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CESAA NEWS

The European Diaspora in Australia—Workshop on 15 September 2014



On 15 September Swinburne University of Technology, RMIT University and the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) hosted a workshop on the *European diaspora in Australia*.

This workshop (in part organised by CESAA President Bruno Mascitelli pictured here) provided a platform for academics and graduate students to present their research on a wide range of European diasporas, adding to a deeper understanding of historical and contemporary linkages between Australia and Europe. More than 20 presentations across a broad variety of diasporic experiences and perceptions afforded new insights and the opportunity for an exchange of ideas, making the workshop an inspiring and successful event.



Further information is available via the links below
[The European Diaspora in Australia](#)

Globalization, Islam and the struggle for cultural identity in contemporary Europe

This lecture, presented by the EU Centre at RMIT in conjunction with the RMIT School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, the Globalism Research Centre and CESAA on 14 October 2014, analyses the social and cultural dislocation that Muslim communities currently experience in contemporary European society against the background of an increasingly vague and ill-defined European sociocultural identity coupled with the increasingly pervasive influence of the globalization process.

For further information please see the Public Lectures & Seminars section.

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Visit by European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion, László Andor

Commissioner Andor's visit to Australia was scheduled to include participation in the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting in Melbourne on 10 and 11 September 2014, discussions on employment and labour issues with the Australian Employment Minister, Senator Eric Abetz, and participation in a roundtable discussion at RMIT University hosted by the European Union centres of RMIT and University of Melbourne.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Commissioner Andor in Australia](#)
[Interview with Commissioner Andor](#)
[Commissioner Andor Australia visit](#)

Commissioner Šemeta welcomes G20 Finance Ministers' agreement on new measures to combat corporate tax avoidance

On 20th and 21st September the G20 Finance Ministers met in Cairns and discussed progress achieved since the last meeting in terms of financial regulation and the monitoring of fraud and the fiscal optimisation of multinationals and focused on a series of measures that should lead to an additional 2% of the GDP over the next five years, a goal set in February in Sydney.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 5 (2) is now available.

<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

7 October 2014 — 9.00 – 16.00

Policy Forum: Counter-Terrorism and Security

Speakers: Mr Bruno Scholl, Counsellor Political, Public Diplomacy, Press and Information, European Union Delegation, Canberra; Mr James Nachipo, Director for Counter-Terrorism Coordination, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); Professor Greg Barton, Director International, Global Terrorism Research Centre, Monash University; Dr Anne Aly, Research Fellow, Curtin University COVER Program; Mr Sedat Mulayim, Translating and interpreting, RMIT University; Ms Miranda Lai, Translating and interpreting, RMIT University; Ms Daisie Beckensall, Team Leader, Australian Federal Police (AFP), Community Liaison Team

Location: RMIT University Design Hub, RMIT Building 100, Lecture Theatre, Corner Victoria and Swanston Streets, Carlton

During 2014, public concern about terrorism and debate about measures to address extremism and terrorism have increased considerably.

In November 2014, representatives of the European Union and the Australian Government will meet for a Policy Dialogue on Counter-Terrorism and Security. The Dialogue will be an opportunity for sharing views on shared threats and on opportunities for a coordinated public policy response.

To contribute to the preparation for the Policy Dialogue, the European Union Centre at RMIT and the Countering Violent Extremism Research Program Studies at Curtin University will conduct a Policy Forum on Counter-Terrorism and Security. The Forum is an opportunity for diplomats, academics and practitioners to share perspectives on key issues and highlight policy priorities for the EU- Australian Policy Dialogue in November.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Counter-Terrorism & Security](#)

EU Tax Commissioner Algirdas Šemeta has welcomed the package of measures to tackle international corporate tax avoidance, endorsed at the meeting. The Ministers agreed on a first set of recommendations to address key areas in the OECD's Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) to ensure fairer taxation and fairer competition globally. The EU has been actively involved in the OECD's work on the BEPS Action Plan, while also continuing with its own measures to fight tax avoidance in Europe.

