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CESAA NEWS

CESAA Essay Competition 2019

Closing date: 25 June 2019 at 5pm

The CESAA essay competition is calling for submissions from undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in an Australian tertiary institution. Essays from any discipline which deal with contemporary (post-war) Europe and/or the European Union, and have been submitted and assessed as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in:

- Semester 1 2019

are eligible to be submitted.

To enter send an electronic version of your essay to: info@cesaa.org.au. Please ensure the subject heading reads 'CESAA ESSAY COMP'.

The winning and highly commended essays will be considered for publication in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies. Prizes will be awarded as a combination of gift vouchers and prize money.

Please contact Cael Hannah at: caelhannah1@gmail.com with any questions.

You can also download the [CESAA 2019 annual essay competition PDF](#).

Further information is available on the CESAA website: [CESAA essay competition](#)

Conference - Europe In a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

CESAA along with the EU Centre at RMIT and Swinburne University will host a conference on November 6th and 7th 2019. The conference offers scholars, early career

researchers, students, policymakers and those with an interest in Europe and varied aspects of the European Union, an opportunity to examine the possibilities and challenges presented during this time of change.

A call for papers is underway, please see further information in the call for papers section.

CESAA Website

CESAA Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - Australian affairs to stay 'tuned' to the [CESAA](#) website. This website contains up to date CESAA activities and it is also the site where you can find the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) publication.

CESAA Twitter account

CESAA is on twitter and it is a great source for up to date information on current and relevant seminar events, news stories and links. Follow us here

[CESAA Twitter](#)

AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS

Europe Day 2019

Every year on May 9 the EU institutions in Brussels and the EU Delegations around the world, organise events to celebrate peace and prosperity in Europe. Celebrations for Europe Day in Australia were held in both Canberra on May 9 and in Sydney with a VIP Day on May 16, including keynote speakers EU Ambassador to Australia, Michael Pulch and NSW Governor Margaret Beazley.

EU NEWS

Brexit

The uncertainty surrounding the future of the UK and Europe continues with Theresa May set to bring her Brexit deal to the British Parliament for a fourth time at the beginning of June. The deal having been rejected three times already, could prove problematic for the Prime Minister if defeated again, with her position seemingly untenable if defeat were to occur. There have been several talks with opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn in an attempt to gain a majority for the deal however at time of writing, Labour has made no guarantees. With no deal in place, the

UK will participate in the upcoming European elections at the end of May.

European Elections

The opportunity for Europeans to elect their MEPs for the next five years occurs this week. The results of those elected will be an important barometer of European public opinion and the state of the European Union. The votes will be held between May 23 and May 26 and will include the UK.

Austria

A snap election has been called in Austria by Chancellor Sebastian Kurz after the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache. The resignation followed revelations and footage of the Vice-Chancellor offering public contracts in exchange for political support. The election is likely to be held in September.

Switzerland

The Swiss through means of a referendum approved a bill to tighten the conditions for the acquisition of arms. The bill was based on a directive from the EU to bring the nation in line with its anti-terrorist measures. Had the bill been rejected, it would have challenged the country's membership of the Schengen zone.

Inflation at 1.7% for euro zone and 1.9% in the EU

According to an estimate by Eurostat published May 17,, the Euro area's annual inflation is at 1.7% in April 2019, up from 1.2% April 2018. Annual inflation for the EU rose from 1.5% in April 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies
Volume 11 (1) is now available.

[ANZJES Volume 11 \(1\)](#)

EVENTS

Cultural Events

German Film Festival

21 May - 12 June

A celebration of German films with the festival playing across several Australian cities.

[German film festival](#)

Italian Cine-scapes

April - Dec 2019

The first Sunday of every month a selection of Italian films will be shown that depict the landscape of Italy, both contemporary and long gone.

[Cine - scapes](#)

Call for Papers and Expressions of Interest

CESAA Conference Call for Abstracts

Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

This is an opportunity to examine the various aspects of EU-Australia relations. Abstracts for proposed papers or special sessions should be submitted (200 words or less) by **31 July 2019** via email to bmascitelli@swin.edu.au

Please direct any enquiries about the conference to Professor Mascitelli.

Expression of Interest

ANU Jean Monnet EU - Australia Centre of Excellence for Economic Cooperation 2019 Visiting Fellowship

Seeking a Visiting Fellow to assist ANUCES in undertaking research on EU-Australia economic cooperation through identifying opportunities to progress the bilateral relationship. Applications should be received by **1 June 2019**. For more information follow the below link.

[Fellow Application](#)

Conferences

National

6 - 7 November 2019

Europe in a Year of Transition: Challenges and Opportunities

Conference to be held at RMIT Melbourne. More information to be released at a later date.

International

6 -7 July 2019

EUSAAP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop at Fudan University in Shanghai

New Leadership, New Priorities - The EU in 2019

The 2019 EUSA AP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop will be held in Shanghai on Saturday and Sunday, 6 + 7 July.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of direct elections to the European Parliament and will have the selection of the new Commission, Council Presidents and High Representatives. The conference will examine this institutional renewal and reflect of the performance of these main actors in the past 2015-2019 period.

Symposium

11 June 2019

The Future of Australia-EU Relations: Synergies and Shared Interests - Brussels

The Symposium will explore relations between Australia and the EU. It will present an opportunity for attendees to engage with a lively and timely debate and hear experts in dialogue on the core challenges and opportunities in this relationship.

Register by 30 May

[Symposium full details](#)

Other

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. Participants from countries associated to the EU research framework program have the same rights as EU participants; for other countries, the situation varies.

Further information is available via the links below:
[horizon2020](#)

Membership

2019 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2019 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA, including the membership form, see the CESAA website at cesaa.org.au

Contributions

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