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CESAA NEWS

CESAA at Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive: Researching the EU from Australia and New Zealand

CESAA participation at the recent *Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive: Researching the EU from Australia and New Zealand* conference was considerable. Not only did CESAA host a plenary panel session chaired by Peter Morgan, there were also individual presentations with papers from Bruno Mascitelli and Rita Parker (unfortunately, Margherita Matera had to withdraw). Bruce Wilson was actively involved as co-organiser and also presented a paper. And, of course, formal congratulations were extended to the winners of the 20th CESAA Essay Competition.

2014 European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific Conference — EU in the Shadow of Asia? Changing Relationships between the EU and the Asia Pacific

Planning is under way for the 2014 EUSA AP conference, scheduled for 1–2 May 2014. The conference will focus on the changing relationship between the EU and the Asia Pacific. The discussion on the emerging powers of Asia is well established. However, there have been few Asia Pacific platforms where academics can present their research into how the concept of the coming century being one which pivots around Asia impacts on Asia Pacific – EU relations.

The conference will be hosted by CESAA with the support of the EU Centre at RMIT which will provide a venue for the event. There is some support available for local costs for attendees presenting papers.

The conference website can be accessed at:

<http://www.eucnetwork.org.nz/15/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15:eusa-ap-conf-2014-cfp&catid=1:eusaap-news>

Further information will be provided in the December e-bulletin as well as posted on the CESAA website at:

<<http://www.cesaa.org.au/index.htm>>.

AUSTRALIA—EU RELATIONS

Australia visit by Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade

Mr Alexander Stubb, Finland's Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade, will be visiting Australia from 1 – 3 December 2013. His visit will include meetings with Federal and State government representatives and with senior executives of the Australian business community. He will also be attending a Finnish Australian Chamber of Commerce event to celebrate the Chamber's 10 year anniversary.

Further information is available at:

<http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/20131024_finland_minister_australia_en.htm>.

Joint EU/US/Australia/New Zealand Statement on Marine Protected Areas in Antarctica

On 16 October European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Maria Damanaki, on behalf of the European Union, and jointly with the US Secretary of State John Kerry, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Minister Bishop, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, and New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully, made a statement in Brussels about Marine Protected Areas in Antarctica.

Further Information is available at:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-901_en.htm>.

PUBLICATIONS

Recent Publications

Bruno Mascitelli, Rory Steel & Simone Battiston, *Italian expatriate voting: Was it worth it?*, Berne: Peter Lang, 2013

This book examines the implementation and consequences of the Italian expatriate vote and representation introduced in 2001 in the external electoral colleges with special attention to the Electoral College known as Africa-Asia-Oceania-Antarctica. This study examines how the stakeholders in the Africa-Asia-Oceania-Antarctica college understood and perceived this

voting and representation facility after its implementation, what they thought in 2001 and what they think now. The study provides critical commentary on the future of the Italian expatriate vote.

<<http://www.peterlang.com/index.cfm?event=cmp.ccc.seitenstruktur.detailseiten&seitentyp=produkt&pk=75330&concordeid=431427>>.

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 4 (2) - 5 (1) is now available.

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

EVENTS

Public Lectures & Seminars

27 November 2013 – 12.30–13.30

The virtuous circle of the welfare state: Is it valid any more?

Speaker: Jouko Kajanoja, PhD (PolSc), Adjunct Professor Helsinki University. Dr Kajanoja has acted as senior researcher in The Government Institute for Economic Research and as chief of social research in The Social Insurance Institution in Finland

Location: Room 221/223, John Goodsell Building, University of New South Wales, Kensington

The underlying concept of the study is the virtuous circle. The core of the hypothesis is that the equality created by the welfare state is positively interrelated with social capital. Furthermore, it is argued that a high level of social capital results in a high level of wellbeing, resulting results in support for public social policy. Indicators from developed OECD countries to describe public social policy inputs, inequality, social capital and wellbeing were collected. The data cover the early 1990s, the turn of the millennium and the mid-2000s. Analysis of the data gives overall support to the hypothesis but casts doubt over the latest development. It seems that public inputs in social policy have no longer the same effect on inequality as they did before. Alternative (opposite) explanations why the virtuous circle seems to fail lately are sought. This leads a discussion about the possibilities and the roles of (comparative) research in explaining social development and support social policy.

Further information is available at:

<<https://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/event/the-virtuous-circle-of-the-welfare-state-is-it-valid-any-more/>>.

Workshops

National

12 – 19 January 2014

German Summer School in Canberra 2014

Location: University of Canberra, Canberra, ACT

The German Summer School is an eight day residential course designed to rapidly increase German language skills and understanding of the cultural life 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 at:

<<http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/lrn/sos/enindex.htm>>.

21 – 23 January 2014

Europe: crisis and commemoration in 2014—Summer school for secondary school teacher

Location: Melbourne

A three-day intensive program for teachers of History, Global politics, Social and cultural studies, Economics, and European languages.

The 2014 European Studies Summer School offers the opportunity to engage with diverse expert speakers on topics that complement secondary school curricula and will cover the following themes:

- European integration and disintegration
- Migration and multiculturalism
- Great War commemoration
- Global security and conflict
- Environmental challenges
- Trade and diplomacy

The program features interactive sessions with senior academics and practitioners, an interdisciplinary approach, and multiple case studies with potential for incorporation into the classroom setting.

A detailed program will become available late in 2013.

This program is offered in partnership by the Monash European and EU Centre, ANU Centre for European Studies, European Union Centre at RMIT, European Union Centres Network, New Zealand with support from the European Commission.

For more information, or to register your interest, contact the Monash European and EU Centre.