Further information is available via the links below:

[EU press release](#)

[G20 press release](#)

EU NEWS

Formation of the Juncker Commission

On 5 September 2014, after a series of interviews held with each of the designated candidates for Commissioner, President-elect Jean-Claude Juncker sent the list of Commissioners-designate to Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi in his capacity as President of the Council of the European Union.

On 10 September President-elect Jean Claude Juncker announced the allocation of responsibilities in his team and the way work will be organised in the European Commission once it takes office.

The proposed Juncker Commission includes five former Prime Ministers, four Deputy Prime Ministers, 19 former Ministers, seven returning Commissioners and 8 former Members of the European Parliament. Eleven of these have a strong economic and finance background, and eight have extensive foreign relations experience.

The proposed Commission is now undergoing the confirmation process, scheduled to conclude at the end of October.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Juncker Commission](#)

[Juncker Commission \(2\)](#)

[EU Commission](#)

Scottish Independence referendum — 18 September 2014

On 18th September 55.25% of the 4.25 million Scottish residents called to the ballot said “no” to independence. The supporters of independence failed to convince the majority of the electorate of the economic advantages that an independent Scotland would enjoy. Although no minimal turnout was required to validate the vote, the Scots turned out *en masse* for this election: 84.6% of them voted which is an historic record since the introduction of universal suffrage in the UK in 1918.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Scottish referendum](#)

8 October 2014 — 14.00 – 15.30

Understanding the Berlin Wall (Canberra event)

Speakers: Dr Marion Detjen, Associate Professor, Modern and Contemporary History, Humboldt-Universität Berlin; discussant: Dr Katie Sutton, School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics, Australian National University

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

The year 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of one of the most significant events in recent German history: the Fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989.

Co-hosted by the ANU Centre for European Studies and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, *Understanding the Berlin Wall* is an English-language lecture designed to help Australian audiences understand how and through which interpretations people in Germany have lived with the division of their country and the Berlin Wall for so many years. The presentation will be partly based on the results of intensive research about the perspective of Eastern Germany's ruling party Sozialistische Einheitspartei (SED), among other views.

RSVP via [Eventbrite](#) by Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Understanding the Berlin Wall](#)

8 October 2014 — 18.30 – 19.30

Australian Art and Artists in Post-War London

Speaker: Simon Pierse, Senior Lecturer, Aberystwyth University, Visiting Fellow, Australian Institute of Art History

Location: Theatre D, Old Arts Building, University of Melbourne

In this lecture Simon Pierse sheds new light on the role that Sir Kenneth Clark (later Baron Clark of Saltwood) played in bringing Australian art to a new audience in Britain during the early 1950s. Pierse examines the crucial part that Joseph Burke, inaugural Herald Professor of Fine Arts at the University of Melbourne, had in directing Clark's attention towards the work of Sidney Nolan and Arthur Boyd and attempts to discover what may have lain beneath Clark's abiding passion for Australian art and life.

Further information is available via the link below:

[australian-art-and-artists-in-post-war-london](#)

9 October 2014 – 12.30 – 14.00

Understanding the Berlin Wall (Melbourne event)

Speaker: Dr Marion Detjen, Associate Professor, Modern and Contemporary History, Humboldt-Universität Berlin

Location: Storey Hall, Bld 16, Lvl 7, Seminar Room 1, RMIT City campus, 342 Swanston Street, Melbourne

On the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Dr. Marion Detjen reflects on how the event has affected life

in Germany. *Understanding the Berlin Wall* is an English-language lecture designed to help Australian audiences understand how and through which interpretations Germans have lived with the division of their country and the Berlin Wall for so many years. The presentation will be partly based on the results of intensive research about the perspective of Eastern Germany's ruling party Sozialistische Einheitspartei (SED), among other views.

