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## **CESAA NEWS**

### **Welcome to 2016**

CEESA welcomes you to the first e-bulletin for 2016.

## **CESAA MEMBERSHIP**

### **2016 CESAA Membership**

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2016 are now 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:

[CESAA membership form](#)

## **AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS**

### **World Economic Forum**

Trade and Investment Minister Andrew Robb attended the World Economic Forum in Davos. Attendance included a meeting between Mr Robb and European Union Commissioner for Trade, Cecilia Malmstrom. Mr Robb also attended the opening of the new Austrade office during his visit to Zurich on 19-20 January 2016, ahead of his attendance at the World Economic Forum.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Robb World Economic Forum 1](#)  
[Robb World Economic Forum 2](#)

### **Working Holiday Visa scheme Australia–Slovenia**

Since the 1 January 2016 Australia and Slovenia have a reciprocal Working Holiday Visa.

Further information is available via the link below:

[WHV scheme Australia–Slovenia](#)

## **EU NEWS**

### **Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

On 1 January 2016 The Netherlands took over the presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Netherlands presidency work programme has set out the following four priority areas: migration and international security, sound finances and a robust eurozone, Europe as an innovator and job creator and forward looking climate and energy policy. The Netherland's presidency will be followed by the Slovakian and the Maltese presidencies.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Presidency Council of the EU](#)

### **EU appoints new head of Ukraine mission**

On 7 January 2016, the Council appointed Mr Kęstutis Lančinskas, a senior Lithuanian police official, as head of the European Union Advisory Mission Ukraine. Mr Lančinskas will replace Mr Kalman Mizsei and is expected to take up his duties in Kyiv on 1 February 2016.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Appointment Head Ukraine mission](#)

### **EU lifts all nuclear-related sanctions against Iran**

On 16 January 2016, the Council of the European Union lifted all nuclear-related economic and financial EU sanctions against Iran. This follows verification by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that Iran has implemented the agreed nuclear-related measures as set out in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Further information is available via the link below:

[iran-council-lifts-all-nuclear-related-eu-sanctions/](#)

### **EU migrant crisis**

The EU migrant crisis continues. Frontex, the agency responsible for the operational cooperation on the EU's external borders, reported 610, 000 unauthorised border crossings in the Western Balkan region in the third quarter of 2015.

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In a report published on 20th January experts at the IMF provide elements of response to the economic effect of the influx of refugees. While a rapid integration is seen as necessary, the size of the task is also acknowledged.

On 20 January the German Chancellor stated the intention to reduce the number of migrants into Germany with the situation to be reassessed in mid-February.

Austria also decided to reduce its migrant intake, and Denmark passed a controversial new law, the so-called 'jewelry bill', on 28 January 2016 by 81 votes to 27 (one abstention). The law permits police to search asylum seekers on arrival and confiscate any non-essential items worth more than 10,000 kroner (approximately AUD \$2085) that have no sentimental value to their owner. Items of "special sentimental value" include "wedding rings, engagement rings, family portraits, decorations and medals" according to the Danish Ministry of Immigration, Integration and Housing. However, "watches, mobile phones and computers" can be confiscated according to the Ministry.

The Pope, on 11 January, as part of a message addressed to the diplomatic corps called on Europeans to receive immigrants generously, while acknowledging problems of integration especially within the climate of terrorism.

The European Commission document *A European Agenda on Migration—State of Play: January 2016*, finally sets out the current status of work on a new policy on migration as one of the ten priorities of the current Commission.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Frontex report Q3\\_2015.pdf](#)

[IMF report](#)

[Germany reduction in numbers of asylum seekers](#)

[Austria reduction in numbers asylum seekers \(German\)](#)

[danish-parliament-approves-plan-to-seize-assets-from-refugees](#)

[denmark-vote-jewelry-bill-migrants/](#)

[Pope's message](#)

[/european-agenda-migration/background-](#)

[information/docs/eam\\_state\\_of\\_play\\_20160113\\_en.pdf](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 6 (1) is available in hard copy format.

### Newsletters

#### ECSA World-News

To access the *ECSA World-News* newsletter please use the link below:

[ECSA World-News](#)

## EVENTS

### Public Lectures & Seminars

**9 February 2016—12.30–14.00**

#### The EU's Primary Security & Social Concerns

Speaker: Dr. Petar Kurecic; Assistant Professor, University North, Croatia

Location: RMIT City Campus, Council Chamber, Building 1 level 2(R), 124 Little La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Dr Kurecic will speak on the topic of the EU's primary security and social concerns, such as the present immigrant/refugee crisis and the freedom of movement within the EU, the "never-ending" War on Terror and the war in Syria, the debt crisis of the Southern members (Greece in particular), the political and economic relations with Russia, the energy issues (i.e. insuring the gas supply), which all threaten the future development of the EU. What mechanisms are needed to improve the EU is one of questions that will be discussed.