Further information is available at:

<<http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/europecentre/summer-school-for-teachers-january-2014/>>.

Call for Papers

International

Europe and Peace—10th Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association-Canada

Montreal, Canada

Closing date: 1 December 2013

The 2012 award of the Nobel Prize for Peace to the European Union provoked strong reactions, from the Wall Street Journal praising it as inspired to British politicians calling it preposterous and absurd.

The 10th Biennial Conference of European Communities Studies Association Canada (ECSA-C) will evaluate, measure and explain the EU's actual contribution to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights. The conference intends to address both the EU's impact on the domestic politics of its member states, on its periphery and the world and to explore the role of EU institutions, but also member state governments, political, cultural and economic forces, and integration dynamics with the objective of providing a balanced assessment and analytical understanding of the EU's specific contributions (or lack thereof) to peace broadly understood. Papers on any topic related to the EU will also be welcome. Particular attention will be paid to the implications and lessons learnt of the European experience for other countries and regions, especially Québec, Canada and North America.

The organisation committee invites researchers and practitioners from all over the world who study Europe from an economic, historical, legal, political or sociological perspective. The two-and-a-half-day conference will include a plenary session, a professional development day for graduate students, panels, and workshops. Submissions for individual papers, panels with 3-4 paper presentations, and workshops with a dozen paper presentations are welcomed.

The deadline for submissions is 1 December 2013. Submissions, to be sent electronically to ecsac@umontreal.ca, can be written in English or in French. About 30 travel grants will be made available to graduate and postdoctoral students who are presenting a paper. Please indicate in your submission if you are requesting such a grant.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.ecsa-c.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ECSA-C_Biennial-2014_Call-for-papers-EN_2.pdf>.

Conferences

National

27 – 28 November 2013

Bringing Australia and the EU Closer: Is an FTA the solution?

Location: ANU Centre for European Studies, 1 Liversidge St, Canberra

For the last twenty years Australia and the European Union have been seeking an enduring model for a closer intergovernmental and business relationship. Since October 2010 the two have been negotiating a treaty-level Framework Agreement, which would provide for closer cooperation and consultation across a range of policy areas. Specific commitments in trade policy are not, however, envisaged by either side. After more than three years these negotiations have not yet been finalised.

The EU has recently sought Free Trade Agreements with many of Australia's major Asia-Pacific and OECD trading partners. These 'new generation' FTAs aim to go beyond border measures such as tariffs. Proposed liberalisations extend to 'behind the border' regulatory barriers impacting on trade in both goods and services. At the same time, prospects for revitalising the Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations are not bright.

Given these realities and the importance of the EU as a trading partner for Australia, is it time to explore an FTA between the EU and Australia?

This conference brings together current knowledge on Australia-EU trade relations and recent negotiating experiences of both parties in order to examine issues and prospects for an EU-Australia FTA. It examines opportunities that such an agreement could offer and probes the priority issues for both sides. It identifies key barriers that FTA negotiations would need to overcome for benefits to be realised. Particular attention will be given to recent negotiations between the EU and Canada for a 'Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement' – now close to completion – as a point of comparison with Australia, given similarities in interests and trade profiles.

Further information is available at:

<<http://eutrade.anu.edu.au/2013-conference>>.

International

18–20 November 2013

Cities Learning Together - Local Communities in the Sustainable and Healthy Learning City

Location: Hong Kong

In the spirit of learning partnerships this conference is organised by the European Union Centre at RMIT in conjunction with PASCAL and in partnership with the host, Hong Kong Institute of Education, with CITYNET, the Society for Participatory Research in Action (PRIA), the Hong Kong United Nations Education and Vocational Training Centre (UNEVOC), the Asia Pacific Universities Community Engagement Network (APUCEN), the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) and the East Asian Forum for Adult Education (EAFAE).

The Conference will focus on present and future action, mainly within local neighbourhoods in big cities, to build green, safe, healthy, communities which are economically viable and sustainable. It will be structured so that there are interactive sessions on Days 1 and 3, and opportunities for field investigations in Hong Kong on Day 2.

The Conference will address the key questions around What works in different contexts around the world and why? What can be adopted and adapted between different regions, cultures and traditions, especially East and West, in this the 'Asian century'?

This will be a practically-oriented dialogue between European Union and older OECD approaches and those of East Asia and other non-EU regions. It will explore tensions, connections and syntheses between:

- Central policies and administration, and local, collaborative action, involving public, private, academic and civil society sectors;
- Economic growth and balanced social development;
- Short-cycle problem-solving and long-term action to contain and reduce global warming as aspirations and economic activity in the non-OECD world continue to outstrip those of the old West.

Further information about this conference is available at:

<<http://www.rmit.edu.au/eucentre>>.

8–10 May 2014

Europe and Peace—10th Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association-Canada

Location: Université de Montreal, Montreal, Canada

The theme of the 10th Biennial Conference of European Communities Studies Association Canada (ECSA-C) is Europe and Peace. The two-and-a-half-day conference will include a plenary session, a professional development day for graduate students, panels, and workshops and will

evaluate, measure and explain the EU's actual contribution to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights.

Further information is available at:

<<http://www.ecsa-c.ca/2014-ecsa-c-biennial/>>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Fellowships/Scholarships

Torres Scholarship for Young Australian Artists

Closing date: 29th November 2013

The Embassy of Spain is pleased to invite applications to the twelfth edition of the Torres Scholarship for Young Australian Artists.

The scholarship will enable the recipient to undertake a study tour in Spain next year, organised with the assistance of the Embassy of Spain, for research related to his/her artistic practice. The scholarship consists of assistance to travel to Spain.

For further information, please contact the Embassy's Cultural Office on 02 6202 8926.

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

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