A light lunch will be served. RSVP to eucentre@rmit.edu.au by Tuesday 7 October for catering purposes.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Understanding the Wall - Melbourne](#)

9 October 2014 — 18.00 – 19.30

The Multiple Temporalities of Memory: The Contested Memory of the Spanish Civil War in Contemporary Spain

Speaker: Jo Labanyi, Professor, Spanish and Portuguese, New York University, previously directed the Institute of Romance Studies, University of London; founding editor, *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies*, Fellow of the British Academy; currently also holds the position of Director, King Juan Carlos I of Spain Centre, NYU

Location: Harold Woodruff Theatre, Microbiology Building, University of Melbourne

The talk will give an overview of the often acrimonious debates on the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 and its repressive aftermath under the Franco Dictatorship that have occupied the media in Spain since the start of the 21st century. It will stress the international context – in Europe and Latin America – in which these debates have taken place. It will also run through key aspects of the theorization of memory, in order to explain some of the misunderstandings that have arisen in Spain about what memory does or does not do. In particular, the talk will stress the many ways in which memory, rather than "recovering" the past, involves a complex movement between different temporalities. It will also engage in critical discussion of some of the historical and ethical problems involved in these debates, which have implications that go beyond Spain and the Spanish-speaking world.

Further information is available via the link below:

[the-multiple-temporalities-of-memory-the-contested-memory-of-the-spanish](#)

14 October 2014 — 12.30 – 14.00

Globalization, Islam and the struggle for cultural identity in contemporary Europe

Speaker: Dr Barrie Wharton, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Hispanic Studies, University of Sydney; Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Location: Storey Hall, Building 16, Level 7, Seminar Room 1, RMIT City campus, 342 Swanston Street, Melbourne

This lecture is presented by the EU Centre at RMIT in conjunction with the RMIT School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, the Globalism Research Centre and the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA).

The lecture analyses the social and cultural dislocation that Muslim communities currently experience in contemporary European society against the background of an increasingly vague and ill-defined European sociocultural identity coupled with the increasingly pervasive influence of the globalization process.

The principal objective will be to assess whether this dislocation should be interpreted as a problem pertaining to Islam or to what extent it mirrors and is fuelled by Europe's own cultural dilemma and search for a common cultural identity. As such, the lecture examines, against the background of a tide of globalization, the current sociocultural impasse that overshadows much of the relationship between Muslim communities and Europe in order to assess the implications of this major internal challenge to the future of the Europe project.

A light lunch will be served. RSVP: eucentre@rmit.edu.au by Friday 10 October for catering purposes

Further information is available via the link below:

[Globalisation, Islam and the struggle for cultural identity](#)

14 October 2014 — 17.30 – 19.00

Sydney Ideas - Is Globalisation Yesterday's News?

Speaker: Professor A G Hopkins, Emeritus Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History, University of Cambridge, Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke College; previously, Professor, Economic History, University of Birmingham; Professor of History, University of Geneva; Walter Prescott Webb Chair of History, University of Texas at Austin; elected a Fellow of the British Academy, 1996

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

This lecture is co-presented with the Laureate Research Program in International History at the University of Sydney and History@UWS.

Globalisation envelopes the world - and historians too. The 'g' word is now mandatory in titles of books and articles; PhD students follow their leaders in dedicating their dissertations to the subject. Yet, not so long ago postmodern approaches to the past were equally compelling: if you could not tell your trope from your alterity and your Spivak from your Bhaba, your chances of landing a job were minimal. Wise investors buy at the bottom of the market and get out at the top. So, it is worth asking whether shares in globalisation have further to run or whether full value is already in the market. One way of answering the question is by considering the reasons why historiographical phases, like empires, rise, flourish and decline. This approach provides pointers to the current state of globalisation studies and offers an

estimate of the current value of the shares. The advice does with a wealth warning; past performance has limited predictive power. As a famous trumpeter remarked when asked which way jazz was going: 'Man, if I knew which way jazz was going, I would be there already!'