Please RSVP to: <https://euc09feb16.eventbrite.com.au> before Monday 8 February 12pm for catering purposes. A light lunch will be served.

Further information is available via the link below:

[rmit.edu.au/eucentre](http://rmit.edu.au/eucentre)

**11 February 2016—18.00–19.30**

#### Sydney Ideas - The 2016 Q Lecture: Terrorism in an Age of Quantum Insecurity

Speaker: Assistant Professor Jairus Grove, Director, Center for Futures Studies, University of Hawaii

Location: General Lecture Theatre, Quadrangle Building, The University of Sydney

The 2016 Q Lecture is presented by the Centre for International Security Studies with the support of the School of Social and Political Sciences and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The quantum challenge, as a set of questions over causality, time, and action at a distance, cannot be constrained to the subatomic level or confined to a single discipline of thought. This is particularly evident in the entangled and non-locality of world politics, where International Relations theory has endeavoured to explain 'spooky action at a distance' in the practices and places of diplomacy, deterrence and war. Now media savvy organisations like ISIS succeed precisely because of their ability to leverage these characteristics of global life.

Further information including a registration facility is available via the link below:

[sydney-ideas-q-lecture-2016](#)

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**16 February 2016—18.30** (Sydney)

**18 February 2016—18.30** (Melbourne)

**In conversation with Erik Orsenna** (in French only)

Speaker: Erik Orsenna, economist, writer, expert in sustainable development; member of the *Académie Française*

Location: Sydney: Alliance Française de Sydney CBD, 257 Clarence Street

Melbourne: Alliance Française de Melbourne, 51 Grey Street, St Kilda

Sydney program: conference in French about initiatives for the future of great rivers and the major challenge it represents for sustainable development (Initiatives pour l'avenir des grands fleuves – un enjeu majeur pour le développement durable). The conference will be followed by a Q&A and book signing.

Melbourne program: Lecture on initiatives for the future of large rivers as part of the international debate on the fight against climate change.

Further information is available via the links below:

[AF-Sydney-erik-orsenna/](#)

[AF-Melbourne\\_Orsenna](#)

**17 February 2016—18.00–19.30**

**The Body Economic: Austerity and Population Health McCaughey 10th Anniversary Oration**

Speaker: Professor David Stuckler, Professor, Political Economy and Sociology, University of Oxford, research fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Chatham House

Location: Lecture Theatre 1 (Room B117), Melbourne School of Design, Masson Road

Politicians have talked endlessly about the seismic economic and social impacts of the recent financial crisis, but many continue to ignore its disastrous effects on human health—and have even exacerbated them, by adopting harsh austerity measures and cutting key social programs at a time when constituents need them most. The result is that many countries have turned their recessions into veritable epidemics, ruining or extinguishing thousands of lives in a misguided attempt to balance budgets and shore up financial markets. Yet sound alternative policies could instead help improve economies and protect public health at the same time.

Further information is available via the link below:

[the-body-economic-austerity-and-population-health](#)

**18 February 2016— 9.30–12.00**

**Towards a 2000 Watt Society - Energy Innovation for Sustainable Cities in Switzerland and Australia**

Speakers: Professor Chris Ryan (Chair), Victorian Eco Innovation Lab; Roland Stulz, Co-founder and Ambassador, 2000-Watt Society (presenter), Martina Blum, Energy Advisor, City of Zürich (presenter), Dr Andreas Luzzi, CEO, LAROS Technologies (presenter); the forum will also include a panel discussion with experts from the City of Melbourne and Sustainability Victoria.

Location: Carlton Connect Initiative, 700 Swanston Street, Carlton

With a global agreement for the transition to a low carbon economy, how can we achieve our goals to increase energy efficiency, develop renewable energies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

This forum with Swiss and Australian experts will look at an innovative energy policy model called the 2000-Watt Society. This concept of a society, which uses only 2000 watts per person per year, was developed at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) and it serves as a model for energy policy that demonstrates how it is possible to consume only as much energy as is sustainable in terms of the impact on the environment and society.

