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## **CESAA NEWS**

### **CESAA Website Refresh**

CESAA's new website is now operational at:

[cesaa.org.au](http://cesaa.org.au)

Please note: CESAA also has a new email address:  
[info@cesaa.org.au](mailto:info@cesaa.org.au)

### **Italian Election 2018**

On 14 February, CESAA president Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli moderated a forum on the forthcoming Italian elections on 4 March 2018. The event was sponsored by the EU Centre at RMIT University, CESAA and Swinburne University.

The event provided a forum for the candidates standing in the election to present their program and political agenda. It also addressed questions instability, governability and euroscepticism.

Further information is available via CESAA's website:  
[cesaa.org.au](http://cesaa.org.au)

## **AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS**

### **Australia-EU free trade agreement**

Australia and the European Union are continuing to work towards the commencement of free trade agreement negotiations. While Australia has been trading with member countries of the EU for more than 200 years, a FTA with the EU, and access to its 510 million consumers, would deliver enormous benefits for Australian businesses, create new and valuable export opportunities, promote more productive two-way investment, and remove some non-tariff barriers for traders.

As part of the process, submissions can be made to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Further information is available via the link below:

[Australia EU trade agreement](#)

### **EU HR Mogherini meets the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs**

On 13 February 2018, Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop met during the Kuwait International Conference for Reconstruction of Iraq in Kuwait City.

Further information via the link below:

[eu-hr-mogherini-meets-the-australian-minister-of-foreign-aff-](#)

## **EU NEWS**

### **Brexit**

On 9 February during a press conference EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier reviewed his recent meeting with Theresa May and David Davis. He maintained that no transition agreement had been decided as yet, and that considerable disagreements still existed. However, he also pointed out that the EU did not wish for a "hard" border in Ireland.

Meanwhile a group of British citizen living in the Netherlands won the right to have the European Court of Justice hear their case on their EU citizenship.

In the UK, the idea of a second referendum has been floated.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Barnier press-release\\_SPEECH-18-725\\_en.htm](#)

[brexit-transition-period-not-set-in-stone-if-](#)

[disagreements-persist-eus-barnier-says/a-42521063](#)

[british-group-wins-right-to-take-brexit-case-to-european-court](#)

[eu-referendum](#)

### **Another 'Grand' Coalition for Germany?**

The German general elections on 24th September provided a smaller victory than expected for Angela Merkel and her party, the CDU with only 33 per cent of votes. Despite the lower than expected outcome, the CDU and thus Merkel won a fourth term in office, though. The Coalition talks proved lengthy and difficult.

And while the German social democratic party (SPD) had initially categorically rejected any consideration of

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entering into a coalition agreement with Merkel's CDU/CSU coalition, on 7 February 2018 the representatives of the CDU-CSU and the SPD announced on an agreement of principle for the formation of a government coalition - in other words a "grand coalition". After long negotiations and a deadline that was postponed several times "a coalition contract" was finally approved by both parties, although this still has to be approved by a vote on the part of SPD members.

As a consequence, Martin Schulz formally resigned as leader of Germany's Social Democrats, drawing the curtain on his career in the upper echelon of domestic politics less than a year after he took over the party.

Schulz said he hoped Tuesday's move would help unite the party and allow for a debate on the merits of another grand coalition ahead of a vote by SPD members later this month.

Most analysts believe that the SPD's 463,000 members will endorse the coalition deal, given that pensioners, working class families and other core SPD constituencies stand to benefit from it.

Further information is available via the links below:

[germanys-long-road-to-building-a-government-watch-germany-government-transition-like-a-pro-artin-schulz-resigns-leader-of-german-spd/](#)

### **Western Balkans strategy**

The European Commission adopted a strategy entitled "A credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans." Six leading initiatives aim to strengthen cooperation in terms of security and migration, to extend energy union to the Western Balkans and to reduce roaming fees as well as deploying broadband to the region.

This is in line with President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker's 2017 State of the Union address in which he reaffirmed the European future of the Western Balkans countries. And while he ruled out a further enlargement during the mandate of current Commission and Parliament, he was convinced that there would be accession in the future.