Please RSVP through the event website.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Globalisation yesterday's news?](#)

22 October 2014 — 17.30 – 18.30

War Record and the records of war - tweeting from the front amidst the noise of gunfire - a century of conflict

Speaker: Michael Moss, Research Professor, Archival Studies in the University of Glasgow Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute (HATII) (until 2013); member of the Board, National Trust for Scotland; non-executive Director, National Archives of Scotland, member, Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on National Records and Archives

Location: Baldwin Spencer Theatre, Baldwin Spencer Building, University of Melbourne

Michael Moss' grandfather was killed in June 1918. His mother never knew him, but his shadow still haunts family life. This lecture will explore his story and that of Michael's Australian relatives who returned to fight and reconnected with his father's family. He only discovered this connection through the power of the internet, which has been populated by family historians, archives and libraries seeking to serve and exploit this lucrative market. He will try to make sense of the pervasive family history phenomena and connect it with a wider historiography. This is no more evident than in war, when every action inevitably involves individual tragedies. During the First World War, the expectation of death led many men to be photographed as a record for their families. Letters and postcards of those who died were often kept as mementos in what today are called shoeboxes. Today we witness, through the camera's lens, unspeakable atrocities with heart rending personal tragedy. The soldiers from the First World War will be remembered, but what about the people of Afghanistan or Iraq? Apart from the question of the preservation of digital content, there are also challenging questions about the release of personal information which, in Europe at least, is closed for one hundred years or more or can be deleted entirely if a person exercises a right to be forgotten. With many archives and libraries dependent on the family history market for their survival, will these restrictions kill the goose that lays the golden eggs? This raises the question of the function of the archive in democratic societies - are they simply cultural heritage assets or are they bulwarks against overbearing executives?

Further information is available via the link below:

[-war-record-and-the-records-of-war-tweeting-from](#)

Call for Papers

A Quarter Century of Post-Communism: Interdisciplinary Perspectives—International Conference

Closing date: 30 September 2014

Location: University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

This international conference, taking place on 2-3 February 2015, and sponsored by the National Centre for Research on Europe and School of Language, Social and Political Science at the University of Canterbury examines developments in a post-communist Europe.

When the people and their political leaders overthrew communist party rule in the countries of Eastern Europe, they were led by a strong desire to eliminate the ideological, political, economic and socio-cultural divisions that separated the West and East in Europe and the world. The following quarter century of post-communist reforms and the eventual integration of eleven post-communist countries into the enlarged European Union (EU) have successfully eliminated many European Cold-War divisions. Yet, the political, socio-economic, and cultural transformations of post-communist states are still ongoing. The differences between the 'old' western and 'new' eastern members of the EU are still remarkable, and new differences have emerged between the EU and non-EU post-communist states. Recent developments in Ukraine pose probing questions about the past and no less probing questions about the future of the region.

The conference organisers welcome papers which examine developments in the countries of post-communist Europe and post-Soviet region from a broad range of disciplines, including but not limited to: sociology, political science, EU studies, economics, history, literature, languages and cultural studies. Scholars who provide new theoretical and/or empirical insights into the events and developments from the communist and pre-communist past of these countries are also strongly encouraged to submit abstracts and present their papers at the conference.

Please submit abstracts of no more than 300 words to the conference coordinator or organisers listed below by 30 September 2014. The organisers expect to inform participants of the acceptance of their papers by 10 October 2014. Conference organisers expect to secure a guest-edited issue of an international peer-reviewed journal.

For any further information please contact one of the conference organisers:

Dr Milenko Petrovic, Australasian Association for Communist & Post-Communist Studies, conference coordinator: milenko.petrovic@canterbury.ac.nz

Assoc Prof Dr Evgeny Pavlov, Australia and New Zealand Slavists' Association: evgeny.pavlov@canterbury.ac.nz

Assoc Prof Dr Natalia Chaban, Ukrainian Studies Association of Australia & New Zealand: natalia.chaban@canterbury.ac.nz

Workshops

National

11 – 18 January 2015

German Summer School 2015

Location: Deakin University, Burwood, Melbourne

The German Summer School is an eight day residential course designed to rapidly increase German language skills and understanding of German speaking countries.

The course will consist of tuition in the mornings, a choice of special interest workshops in the afternoons, and a wide spectrum of activities and excursions outside core hours. There will also be a special PD program for teachers of German.

Summer School residents are adult learners of German of all ages and from all walks of life who share a desire to improve their language skills.

