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CESAA NEWS

CESAA Welcomes new members to committee.

CESAA is pleased to announce the inclusion of three new members to the committee, Gosia Klatt, Sophie Di Francesco - Mayot and Bradley Davison.

[Gosia Klatt](#) is a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Vocational and Educational Policy at the University of Melbourne. She has a political science background but her current academic and practical interest lie in the field of education policy in Australia and Europe. She has recently completed a project where she was a Chief Investigator of the Australian component of the Horizon 2020 research project developed with a consortium of nine European universities led by the University of Nottingham titled Encouraging Lifelong Learning for an Inclusive & Vibrant Europe (ENLIVEN). Her latest book with M. Milana and S. Vatrella published in 2020 by Palgrave Macmillan is titled: Europe's Lifelong Learning Markets, Governance and Policy. Using an Instruments Approach.

[Sophie Di Francesco-Mayot](#) is a Research Officer at the RMIT EU Centre of Excellence. A political scientist by training, Sophie's research interests include European politics, European integration, EU institutions, political parties, culture, religion and identity. In 2014, she was offered an internship at the EEAS in Brussels. She has lectured in French studies and European politics at Monash and Deakin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor with Honours in EU politics from the European and EU Centre at Monash University.

[Bradley Davison](#) is a Graduate of the Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) at RMIT University and is beginning his Honours in International Studies at the same

institution. He is a research assistant at the RMIT European Union Centre and also the former President of the RMIT International Studies Association.

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

Aus-EU FTA

The 6th round of negotiations were held on February 10 - 14. The EU negotiating team was led by Ms Helena König while the Australian team was led by Ms Alison Burrows. The 7th round of negotiations is scheduled for May 2020. A report of the outcomes of 6 th round can be read following the below link.

[Aus-EU FTA Report 6th Round](#)

Brexit and the UK.

January 31 2020 saw the UK leave the EU. The departure will be followed by a transition period where both sides will continue to negotiate their future economic relationship. The debate is expected to be tough with subsidies, taxes, state aid, workers rights and fishing to be key contention areas. The scheduled end of transition is 31 December 2020, during this time the UK will follow EU rules. Recent negotiations have seen Mr Johnson threaten to walk away from negotiations in June if it does not appear that a Canada-style trade agreement will be reached.

Romania

The Constitutional Court of Romania ruled that the second appointment of Ludovic Orban as Prime Minister by President Klaus Iohannis was unconstitutional. The decision stated that a President cannot nominate the same PM-designate if previously ousted from the position in a no

confidence vote. Mr Orban's minority government was toppled on 5 February, only three months after taking power.

Ireland

The snap election held 8 February saw no major party win a majority with this result triggering the resignation of the Prime Minister Leo Varadkar. He will remain in office until a governing coalition can be formed.

European Commission announcement of funds to fight coronavirus

232 million euro has been allocated to tackle the COVID-19 virus. Half of the funds will be used to support the World Health Organisation (WHO) global preparedness and response plan. Of the member states, Italy has been most significantly affected with numerous cases and deaths reported. Several towns within the Lombardy and Veneto regions of the North, have imposed restrictions and closed public places and schools with measures to be reevaluated on 2 March.

ECB and Inflation rate

The January 2020 inflation rate is 1.4% and ECB interest rates remain unchanged.

2020 Budget - European Council

Negotiations between the 27 EU leaders, held on the 20th and 21st of February, were unable to reach agreement. President of the European Council, Charles Michel stated more time was needed to reach a compromise.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies

Volume 11 (3) is now available.

[Volume 11 \(3\)](#)

EVENTS

Call for Papers

ANZJES - Call for Papers

We encourage the submission of papers from research presented at the CESAA conference 'Europe in a Year In Transition: Challenges and Opportunities' for publication in the ANZJES journal. Submission for consideration in the journal can be found [here](#)

17 th Borders and Crossings Travel Writing conference

Theme - 'Travelling differently'

The 2020 event is now calling for papers.