Further information is available via the links below:

[Western Balkans](#)

### **European Parliament's Vice President's term of office terminated due to serious misconduct**

Mr Ryszard Czarnecki's term of office as Vice-President of the European Parliament was terminated due to "serious misconduct" after he tabled a fellow MEP, Róża Thun (EPP, PL). a "shmaltsownik" (a Polish term for someone who blackmailed Jews, or Poles protecting Jews, during the Nazi occupation).

The proposal to end his term of office, tabled by the Conference of Presidents (EP President plus political group leaders), required at least a majority of two-thirds

of the votes cast, also constituting a majority of its Members (Rule 21) and was passed by 447 votes to 196.

In accordance with Rules 17 and 20 a new Vice-President now needs to be elected.

While Mr Czarnecki will remain a Member of the European Parliament, he will no longer be a Vice-President or a member of the Bureau, and will neither represent Parliament on behalf of its President nor chair plenary debates.

Parliament made it clear that the proposal by the Conference of Presidents was not aimed at Poland or the ECR political group, which is invited to put forward a new candidate for Vice-President.

Further information is available via the link below:

[czarnecki-no-longer-vice-president-of-parliament](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journals**

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*

Volume 9 (1) is now available.

[anzjes91](#)

### **Newsletters**

#### **ECSA World-News**

To access the *ECSA World-News* newsletter please use the link below:

[ECSA World-News](#)

## **EVENTS**

### **Public Lectures & Seminars**

**19 February 2018—18.00--19.00**

#### **Women in Academia: Experiences from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

Speakers/Presenter: Professor Anne Mills DCMG CBE MA DHSA PhD FMedSci FRS, Deputy Director and Provost and Professor of Health Economics and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Professor Sharon Lewin, Director, Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, University of Melbourne; Professor Leann Tilley, Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Melbourne; Professor Stephen Rogerson, Head of Laboratory, Doherty Institute, The University of Melbourne

Location: The University of Melbourne, Frederic Wood Jones Theatre, Medical, Parkville

There has been an increasing effort to promote the contribution of women in academia. Progress in the UK has been driven especially by the Athena Swan initiative.

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Professor Anne Mills will reflect on the experience of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in supporting the development of women's careers.

Professor Mills' presentation will be followed by a panel discussion featuring leading Australian academics on how they manage the challenges of an academic career.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[women-in-academia-experiences-from-the-london-school-of-hygiene](#)

### **20 February 2018—12.30–13.30**

#### **Refugees and the Labour Market: Institutional dynamics in comparative perspective**

Speaker: Dr Adele Garnier, lecturer at the Department of Politics, Modern History and International Relations at Macquarie University.

Location: ANU, Lecture Theatre, HC Coombs Building - Extension, Building, 8 Fellows Road, Acton ACT 2601

Across industrialised countries, refugees' labour market participation remains low. Literature on the impact of refugees' individual characteristics (such as gender) on their labour market careers has significantly expanded in the last decade. Yet scholarship addressing the significance of political and institutional factors remains limited.

To address this, Dr Garnier compares the relevance of the local policy environment, and of non-governmental organisations providing labour market support, for the labour market careers of refugees in the province of Quebec in Canada and in the region of Brussels in Belgium.

Both Canada and Belgium are federal, multilingual states and both the province of Quebec and the region of Brussels host a large proportion of newcomers to Canada and Belgium. At the same time, Canada is a traditional country of immigration, whereas Belgium still struggles to define itself as a country of immigration.

Conceptually, Dr Garnier draws on scholarship on the role of local government in immigrant integration, on the third sector in public policy, and on the labour market trajectories of refugees. Methodologically, it relies on deskbound policy analysis as well as more than 40 interviews conducted between 2015 and 2017 in the province of Quebec and the region of Brussels with staff of public administrations and non-governmental organisations involved in refugees' labour market participation as well as with labour market active refugees.

