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CESAA NEWS

Welcome to 2015

CEESA welcomes you to the first issue of the e-bulletin for 2015.

CESAA MEMBERSHIP

2015 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2015 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](#)

EU NEWS

Presidency of the European Council

On 1 January 2015, Latvia took over the presidency of the European Council from Italy. The work of the Latvian Presidency is coordinated by its Secretariat ensuring timely and high quality work during the Presidency.

The priorities of Latvia's EU Council Presidency were outlined by Latvian ministers in a series of meetings held during the last two weeks of January.

A review of the achievements and results of the Italian presidency took place in late January 2015.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Latvian presidency priorities](#)
[Latvian presidency](#)
[Italian presidency review](#)

Adoption of Euro by Lithuania

Lithuania, which joined the European Union in 2004, adopted the euro on 1 January 2015. The euro replaced the litas at the fixed exchange rate of €1= LTL 3.45280. The irrevocably fixed exchange rate is €1= LTL 3.45280.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Lithuania euro adoption \(1\)](#)
[Lithuania Euro adoption \(2\)](#)

Appointment of Alain Le Roy as Secretary General of EEAS

Federica Mogherini, the High Representative/Vice President appointed Mr Alain Le Roy as the new Secretary General of the EEAS on 7 January 2015.

Mr Le Roy will succeed senior French diplomat Pierre Vimont, secretary-general of the EEAS since December 2010. Mr Le Roy, who will take up his functions on 1 March 2015, is also a senior French diplomat and has served as EU Special Representative in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and as United Nations Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations. He will commence working at the EEAS as a Special Adviser to the High Representative from mid-January.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Appointment Secretary General EEAS](#)
[Appointment Alain Le Roy](#)

Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, outlines priorities to the European Parliament

In a speech on 13 January 2015, Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, reinforced two main objectives: injecting investment into the European economy, and the situation with Ukraine and Russia; he also honoured the victims of the Paris attacks.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Tusk speech \(1\)](#)
[Tusk speech \(2\)](#)

European Year for Development

On 9 January, the European Year for Development was launched officially in Riga at the start of the Latvian presidency of the Council of the European Union. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, the

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, the Latvian Prime Minister, Laimdota Straujuma, and EESC President Henri Malosse were among the speakers at the opening.

Further information is available via the links below:

[European Year of Development \(1\)](#)

[European Year of Development \(2\)](#)

[European Year of Development \(3\)](#)

Greek elections

On 25 January 2015 Greece held a legislative election to elect all 300 members to the Hellenic Parliament. The election was won convincingly by the left-wing anti-austerity SYRIZA party led by Alexis Tsipras with 36.34 per cent of votes and 149 seats in Parliament. Shortly after, a coalition government with another anti austerity party, the right-wing Independent Greeks party (ANEL) which won 13 seats, was formed.

The victory of SYRIZA has given rise to a number of issues and questions such as the likelihood of a write down of the Greek debt or that of the so-called Grexit, the exit of Greece from the Eurozone; but it also raises broader questions about the success of austerity measures in other Eurozone countries and, ultimately, about the future of the Eurozone itself.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Greek elections \(1\) - Open Europe](#)

[Greek elections \(2\) The Age](#)

[Greek elections \(3\) BBC World News](#)

[Greek elections \(4\) The Economist](#)

New Italian President

Italy's parliament has elected constitutional court judge Sergio Mattarella as the country's president on 31 January 2015. Mr Mattarella, 73, nominated by Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, will succeed Giorgio Napolitano, 89, who had served as president for more than eight years.

While the role of the Italian president largely a ceremonial, one aspect is the power to appoint a prime minister, and Mr Napolitano named five prime ministers during his eight-and-a-half-years in office.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Italian president \(1\)](#)

[Italian president \(2\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 6 (1) is now available in hard copy format and will be made available online as soon as possible.

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

Newsletters

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

[ECSA World-News](#)

EVENTS

Public Lectures & Seminars

03 February 2015—18.00 (for 18.30 start)

Australia – View from the Outside

Speakers: Esther Blank (Deutsche Welle); Heidi Gmür (NZZ, Wirtschaft und Politik); Trudi Latour (SBS Radio German); Barbara Barkhausen (Café Europe Textagentur)

Location: Goethe-Institut Sydney, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra NSW 2025, Australia

This event looks at Australia's international image. Four European journalists working for a variety of German, Swiss and Australian media outlets will discuss their image of Australia.

