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## CESAA NEWS

### **CESAA Essay Competition 2019 Semester 2**

**Closing date: Monday November 11**

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 or 2 2019 are eligible to be submitted.

To enter send an electronic version of your essay to: [info@cesaa.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:caelhannah1@gmail.com) with any questions.

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

### **Visit to Australia by EU Director-General of Research and Innovation Jean-Eric Paquet**

The visit aims to further develop the research relationship between Australia and the EU under the Horizon Europe program.

### **Aus-EU FTA**

Most recent negotiations were held in Brussels in early July. Australian chief negotiator Alison Burrows travelled with a large team from Canberra to participate in the talks. The deal is progressing with both sides focused on reaching a mutually beneficial outcome. Geographical Indicators continue to be a point of challenge in negotiations.

## EU NEWS

### **Brexit**

Boris Johnson won the leadership race and is now the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and will now be responsible for delivering Brexit. Johnson requested the EU to renegotiate the deal struck by former PM Theresa May however the EU have declined. EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker stating that the current withdrawal agreement is “the best and only agreement possible”. The current state of events leaves all possible outcomes on the table, including a postponement or a no-deal brexit.

### European Elections

Ursula von der Leyen has been elected as the new president of the European Commission on the 16th of July. She will take on the role from the 1st of November 2019 and will be the first woman to fill the position.

The new European Parliament met for the first time on the 2nd of July after being elected in May. David Sassoli has been elected as its new president.

### Finland to follow Romania as President of the Council

The 1st of July saw the most recent rotation of the presidency of the Council of the EU with Finland coming into the top position. Romania reported the priorities of its presidency to have been cohesion, common values, security and strengthening Europe as a world player.

Finland Prime Minister Antti Rinne presented the Finnish priorities on the 17th of July. The priorities included leadership in terms of climate, common values, rules of law, global security, competitiveness and social inclusion. rejected an audit and has labelled claims of a conflict of interest as an attack on the Czech Republic.

### Inflation in eurozone

According to an estimate by Eurostat published July 17, the Euro area’s annual inflation is at 1.3% in June against 1.2% in May.

## PUBLICATIONS

## Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 11 (1) is now available.

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

## EVENTS

### Cultural Events

#### 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 **16 August 2019** via email to [bmascitelli@swin.edu.au](mailto:bmascitelli@swin.edu.au)

Please direct any enquiries about the conference to Professor Mascitelli.

## Conferences

### National

**Thursday August 8 2019**

**12.30pm - 2.30pm**

## **Leaders and Regions: Place Leadership and the Challenge of Transformation**

RMIT Council Chamber, Building 1, Level 2R, 124 Latrobe St, Melbourne

FREE but RSVP [Leadership and Regions Event](#)

**Thursday August 15 2019**

**12.30pm - 2.30pm**

RMIT Council Chambers, Building 1, Level 2R, 124 Latrobe St, Melbourne

FREE but RSVP [New Populism Event](#)

**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.

## **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**

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

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