Dr Garnier's presentation shows that refugees face similar political and institutional challenges in both cases. Firstly, there is a disconnect between refugees' admission as humanitarian immigrants and lack of consideration for this humanitarian rationale in labour market support. Secondly, the complexity of the local policy environment means that support organisations are not well networked

with each other, which in turn hampers their effectiveness. Lastly, these two challenges are exacerbated by budgetary and managerial constraints.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[refugees-and-the-labour-market-institutional-dynamics-in-comparative-perspective](#)

### **20 February 2018—18.00–19.00**

#### **Personality, Values, Culture, Evolution – why are we similar and yet so different?**

Speaker: Ronald Fischer, Professor in Psychology and Co-Director, Center of Applied Cross-Cultural Research, Victoria University of Wellington and 2018 Institute of Advanced Studies Visiting Fellow

Location: The University of Western Australia, Woolnough Lecture Theatre (225:107) - First Floor Room 107 (Geography & Geology Building)

Humans are complex social beings. Curious observers through the ages have noted the dramatic differences in human behaviour around the world. How similar or different are our personalities? To understand human behaviour, an integrated perspective is required – one which considers both what we regularly do (our personality traits) and what motivates us (our values). Traits and values have been studied separately in psychology and related disciplines, yet, what we do (our traits) must somehow be related to what we hold dearly (our values). Furthermore, how can we make sense of both the proposed similarities and differences in personality and values that have been reported by travellers, philosophers and more recently in large survey studies?

In this talk, Professor Fischer will use an evolutionary perspective to address these challenging questions. He will present an integration of personality and human values into a functional framework that highlights how both psychological processes are driven by mechanisms in our brains and related to our genes. Equipped with these insights, he will then tackle why we sometimes encounter different personalities and values in some parts of the world, but also debunks the myth of large cultural differences in personality. Deep down, we are all similar and an evolutionary perspective can tell us when, where and why we may behave and value things differently. He will present a gene-culture coevolution model of personality and values that shows how genes, economics, social conditions, and climate jointly shape personality. Finally, he will provide some examples that can help people to reflect on who they are and what makes us all so fascinatingly similar, and yet different.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Personality, culture](#)

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**20 February 2018—18.00–19.30**

**Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to end global warming**

Speaker: Paul Hawken, Founder of Project Drawdown and Editor of Drawdown, is in Canberra on a speaking tour. He'll discuss the key themes of the book and their implications for how we proceed. Dr Will Grant, Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science

Location: ANU, Leonard Huxley Lecture theatre, Leonard Huxley Building, Building, 56, Mills Road, Acton ACT 2601

Australia faces significant social, economic and environmental impacts from climate change across almost every sector.

But to date, the full range and impact of climate solutions have not been explained in a way that bridges the divide between urgency and agency. Thus the aspirations of people who want to enact meaningful solutions remain largely untapped.

Project Drawdown, a non-profit organisation and associated NY Times best-selling book, is dedicated to researching when and how global warming can be reversed. It's facilitating a broad coalition of researchers, policy makers, business leaders and activists to assemble and present the best available information on climate solutions in order to describe their beneficial financial, social and environmental impact over the next thirty years.

Their goal is to determine whether we can reverse the harmful build-up of carbon in the atmosphere within thirty years.

A panel of experts will discuss their perspectives and there'll be audience Q&A.

This event will be followed by drinks and light refreshments sponsored by Bank Australia.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[/drawdown-the-most-comprehensive-plan-ever-proposed-to-end-global-warming](#)

**22 February 2018—18.00–19.30**

**SYDNEY IDEAS - CITIES AND CITIZENSHIP**

Speakers: Dr Amanda Tattersall, University of Sydney; Professor Helga Leitner, University of California Los Angeles, Professor Simon Tormey, University of Sydney; Associate Prof Kurt Iveson, University of Sydney; Associate Professor Mark Davidson, Clark University

Location: The University of Sydney, Eastern Avenue, Eastern Avenue Lecture Theatre 315, Camperdown, NSW 2006

In a growing number of cities, citizens are challenging their frustration with existing citizen engagement processes into the creation of urban alliances and/or

citizen platforms that bring together diverse civil society actors to articulate and pursue common interests.