Further information and registration facility are available via the link below:

[Australia from the outside](#)

17 February 2015—18.00 (for 18.30 start)

German Romanticism—"What you always wanted to know about German romanticism, but were too afraid to ask"

Speaker: Dr Dalia Nassar, ARC Research Fellow, Lecturer, Philosophy Department, University of Sydney; author of *The Romantic Absolute: Being and Knowing in Early German Romantic Philosophy 1795-1804* (Chicago, 2013); editor of *The Relevance of Romanticism: Essays on German Romantic Philosophy* (OUP, 2014); co-editor of special section of the 2015 (vol 22) *Goethe Yearbook on "Goethe and Environmentalism"*; Associate Professor Matthew Del Nevo (Q&A moderator), Philosophy, Catholic Institute of Sydney, a pontifical faculty

Location: Goethe-Institut Sydney, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra NSW 2025, Australia

In this talk, Dr Dalia Nassar will discuss the emergence of German romanticism as a philosophical movement and consider its continuing relevance. German romantics not only preceded Coleridge and Wordsworth but also deeply influenced them. Dr Nassar will look at who the romantic thinkers in Germany were; their philosophical views and contributions; and at their relationship to Goethe and Schiller on the one hand, and Kant and Hegel on the other?

Further information and registration facility are available via the link below:

[German Romanticism](#)

Race, Mobility and Imperial Networks: Charting the Transnational Asia-Pacific World, 1800-2015

Closing date: 27 February 2015

Location: Melbourne

Race, Mobility and Imperial Networks' will be a multi-disciplinary conference co-hosted by RMIT University and La Trobe University from 9–11 November 2015. In the wake of the transnational turn, we have begun to appreciate the global networks that produced and continue to produce imperial spaces. The world of the Pacific Rim, encompassing the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand and British Columbia; the Americas and Asia was partly defined by mobility, ocean-crossings and forced migration. It is also a space that has been configured by European, American and Asian imperial powers with attending notions of racial or ethnic taxonomies. Abstracts are invited for papers or panels that explore the histories, laws and cultures of mobility, identity and variegated colonial and postcolonial spaces. The organisers hope these will enhance understandings of how space and mobility have been mutually constitutive, as well as the ways mobility and stillness have played a role in the accommodation and resistance of imperial pressures. While concepts of race have hardened into fixed categories in the last two centuries, peoples' mobility has also propelled them through numerous impositions of racial identity. How did cross-cultural and co-ethnic connections and networks, made by mobile subjects, reconfigure ideas of race? More recently, have new inroads in media and communication changed the ways in which race is constructed and experienced? Individual papers and panels may include but are not restricted to the following themes:

- Interactive histories of race, place and mobility;
- Historical and contemporary makings of the transnational Pacific and Asian Worlds;
- The role of media and communication in connecting and shaping diasporas;
- Indigenous and subaltern peoples' mobility and formations of space;
- Interrogating ideas of 'de-racialisation' in a 'post-racial' world.

Abstracts invited for papers, panels and roundtables. Submit to: rminconference2015@gmail.com

Select papers from the conference will be published in a special edition of *Australian Historical Studies*.

Further information is available via the link below:

[CFP: Race, mobility and imperial networks](#)

The European Conference on Politics, Economics and Law 2015 (ECPEL2015)

Closing date: 15 March 2015

Location: Brighton United Kingdom

The ECPEL2015 conference, taking place from 9–12 July 2015, has as its theme "Power". Power as a commodity

25 February—18 March 2015—18.30-20.00pm

Sicily: Heart of the Mediterranean

Speaker: Dr Dugald McLellan, Italian Art Historian, former Lecturer, Department of Art History & Theory, University of Sydney

Location: Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Elm Tree House, 233 Domain Road, South Yarra

The lectures will focus on the three major Sicilian cities of Palermo, Catania and Siracusa.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Sicily \(1\)](#)

[Sicily \(2\)](#)

Call for Papers

Global Growth Agendas: Regions, Institutions and Sustainability

Closing date: 30 January 2015

Location: Piacenza, Italy

This international conference, taking place on 24-27 May 2015 will examine social and economic imbalances of the current phase of globalization which require a rethinking of the model of international and regional development. The issues of inequality, ecological risks, and poor growth in some areas put at the center of the scientific and political debate the theme of values and institutions. What are the values for sustainable regional development in the future? And what institutional reforms are needed to overcome the negative consequences of the recession triggered by the financial turmoil of recent years? Which tools can strengthen the capacity of regions and cities to adapt to all changes and to increase the resilience of areas?

To answer these questions the RSA 2015 European Conference in Piacenza offers some lines of reflection about the themes of well-being and quality of life, technological and social innovation, individual and collective entrepreneurship, by starting from the analysis of the values and motivations that drive individual and institutional action.

The conference offers the opportunity to researchers and workers in local and regional development to explore and discuss collectively these key issues from different theoretical perspectives and empirical observation.

A number of bursaries are available for this conference.

The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration.

