nsa-spied-on-european-union-offices-a-908590.html>>

<<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-06-20/carr-refuses-to-be-drawn-on-whether-mps-emails-are-spied-on/4769854>>

<<http://resources.news.com.au/files/2013/06/09/1226660/835253-meet-the-press-transcript.pdf>>

<<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20130701STO14744/html/Prism-debate-follow-MEPs-discuss-US-surveillance-of-the-internet>>

<[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_MEMO-13-634\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-634_en.htm)>

### Accession of Croatia to the EU

On 1 July 2013 Croatia became the 28th EU member state. The target is now further integration – Croatia is expected to join the Schengen area by 2015, and will also change the kuna for the euro as soon as its economy meets the criteria – on inflation, public finances, exchange-rate stability and interest rates.

Croatia is the first Western Balkans country to become an EU member. The EU now has around 508 million inhabitants across its 28 member states.

Further information is available at

<<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/eu-welcomes-28th-member-state-croatia?lang=en>>

and

<[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/137537.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/137537.pdf)>.

### Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Lithuania takes up the six-month Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July 2013. This is the first time that Lithuania has assumed this task since joining the EU in 2004.

Further information is available at

<<http://www.eu2013.lt/en>>.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Recent Publications

#### Denise Fisher, *France in the South Pacific, Canberra: ANU EPress, 2013.*

France is a Pacific power, with three territories, a military presence, and extensive investments. Once seen by many as a colonial interloper in the South Pacific, by the early 2000s, after it ended nuclear testing in French Polynesia and negotiated transitional Accords responding to independence demands in New Caledonia, France seems to have become generally accepted as a regional partner, even if its efforts concentrate on its own territories rather than the independent island states.

Combining historical background with political and economic analysis, this comprehensive study offers

insight into the intricate history – and problematic future – of several of Australia’s key neighbours in the Pacific and to the priorities and options of the European country that still rules them.

For free download please see ANU EPress at

<<http://epress.anu.edu.au/titles/france-in-the-south-pacific>>.

## Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

<<http://www.eucnetwork.org.nz/12/>>

## EVENTS

### Public Lectures & Seminars

24 July 2013 – 19.00–21.00

#### A City of love and a terre sauvage. French Dreams, Australian Dreams

Location: Alliance Française de Melbourne, 51 Grey St, St Kilda.

The Melbourne Salon is a joint endeavour by RMIT University, ISFAR (Institute for the Study of French-Australian Relations) and the Alliance Française de Melbourne.

Speakers: Stephen Alomes, Adjunct Professor in Global Studies, RMIT University, and Vice President of ISFAR; Sarah Turnbull, former SBS journalist and author of *Almost French*; Elaine Lewis, founder of the Australian Bookshop in Paris, author and current co-editor of *Explorations*, the journal of ISFAR.

A recurring Australian dream is that of being ‘lost in France’, of being transformed by experiencing Paris as a ‘city of love’. It is a powerful dream for artists past and present and a passionate dream for many women writers who tell tales of becoming ‘almost French’. At the same time, the French have long had a fascination with the ‘terre sauvage’ and the ‘indigènes’. These ideas also shape the journeys of young French working holiday travellers, and other tourists. This illustrated talk by Stephen Alomes explores dreams and present day dreamers, from the north and from the south.

In conversation with Elaine Lewis Sarah Turnbull, author of *Almost French*, shares the next chapter of her story.

For reservations please call (03) 9925 2264 or email [themelbournesalon@gmail.com](mailto:themelbournesalon@gmail.com). Places are limited and a cover charge of \$15 (includes wine and cheese) applies.

Further information is available at

<<http://rmit.net.au/browse;ID=e8b8vusjs885>>.

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## Workshops

### National

**08 September 2013**

#### European Studies Graduate Workshop

Location: ANU Centre for European Studies, 1 Liversidge Street (Bldg 67C), Canberra

This graduate workshop is linked with the conference 'Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive: Researching the EU from Australia and New Zealand' and precedes the conference.

The workshop will address the themes of the conference, but also encourage presentations on all aspects of European Studies. This is an opportunity for graduate students working in the European Studies field to come together in an informal, supportive environment. Planned as a forum for discussion of key issues, students will present their work and receive constructive feedback and professional training from senior scholars.

The graduate workshop is a free event. For enquiries and to register, please contact 02 6125 9896 or email [europa@anu.edu.au](mailto:europa@anu.edu.au).

Further information is available at:

<<http://ces.anu.edu.au/sites/ces.anu.edu.au/files/2012/Graduate%20Workshop.pdf>>

### International

**11–14 September 2013**

#### 21st annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth

Location: Berlin, Germany

The 21st annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth will be hosted by the research institute WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung). Since 2009, the economic crisis has put pressure on national economies and labour markets all over the world, but the burdens are unequally distributed among different social groups. Young people are among those who tend to suffer most heavily from economic downturns. Many governments are launching various policy initiatives to tackle the severe consequences the crisis has had on youth labour markets. Depending on the institutional framework, these measures show diverse results for different groups of young people. As an integral part of labour market entry processes, such policies and their effects should be thoroughly understood.

Further information is available at:

<<http://www.socsci.ru.nl/~maartenw/tiy/index.htm>> and <<http://www.wzb.eu/tiy2013>>.