Further information is available via the link below:

[2000 Watt](#)

**20–21 February 2016**

**Geniale Dilletanten in Melbourne - White Night Film Program**

Location: Kaleide Theatre, 360 Swanston Street, Melbourne

The Goethe-Institute in Melbourne has been presenting the touring exhibition "Brilliant Dilettantes - Subculture in Germany in the 1980s" at RMIT Gallery since November 2015.

Within the context of this exhibition, the Goethe-Institute in Melbourne will be showing various movies at "White Night Melbourne" that are dedicated to the exhibition theme. The transformation of aesthetic freedom in the 80s in Germany will be presented in various formats, including a documentary and a live music performance.

The exhibition "Geniale Dilletanten" or "Brilliant Dilettantes - Subculture in Germany in the 1980s" at RMIT Gallery will also be open throughout the night.

All movie screenings will be in German with English subtitles.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Geniale Dilletanten](#)

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**22 February 2016—9.30–12.30**

**Australia and Europe: Cultural Connections and Shared Challenges**

Keynote speaker: Professor Russell West-Pavlov, Chair, English–Anglophone Literatures and Cultures, University of Tübingen, Germany.

Panelists include: Prof. Philomena Murray, University of Melbourne; Prof. Alison Lewis, University of Melbourne; Dr. Les Terry, University of Melbourne; Dr. Mark Nicholls, University of Melbourne; Mr. Michel Richard, Director, Alliance Française de Melbourne; Ms. Irina Herrschner, University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Old Arts, South Theatre, Room 224

Europe and Australia have a long history of cultural connections and a shared stake in global challenges of the 21st century, such as migration and social cohesion.

Professor Russell West-Pavlov, an Australian researcher from the University of Tübingen in Germany, will discuss whether Germany can learn from Australia's approach to migration and multiculturalism.

Following the lecture, a panel of researchers and practitioners will explore Australia's cultural connections to Europe in the 21st century, as well as new opportunities for co-operation and policies and perspectives to shared global challenges.

This public lecture and workshop is presented by the European Studies Program, Faculty of Arts and the EU Centre on Shared Complex Challenges.

Further information including registration facility is available via the link below:

[/australia-and-europe-cultural-connections-and-shared-challenges](#)

**24 February 2016—18.00–19.30**

**Sydney Ideas - Is Democracy in Poland in Danger?**

Speaker: Professor Jan Pakulski, Professor Emeritus, University of Tasmania, Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences, Australia (ASSA), Affiliate, Stanford Centre for Poverty and Inequality, Visiting Fellow and Professor, Oxford, Harvard, Stanford, CEU, and currently Collegium Civitas.

Location: Philosophy Room, The Quadrangle, The University of Sydney

This lecture, co-presented with the Sydney Democracy Network and the Australian Institute of Polish Affairs will look at a recent series of controversial moves by the new Polish Government. The weakening of the Constitutional Tribunal and subjecting the public media to ministerial appointments and supervision, have triggered mass protests in Poland and concerns among EU officials.

Professor Jan Pakulski analyses these developments in the broader context of the rapid economic development, new social divisions, and the polarisation within the Polish

political elite combined with electoral re-alignment. He argues that Poland shows some symptoms of 'political decay', weakening liberal democracy, and gradual transition towards populist 'leader democracy'.

Further information including a registration facility is available via the link below:

[Polish democracy in danger?](#)

**Call for Papers**

**More or Less Europe—The Future of European Law and Policy 2016; 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on European Law and Policy in Context (23–24 June 2016)**

**Closing date: 26 February 2016**

Location: University of Birmingham, Birmingham Law School, Institute of European Law, Edgbaston, Birmingham

The Institute of European Law at the University of Birmingham invites scholars and postgraduate research students in any discipline (law, politics, history, economics ...) to submit proposals for papers on any issue on the Future of EU Law and Policy, especially:

- on the Constitution of the EU (institutions, decision making...),
- the EU and the individual (citizenship, human rights, ...),
- the EU and the economy (internal market, competition, ...),
- and the EU and the outside world (external relations, enlargement, CSDP, ...).

At least one panel on the topic: "The Future of European Monetary Union" is planned and papers on this issue are particularly welcome.