Further information is available via the link below:

[CFP regional-studies-association-annual-conference-2015-piacenza-italy](#)

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Further information is available via the links below:

CFP: ecpel2015-call-for-papers#conference-streams-ecpel2015/

The European Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment 2015 (ECSEE2015)

Closing date: 15 March 2015

Location: Brighton United Kingdom

The theme of the 2015 ECSEE Conference, taking place from 9–12 July 2015, is "Power & Sustainability". Sustainability remains as a powerful ideal that acts as a driving force in relation to the pressing concerns of energy and the environment. Its proponents often protest their lack of power to effect change because of the control systems already in place in the form of tax-evading multinational corporations, banks that support them, and governments that turn a blind eye to malpractice. Is the claim to lack of power as serious as is alleged, or are there other approaches that have not been tried? Advocates of sustainable growth surely have the responsibility to search for alternative avenues and corridors of power? The abolition of slavery in the British Empire, for example, was the work of one man who resisted and confounded the argument that no economy could survive without it. This conference will take the concepts and lenses of power and sustainability and look at multidisciplinary solutions and work together towards the creation of a sustainable world.

Further information is available via the links below:

CFP: ecsee2015-call-for-papers#conference-streams-ecsee2015

13th Conference «European Culture»

Closing date: 31 March 2015

Location: Cluj-Napoca, Romania

The European Studies Institute of the University of Piura (Peru) and Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania) invites papers for the 13th Conference «European Culture», which will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania between the 29th and the 31th of October 2015, at the Faculty of European Studies (Babeş-Bolyai University).

The International Conference "European Culture" does not have a unique theme but a broad range of topics to enable collaboration among various disciplines. The thematic sections are:

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- Multiculturalism / interculturality / migrations / encounters between cultures
- Contemporary women's culture
- European identity / the idea of Europe
- Europe: culture, economics and law
- Communication
- Education

For further information, please contact the Conference Organising Committee, at eva.papp@euro.ubbcluj.ro

Further information is available via the link below:

CFP: [European Culture](#)

Conferences

National

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[Conference: Race, mobility and imperial networks](#)

International

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The conference will also include an excursion to the Milan Expo for the final plenary session, which addresses "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life", to debate the urgent need for answers in the field of global food supply and sustainable energy production.

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[conference/regional-studies-association-annual-conference-2015-piacenza-italy](#)

15–16 June 2015

Schengen: People, Borders and Mobility

Location: Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

In the era of globalization, which benefits the implementation of policies of both stimulus or repression for the movement of people, academics have been fostering discussion around topics and concepts related with migration, borders and mobility. This epistemological basis enables us to apprehend the complexity of the European area and invites us to examine the boundaries or lack of it that separate territories.

Thirty years after the signing of the first Schengen agreement, it urges to study the processes of people circulation (and their diversity) within and into this area. This international conference aims to discuss how the implementation of the Schengen Area has affected and changed relations between Member States, between themselves and third countries, as well as its consequences under the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The conference also seeks to analyze the changes in the concepts of border and border control; to understand how residents in the Schengen Area native or immigrants build their national and transnational identity; to assess the evolution of mobility within the Schengen Area, which in turn allows us to perceive the relations between regions, states and individuals and to explain the various impacts of the Schengen agreements in the territories, people and societies and their border experiences.

The conference working languages are Portuguese and English.

Further information is available via the link below:
[CFP Schengen, Borders, People](#)

15–18 June 2015

13th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs

Location: Athens, Greece

The Politics & International Affairs Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) will hold its 13th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs on 15-18 June 2015 in Athens, Greece.

The aim of the conference is to bring together academics, researchers, students and professionals in private and public organizations and governments of Politics and International Affairs and other related disciplines.

Further information is available via the link below:
[13 Atiner conference](#)

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Other

Horizon 2020

Closing date: project dependent

Horizon 2020, the new 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. Funding in the 2014 budget is focused on the three key pillars of Horizon 2020:

- Excellent Science: Around €3 billion, including €1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists and €800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers (see MEMO/13/1123).
- Industrial Leadership: €1.8 billion to support Europe's industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.
- Societal challenges: €2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing Horizon 2020's seven societal challenges, broadly: health; agriculture, maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies; and security.

Factsheets and presentation are available via this link:
[Horizon 2020 - Factsheets and presentation](#)

Further information is available via the link below:
[Horizon 2020 - Further information](#)

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—2015

Closing date: project dependent

The 2015 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:
[Official Journal of the European Union C344 Volume 57](#)
[Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

Erasmus+ Programme—2015

Closing date: 4 March 2015

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme for education, training, youth and sport running from 2014 – 2020. This provides a number of opportunities for Australian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to collaborate with the EU.

Opportunities include international credit mobility of individuals such as short-term mobility of learners (3-12 months) and staff (5 days to 2 months, excluding travel time) and much more.

Funding is open to Australian [students](#) and [staff](#) to visit Europe and vice-versa for Europeans to visit Australia.

Further information is available via the link below:
[more info/erasmus/20150109_erasmus_en.htm](http://more.info/erasmus/20150109_erasmus_en.htm)

CONTRIBUTIONS

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