Further information is available via the link below:

[German Summer School Brochure](#)

[Goethe Institut German Summer School](#)

Conferences

National

26 – 28 November 2014

German Studies Association of Australia (GSA) Annual Conference 2014: The Self and the Other

Location: University of Sydney

At the beginning of the 21st century German Studies faces questions of self and other on a global scale. Over the past decade the discipline has ceded ground to intercultural German Studies (Interkulturelle Germanistik). Has German Studies outgrown its post-war identity to become global and transnational? If so, how do questions of language and cultural specificity impact on literary studies in the German-speaking lands? Does this involve loss as well as gain? Indeed was German Studies ever a unified affair, or has it been international, pluricentric and transcultural since its beginnings? Are there areas of literary and cultural specificity that resist translation and cross-cultural understanding? Or is it the task of German Studies to render these phenomena of a global world comprehensible?

Further information is available via the link below:

[The Foreign and the Self](#)

International

31 October 2014

5th Annual Postgraduate Conference: Between Security and Development: The EU as an International Actor

Location: London, United Kingdom

According to EuropeAid, security and development are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. Sustainable development is not possible in a country threatened by internal insecurity, crisis and conflicts. At the same time, there cannot be sustainable peace without development. Moreover, insecurity, crisis and conflicts can impede the efficient use of aid.

Security and development have many aspects and the aim of this conference is to bring together research students and early career fellows of International Relations and EU studies, to discuss the connections between the two areas both in empirical and theoretical terms. This will be the fifth year of this successful and growing event, and we look forward to bringing together a range of speakers from across interdisciplinary backgrounds. We invite paper presentations from postgraduate students to engage with the following questions at King's College London this October:

- The nexus between security and development especially various strands of critical international theory; from constructivist to poststructuralist, Marxist and postcolonial approaches
- The contradictions between the EU security, trade and development policies
- EU development initiatives towards the developing world
- The relationship between the EU internal and external development policies
- Crisis management and development challenges
- Climate change and sustainable development
- Policy dialogue between the EU and other (multilateral and bilateral) donors

Further information is available via the link below:

[5th Annual Postgraduate Conference: Between Security and Development](#)

2 – 3 February 2015

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Further information is available via the link below:

[Quarter century of post communism](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships

ANUCES Doctoral Scholarship

Closing date: 17 October 2014

The Australian National University's Centre for European Studies invites applications for a PhD Scholarships for 2015 commencement.

Further information is available via the link below:

[ANU Centre for European Studies Doctoral Scholarships](#)

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists for the Academic Year 2015-2016

Closing date (Australia): 16 November 2014

The Swiss government, through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS), awards various postgraduate scholarships to foreign scholars and researchers: University scholarships (Swiss universities, Federal Institutes of Technology, as well as Universities of Applied Sciences) and Arts scholarships (schools of music and fine arts, only for a limited number of countries).

These scholarships provide graduates from all fields with the opportunity to pursue doctoral or postdoctoral research in Switzerland at one of the public funded university or recognised institution.

The next offer for the academic year 2015-2016 will be online from August 2014. The deadline for applications varies from one country to another (for Australia please see above).

The FCS will announce its decisions regarding the scholarships by May 2015 at the latest.

Further information is available via the link below:

[FCS scholarships information](#)

Fellowships

Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies

Closing date: 25 October 2014 (midnight, CET)

The European University Institute's (EUI) Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies is the largest international postdoctoral programme in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe. It offers around 50-55 fully funded Fellowships to suitably qualified researchers worldwide who work in or across the relevant disciplines of the EUI (Economics, History, Law and Social and Political Sciences and their subfields). The working language of the Programme is English. Applications for the Max Weber Programme are now open.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Max Weber Programme](#)

The International Post-Doc Initiative (IPODI)

Closing date: 15 December 2014

IPODI is part of the gender equality strategy of the Technische Universität Berlin and aims at increasing the number of female researchers in leadership positions. IPODI awards seven Incoming Postdoctoral Fellowships (salary scale between E 13 and E 14 TV-L).

The IPODI Fellowship Programme is open to outstanding researchers of all nationalities and from all fields of research represented at the TU Berlin.

Further information including selection criteria is available via the link below:

[IPODI](#)

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](#)

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: [CESAA membership form](#).

CONTRIBUTIONS

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