Please send the title of your proposed paper along with a 200-word abstract and your contact details to:

Mr Robert Doolan, University of Birmingham, Birmingham Law School, Institute of European Law, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK; e-mail: [r.w.doolan@bham.ac.uk](mailto:r.w.doolan@bham.ac.uk)

Further information is available via the link below:

[cfp-more-less-europe.aspx](#)

**Internet Policy Review—Special issue on 'Australian internet policy'**

**Closing date: 14 March 2016—expression of interest and abstract submissions (500 word abstracts)**

Topic & Relevance

Australia is a country in which there have been various interesting developments in internet policy over the last decade. The ambitious government-led National Broadband Network gained international attention in internet policy circles, although its actual trajectory has proved different from initial plans. While in many ways internet access and use in Australia's large cities is similar

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to that experienced by European users, it is also a vast country with many rural and remote populations, for whom the internet is more difficult to access and use. Australia has also not been immune from international trends regarding internet policy, such as an increased emphasis of intellectual property enforcement in the online space, the clash between individual privacy and counter-terrorism measures and the disruption brought to various economic sectors by apps such as Uber. Furthermore, Australia itself is one nation participating in international trade negotiations which are likely to have an effect on internet policy globally, including the recently-signed Trans Pacific Partnership, and the Trade in Services Agreement which is still being discussed.

#### Scope of the Special Issue

The aim of the special issue in the *Internet Policy Review* is to explore these recent developments in Australian internet policy and how they relate to internet policy developments internationally. Australia is in many ways a country similar to European states, but also with many differences: both the similarities and differences can be seen playing out in the internet policy field.

Accordingly, proposals that address policy developments and debates so long as they relate to the governance of the Australian internet in some way, or Australian internet policy in regional or international fora are welcomed. Comparative analyses, especially with European societies and jurisdictions, are particularly welcome (but such comparison is not necessary for inclusion in the special edition). Papers can have both a theoretical or empirical focus, and if empirical can be qualitative, quantitative or employing mixed methods. This call for papers is open to researchers from the fields of policy studies, sociology, law, philosophy, data, information and technology studies, economics and management and related fields.

#### Focus of the Papers

The editors are particularly interested to receive proposals on the following themes in Australian internet policy:

- Intellectual property and the internet: definition, enforcement, consequences
- The internet economy: emerging markets; Uberisation and disruption
- The National Broadband Network; net neutrality
- Data retention, surveillance and privacy
- Internet governance; domain name policy
- The interaction of trade and internet policy: TPP; TISA
- Australia's internet policy regionally/internationally: intersections with development, migration and security policy
- Digital inclusion: providing internet access to all Australians

#### Best Paper Award

A best paper award will be issued to the paper accepted for publication that the editorial team judges as being of the highest quality and provoking the most interesting arguments.

#### Special Edition Editors

Dr Angela Daly, Queensland University of Technology/Swinburne Institute for Social Research ([acdaly@swin.edu.au](mailto:acdaly@swin.edu.au))

Professor Julian Thomas, Swinburne Institute for Social Research ([jthomas@swin.edu.au](mailto:jthomas@swin.edu.au))

#### Important Dates

4 April 2016: Authors informed of decision on abstracts

2 June 2016: Deadline for full text submissions (max. 30,000 characters spaces included).

October 2016: Publication of the special issue

Submission of abstracts via online form: <http://policyreview.info/node/392>

Further information on text submissions is available via the link below:

<http://policyreview.info/authors>

#### 2016 EUSAP Conference & Postgraduate Workshop—30 Years after the Single European Act

**Closing date: 15 March 2016**

Location: Hong Kong Baptist University

The 2016 EUSA AP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop will be held in Hong Kong on Wednesday, 29 and Thursday, 30 June 2016. The Postgraduate Workshop will be held on one day only. The conference theme will be '30 Years after the Single European Act' and proposes to discuss the following themes:

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Further information is available via the link below:

[EUSAAP 2016 conference information](#)

### **The European Conference on Politics, Economics and Law 2016 (ECPEL2016)**

**Closing date: 15 March 2016**

Location: Brighton, UK

The conference theme of the ECPEL 2016 conference taking place from 7–10 July 2016 in Brighton, UK, is “Justice”.

This theme invites a look at concepts and forms justice can take, and the contested spaces around these terms, particularly the issues of sustainability, the environment, domestic and international law, equity, along with access to water, food, healthcare and education.

This international and interdisciplinary conference calls for social scientists around the globe to come together to share their respective outlooks and collective wisdoms in the pursuit of a sustainable world. The speakers will be expressing divergent views, searching for common ground, and looking for the synergies that can inspire multidisciplinary research collaborations.