In the first global research project of its kind, we have already identified over 100 urban alliances across the world. At this event we will have 5 of the world's top scholars speak on the question of why city citizen activism is an essential ingredient for reviving democratic practice, at a time when civic voices appear under threat. They will explore stories from places as diverse as Moscow, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Barcelona, Vallejo California and Sydney.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[sydney-ideas-cities-and-citizenship-forum](#)

**23 February 2018—13.00–14.00**

**Evidentiality in Areal Perspective: Views from the Balkans, the Caucasus and Beyond**

Speaker: Victor A. Friedman (Professor Emeritus, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Linguistics and Humanities Collegiate Division at the University of Chicago and Research Professor at La Trobe University).

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, Room 310 Gordon Greenwood Building, Building 32, Union Rd, St Lucia QLD 4067

The Balkans constitute the first geographic region to be recognised as a linguistic area (Trubetzkoy 1923, 1930). Moreover, Balkan Slavic figured in Jakobson's (1957) seminal definition of the category 'evidential', although the areal origin of the category in Bulgarian had already been proposed by Conev (1910/1911). Conev's own understanding of the category can ultimately be traced back to the 11th century Turkic lexicographer Maḥmūd al-Kāšġarī (Dankoff 1982). Across the Black Sea from the Balkans, the Caucasus has also been proposed as a linguistic area, although Tuite (1999), using ergativity as his diagnostic, makes it clear that the Caucasus is not a Sprachbund in the Trubetzkoyan sense. In this talk, based on more than four decades of fieldwork in the Balkans and the Caucasus as well as the writing of a chapter for the just-appeared Oxford Handbook of Evidentiality (Friedman 2018), I will examine the origins and meanings evidentiality, discuss their relevance for the Balkans and for the Caucasus as linguistic areas, and look beyond those regions to greater Eurasia and across the Pacific to the Americas for additional evidence of internal versus external origins.

Further information is available via the links below:  
[Evidentiality](#)  
[Evidentiality 2](#)

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**27 February 2018—12.00–13.30**

**Global lawmakers: International organizations in the crafting of world markets**

Speakers: Professor Terence Halliday, Honorary Professor, RegNet; Research Professor and Co-Director, Center on Law and Globalization, American Bar Foundation; Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Northwestern University; Professor Sally Wheeler OBE, Dean, ANU College of Law, formerly Head of the School of Law, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, Interim Pro Vice Chancellor, Research and Enterprise, Queens University, Belfast; Professor Susan K. Sell, RegNet Professor; PhD in Political Science, University of California – Berkeley; formerly Pomona College, Claremont Graduate School, Professor, Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University.

Location: ANU, HC Coombs Building – Extension, Building, 8 Fellows Road, Acton ACT 2601

Global lawmaking by international organizations holds the potential for enormous influence over world trade and national economies. Its impact reaches to state lawmaking and commercial behavior, whether of giant multi-national corporations or micro, small and medium-sized businesses. Who makes that law and who benefits affects all states and all market players.

Global Lawmakers offers the first extensive empirical study of commercial lawmaking within the United Nations. Based principally on an ethnography of global lawmaking over several years, the book shows who makes law for the world, how they make it, and who comes out ahead. Block-Lieb and Halliday investigated intensively three episodes of lawmaking between the late 1990s and 2012: transport of goods by sea, corporate bankruptcy and restructuring, and secured transactions as a stimulus for bank lending.

The book examines the critical early steps of agenda-setting, undertakes a quantitative analysis of attendance by delegates and delegations in order to discover what actors exert most influence on UNCITRAL's products, and demonstrates how informal processes and the manipulation of time were invented to cope with problematic formal strictures of UN deliberative constraints.

The authors present a political analysis of global scripts, demonstrating how the black-letter form of hard and soft law technologies both reflects and anticipates the politics of implementation. Through its original socio-legal orientation, it reveals struggles inside UNCITRAL and unveils the hitherto invisible dynamics of competition, cooperation and competitive cooperation among international organizations, including the UN, World Bank, IMF and UNIDROIT.