Contemporary Australia, and its founding settlement of Sydney, epitomise borders and crossings. It is founded on different types of travel: forced and chosen, tourism and exile, appropriation and return, movement of ideas and cultures, movement of species and their shifting environments. We thus invite conference participants to reflect on the theme of 'travelling differently'.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 March 2020

All enquiries can be sent to Conference Convenor Bronwyn Winter - bronwyn.winter@sydney.edu.au

The Future of EU Enlargement and Partnership Policies: EU Actorness in South-Eastern Europe and the Eastern Neighbourhood

A call for papers has been issued in the lead up to the conference to be held in **Athens, Greece, 25-26 May 2020**

Please submit abstracts of about 250 words with your name, title and affiliation to the conference administrative coordinator, Ms. Eleni Georgoulia (elenigeorgoulia@uop.gr), by 10 February 2020. The organisers expect to inform participants of the acceptance of their papers by 1 March 2020.

The conference organisers expect to publish one or more edited volumes (a book or a special journal issue) from the selected papers presented at the conference.

Participants will be invited after the conference to submit an extended and enhanced version of their papers for possible publication.

For any further information please contact the conference administrative coordinator, Ms. Eleni Georgoulia, or one of the programme coordinators listed below.

Conferences

National

11 March 2020

Poland in the EU: Supporting or contesting the European order?

Melbourne Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth St, Melbourne

The Australian Institute of Polish Affairs, The EU Centre RMIT and CESAA are hosting this free event. Prof Roman Kuźniar, a prominent Polish academic, political advisor and expert on international relations will be presenting.

Please register for attendance using eventbrite.

[FREE](#)

14 - 17 April 2020

Eurovision Down Under: The World's Longest-Running Song Contest Embracing Diversity

University of Sydney

The Eurovision Song Contest has had a growing following in Australia since national multicultural broadcaster SBS began broadcasting the contest in 1983. Its 65th anniversary in 2020 is testament to its success, both as light entertainment and as an expression of European cultures, societies and politics. The formal Australian participation, which celebrates its own milestone in 2020—its fifth year of participation—has opened a new chapter in this story.

It is thus timely to celebrate Eurovision at 65 and Eurovision Down Under through the first international academic conference on the ESC to be held in Australia, at one of its leading research universities. The theme of Eurovision Down Under 2020 is 'The World's Longest-Running Song Contest: Embracing Diversity'.

At the conference we will present the edited collection *Eurovision & Australia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Down Under*, which includes chapters by the convenors of this conference, Bronwyn Winter and Nina Markovic Khaze.

Confirmed speakers at the event include Ivan Raykoff, Jessica Carneil and Chris Hay.

The conference is currently calling for papers.

20 - 23 July 2020

17 th Borders and Crossings Travel Writing conference Conference theme - 'Travelling differently'

University of Sydney

The Borders and Crossings conference will come to Australia for the second time, and will have as its core theme the idea of differences and diversity in means and experiences of travel.

The conference is currently calling for papers.

International

5-26 May 2020

The Future of EU Enlargement and Partnership Policies: EU Actorness in South-Eastern Europe and the Eastern Neighbourhood

Athens, Greece

The conference seeks to reconsider two EU policies - enlargement and eastern partnership through theory and policy perspectives. Papers from a broad range of disciplines are welcome, including but not limited to: political science, history, economics, sociology and cultural studies.

Keynote speaker - Professor Geoffrey Pridham, Emeritus Professor at Bristol University.

25 - 26 June 2020

EUSAAP Annual Conference

EU's institutional Leadership and the new priorities and challenges for the EU 27

Christchurch, New Zealand

This annual conference also serves as the 20th anniversary celebration of the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) at the University of Canterbury, the host of the conference. To build capacity and sustainability in EU Studies in the Asia Pacific region both academics as well as graduate students are invited to participate. Early career researchers will be able to benefit from networking with more experienced participants, develop important research and presentation skills and bring new and different perspectives to the conference.

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

2020 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2020 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA,, 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 by the 20th of each month

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