Further information is available via the link below:

[ecpel2016-call-for-papers/](#)

### **The Ninth Global Studies Conference: 2016 Special Theme - Rethinking Global Space in the Age of the Anthropocene: Futures of Ecological Interdependence**

**Closing dates:**

**Regular: 30 March 2016**

**Late: 30 May 2016**

Location: University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA

The Ninth Global Studies Conference will be held from 30 June–1 July 2016. Within the 2016 conference theme ‘Rethinking Global Space in the Age of the Anthropocene: Futures of Ecological Interdependence’, the following sub-themes will be explored:

- Theme 1: Economy and Trade
- Theme 2: Politics, Power, and Institutions
- Theme 3: Society and Culture
- Theme 4: Resources and Environment

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops/ interactive sessions, posters/exhibits, colloquia, virtual posters, or virtual lightning talks are invited.

Further information is available via the link below:

[9th Global studies conference 2016-conference/call-for-presenters](#)

## **Workshops**

### **International**

**6–8 April 2016**

#### **European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS 2016)**

Location: Tübingen, Germany

The European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS) 2016 will take place at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, from 6–8 April 2016. There will be 20 workshops with up to 20 participants. Please note that participants are expected to attend their workshop for the entire period of the event.

Further information about workshops and the location for EWIS 2016 is available via the link below. Registration fees for EISA members are 100 EUR (full) and 50 EUR (students). Higher non-member fees apply. Please note that at present, EISA is not able to offer any scholarships or bursaries for this event.

Further information is available via the link below:

[ewis information](#)

**29–30 June 2016 (Pls note: Workshop will only be 1 day)**

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Further information is available via the link below:  
[EUSAAP 2016 conference information](#)

## Conferences

### International

#### 27–29 February 2016

##### **The IAFOR International Conference on Arts and Humanities—Dubai 2016(IICAHDUBAI2016)**

Location: Dubai, U.A.E.

This international and interdisciplinary conference will act as a centre for academics, practitioners and professionals to discuss new research in education. IICAH-Dubai2016 will create opportunities for the internationalisation of higher education and sharing of expertise. Professionals from all corners of the world are invited to develop policies, exchange ideas, and promote new partnerships with organisations and peers. The conference theme for IICAH-Dubai2016 is "Justice".

Further information is available via the link below:  
[iicahdubai2016](#)

#### 27–29 February 2016

##### **The IAFOR International Conference on the Social Sciences - Dubai 2016 (IICSSDUBAI2016)**

Location: Dubai, U.A.E.

This international and interdisciplinary conference will act as a centre for academics, practitioners and professionals to discuss new research in education. IICSS-Dubai2016 will create opportunities for the internationalization of higher education and sharing of expertise. Professionals from all corners of the world are invited to develop policies, exchange ideas, and promote new partnerships with organisations and peers. The conference themes is "Justice and Sustainability".

Further information is available via the link below:  
[iicssdubai2016](#)

#### 14–16 April 2016

##### **"Resilient Europe?"**

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A

Resilience is the capacity to survive, to bounce back and to innovate in the wake of extraordinary stress or unexpected crises. Psychologists view resilience as a character trait. Today, researchers and scholars of all stripes are beginning to understand resilience as constitutive of societies as well as of individuals.

The 23rd International Conference of Europeanists, taking place from 14–16 April 2016, invites participants to consider contemporary Europe's capacity for resilience. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, stresses and shocks of various sorts have posed dilemmas that challenge Europe's resilience in economic, political, and cultural domains. How will European economies confront slow growth and austerity, as well as the atrophy of "social Europe" and the growth of inequality? How will demographic decline combined with immigration and assimilation affect the ethnic composition of Europe? Will the protracted Eurozone crisis and waning public support for European institutions and policies alter the viability of the European project? How will secular Europe confront the challenges of religious mobilization? How will European democracies confront the rise of nationalist parties and the valorization of "illiberalism" as viable political practice? Can Europe remain a "Normative Power," a force for liberalism, democracy and the rule of law in the world, in the face of rising powers and resurgent authoritarianism?

Further information is available via the link below:  
[2016-ces-conference](#)

#### 16–18 June 2016

##### **The Union's Institutional and Constitutional Transformations: Stress or Adaptation?—8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union (SGEU)**

Location: University of Trento, Trento, Italy

The European Union has been undergoing momentous periods of stress due to both internal (Euro, EMU) and external (Libya, Ukraine, refugee) crises. Reactions to these crises have been differentiated, ranging from significant institutional and constitutional transformation to piece-meal adaptation. While the management of the Euro-crisis, the further strengthening of the EMU and, to some extent, surreptitious progress towards a budgetary and fiscal Union have been characterized by landmark decisions which have transformed the institutional and perhaps also the constitutional complexion of the Union, in foreign matters innovations have been less apparent and less dramatic and have mostly occurred along conventional tracks.