## Conferences

### National

**9–11 September 2013**

#### 'SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE': Researching the EU from Australia and New Zealand

Location: Australian National University, Canberra

This international conference is convened jointly by the four EU Centres at the Australian National University, the University of Canterbury, Monash University and RMIT University.

At a time when the EU has high ambitions and faces critical challenges, this conference will bring together researchers from various disciplines to share their insights into the issues confronting the European Union over the next decade.

Keynotes will be presented by Dr Brendan Nelson, former Australian Ambassador to the European Union and NATO, Professor Jacqui True, a specialist in Gender and international relations from Monash University, and Professor Giles Scott-Smith, Ernst van der Beugel Chair in the Diplomatic History of Atlantic Cooperation since World War II at the University of Leiden. The Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) will present a plenary panel, while other presentations will be arranged in parallel streams addressing the themes of:

- EU and the World: regionalism, challenges and bilateral relations
- Prospects for the EU?
- EU and Asia-Pacific
- Creative cultures and connections

This conference is relevant to postgraduate students, early career researchers and experienced academics and practitioners.

Please register for the conference by 30 August 2013.

Further information and registration facilities are available at

<<http://www.rmit.edu.au/eucentre/conferences/ssi>> and <<http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/smartsustainable/>>.

### International

**4–7 September 2013**

#### ECPR General Conference 2013

Location: Bordeaux, France

The 7th ECPR General Conference will take place at Sciences Po Bordeaux, Domaine Universitaire.

Updates regarding conference information can be accessed at:

<[http://ecpr.eu/Conferences/General/2013\\_Bordeaux/Default.aspx](http://ecpr.eu/Conferences/General/2013_Bordeaux/Default.aspx)>.

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**18–21 September 2013**

**8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations**

Location: Warsaw, Poland

This conference asks whether International Relations (IR) is able to respond effectively to the challenges posed to its assumptions and frameworks. That is, if international relations is characterised by multiple worlds and multiple crises, then what does this say about the discipline of International Relations?

In other words, are there many rather than one International Relation(s) and does this mean that there are multiple worlds and crises which IR scholars could study? And why and how does this matter?

While participants are especially invited to respond to the conference theme, proposals on all aspects of International Relations will be considered.

Further information is available at:  
<<http://www.8thpaneuropean.org/>>.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Fellowships/Scholarships**

#### **Marie Curie Actions**

**Closing date: The application process runs until 14 August 2013**

The European Commission is inviting bids for the final tranche of Marie Curie fellowship grants allotted under the current seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7, 2007-13). Some €227 million, the highest single amount made available through the Marie Curie Actions fund, will be awarded to around 1000 experienced researchers this year.

The following two types of fellowships are open to non-European nationals:

- International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) offer researchers the chance to acquire new knowledge in a high-level organisation outside Europe. As part of the grant agreement, the researchers have to return to Europe and share this knowledge.
- International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) enable researchers from outside Europe to be trained within a European institution.

Marie Curie individual fellowships support the mobility of researchers within and beyond Europe – as well as helping to attract the best foreign researchers to work in the EU. Individual fellowships will continue to be provided under the new Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions as part of the Horizon 2020 programme, which starts in 2014.

Further information is available at:  
<[http://ec.europa.eu/rea/about\\_us/news/13\\_03\\_13\\_news\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/rea/about_us/news/13_03_13_news_en.htm)>.

#### **Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici (Italian Institute of Historical Studies) Scholarships**

**Closing date: 6 September 2013**

The Italian Institute of Historical Studies in Naples is offering 15 annual scholarships to young graduates and doctors, Italian and non, in the disciplines of History, Philosophy and Literature for the academic year 2013-2014.

Further information including application forms and regulations are available at:

<[http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC\\_Melbourne/Menu/Oportunita/Borse\\_di\\_studio/Altre\\_Borse/](http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC_Melbourne/Menu/Oportunita/Borse_di_studio/Altre_Borse/)>

and

<<http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/NR/rdonlyres/165FE69A-8779-4B31-916A-37A7839EB2E8/113059/RegulationsforapplicationforScholarship20132014.pdf>>.

### **Other funding opportunities**

#### **CAESIE**

Connecting Australian-European Science & Innovation Excellence (CAESIE) is a bilateral partnership initiative between the European Union and Australia.

This initiative is specifically targeted to enhance science and technology collaborations between SMEs and researchers who focus on making a significant contribution to addressing some of the world's grand challenges including:

- clean energy
- healthy ageing
- sustainable cities.

CAESIE offers:

- free assistance and brokerage to establish early stage collaborative links between researchers and SMEs in Australia and Europe, for knowledge exchange and research and development (R&D) product development.
- assistance with identifying government-funded programs and incentives in Australia and Europe for major project development and other opportunities for research and innovation.

CAESIE will explore Australian cooperation in research activities coordinated or networked among European Union member states and will provide information to support research-to-research links between Australia and the European Union.

Further information is available on the CAESIE website at  
<<http://caesie.org/>>.

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## **CESAA MEMBERSHIP**

Become a Member of CESAA.

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA are available. Annual membership to CESAA entitles you to:

- annual subscription to the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES)
- notification of CESAA and European Studies activities in Australia and around the world

- discounted registration at all CESAA-sponsored events.

For further information on joining CESAA, including the membership form, see the CESAA website: <<http://www.cesaa.org.au/membership.htm>>.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

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