In and of itself this is nothing new. The life of the EU has been characterized by a marked lopsidedness between powerful internal structuring and weak external engagement. However, never before has this unevenness been more pronounced. While significant sacrifices of sovereignty are requested of Euro-zone member states in terms of their budgetary decisions (and procedures), their mid-term macroeconomic objectives and their planned structural reforms, in foreign and security matters member states cling to, and possibly even claim back, shares of Westphalian sovereignty. Can these two opposed lines of development proceed any further without causing significant tensions and stress in the entire EU edifice? Can two equally significant aspects of

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state sovereignty and liberal democracy - the domestic and the foreign - be governed by such disparate institutional arrangements? Will the Union eventually reconceptualise these two spheres or will they be driven further and further apart by dynamics that differentiate it into core and peripheral circles? And can internal regulatory and structural policies alone hold the European project together?

Further information is available via the link below:  
[8th Pan European Conference](#)

### 23–24 June 2016

#### **More or Less Europe—The Future of European Law and Policy, 2016**

Location: University of Birmingham, Birmingham Law School, Institute of European Law, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK

The Institute of European Law will present a conference on The Future of European Law and Policy. Topics will include:

- the Constitution of the EU (institutions, decision making),
- the EU and the individual (citizenship, human rights),
- the EU and the economy (internal market, competition),
- and the EU and the outside world (external relations, enlargement, CSDP).

At least one panel on the topic: "The Future of European Monetary Union" is also planned.

Further information will be made available and can be accessed via the link below:  
[more-less-europe-conference.aspx](#)

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[EUSAAP 2016 conference information](#)

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- Theme 2: Politics, Power, and Institutions
- Theme 3: Society and Culture
- Theme 4: Resources and Environment

Further information is available via the link below:  
[9th Global studies 2016-conference](#)

### 7 July–10 July 2016

#### **The European Conference on Politics, Economics and Law 2016 (ECPeL2016)**

Location: Brighton, United Kingdom

The conference theme of the European Conference on Politics, Economics and Law 2016 is *Justice*.

Justice can be used as a working tool within a framework for social science research. It can be the basis of an investigation into and the complex interplay of systems of law, education, business and public policy that comprise the context of social life.

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Further information is available via the link below:  
[ecpel2016/](#)

### **5–7 September 2016**

#### **UACES 46th Annual Conference**

Location: London

Hosted by Queen Mary University of London and its recently established *Centre for European Research* and the *School of Politics and International Relations*, the conference will provide an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas on research and teaching in Europe.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[46th UACES conference](#)

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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, also to organisations/individuals outside the EU. Participants from countries associated to the EU research framework program have the same rights as EU participants; for other countries, the situation varies. The call for proposals for 2016-2017 under Horizon 2020 in research, innovation and other funding was announced on 13 October 2015.

Further information is available via the links below:  
[Horizon 2020\\_press-release\\_MEMO-15-5832\\_en.htm](#)  
[h2020-work-programmes-2016-17](#)  
[eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/documents/eu\\_australia/horizons\\_2020\\_final\\_web.pdf](#)

### **Institute of Cultural Diplomacy (ICD)—Internship Opportunities**

#### **Closing date: Internship dependent**

The ICD in Berlin, Germany offers internship opportunities to individuals who would like to gain practical experience working for a non-governmental organisation in the field of Cultural Diplomacy in the following areas:

- Political Science
- Marketing & PR
- Business & Economics
- Journalism & Communication
- Computer Science and Webdesign
- Cinema, Music, Photography and the Arts
- Administration
- Event Management

Further information is available via the link below:  
[ICD Internship](#)

### **Erasmus+ Programme—2016**

#### **Closing date: project dependent**

The 2016 call for proposals for Erasmus+, the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport is now open. As a general rule, organisations participating in Erasmus+ projects must be established in a Programme Country. However, some Actions are also open to participating organisations from Partner Countries such as Australia. The specific conditions for participating in an Erasmus+ project depend on the type of Action supported. Please consult the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for more details.

Further information is available via the links below:  
[erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](#)  
[Official Journal of the European Union C2015/347/06](#)

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

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