Global Lawmakers proposes an original theory of international organizations that seek to construct transnational legal orders within social ecologies of lawmaking. The book concludes with an appraisal of

creative global governance by the UN in international commerce over the past fifty years and examines prospective challenges for the twenty-first century.

Further information and registration facilities are available via the links below:

[/global-lawmakers-international-organizations-in-the-crafting-of-world-markets](#)

**27 February—20 March 2018—18.30-20.00**

**The Eternal Set: a Cinematic Journey through Rome**

Presenter: Dr. Matteo Dutto, Monash University, School of Media, Film and Journalism

Location: IIC Melbourne, 233 Domain Rd, South Yarra

A series of four weekly lectures at the IIC presented in English by Dr. Matteo Dutto.

From the early days of silent cinema, Rome, the Eternal City, has been the capital of Italian filmmaking and the set to countless memorable films. A city permeated with a romanticism and realism that continues to capture the imagination of Italian and International filmmakers, Rome has transcended its role of setting to establish itself as the main character in many diverse and fascinating stories.

Over the course of four lectures, we will explore the history and different souls of Rome through the eyes of Roberto Rossellini, Vittorio de Sica, Michelangelo Antonioni, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Federico Fellini and many other Italian and International maestri. Moving across Rome's unique fusion of ancient and modern, sacred and profane, we will take a dip into the Trevi Fountain with Marcello Mastroianni and Anita Ekberg, walk along the streets of the modernist district of EUR alongside Monica Vitti and Alain Deloin and explore, with poet and filmmaker Pier Paolo Pasolini, life in the borgate, the shanty towns at the outskirts of the glamorous city centre.

Cost: \$100 for four sessions /Single session: \$30 -IIC Members: 10% discount

Further information is available via the link below:  
[the-eternal-set-a-cinematic-journey.html](#)

**27 February –27 March 2018 Sydney**

**28 February—to 27 March 2018 Melbourne**

**French Film Festival**

Australia's most evocative cultural event returns, this year celebrating its 29th season.

Once again, this beloved, yet very avant-garde 'grande dame' will delight with a superb line-up of contemporary French cinema including, for the first time, a LGBT strand spread across categories such as "We are Family" and "Crazy in Love," in celebration of the 40th Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras and Australia's recent 'Yes' vote for same-sex marriage.

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Artistic Director, Philippe Platel, has selected over 50 features and documentaries – many of which will be Australian premières. Perhaps as a counterpoint to the increasing challenges faced by modern society, the 2018 programme also reflects the overall sense of positivity infusing many recent French titles, incorporating messages of courage, generosity, camaraderie and equality.

Comedies and dramas, romances and biopics, period films and animated features...there is something for everyone at this year's Festival, with a selection of films to make you feel, dream, reflect, laugh or even shed a few tears. France comes to Australia for a few weeks with the Festival epitomizing the ever-strong bond between both nations and cultures.

Further information and registration facilities are available via the links below:

[2018-alliance-francaise-french-film-festival/](#)

## Call for Papers

### **16th Dubrovnik Jean Monnet Seminar 'Advanced Issues of European Law'— 'Blame it on Brussels – EU Law and Distributive Effects of Globalisation'**

**Closing date: 15 February 2018**

Location: Inter University Center, Dubrovnik

The 16th session of the Dubrovnik Seminar will focus on the topic "Blame it on Brussels – EU Law and Distributive Effects of Globalisation".

Paper proposals may cover a variety of areas focusing on two questions raised by the recent political events, particularly Brexit, which shed doubt on the traditional legal narrative of EU integration as beneficial to most citizens. First, did EU Law cause or accentuate any inequality in Europe (e.g. for low skilled labour), or are such inequalities the result of different causes (e.g. globalisation, technical progress) and, second, how could the EU address such inequality and make the positive sides of integration and its contribution to equality more visible?

The Seminar entails two parts - lectures by prominent EU law professors and members of the Court of Justice of the EU and research presentations by PhD candidates and junior academics.

Organisers welcome researchers interested in presenting a paper dealing with the topic of the Seminar. Candidates are invited to apply by submitting a paper proposal (500 words max) and a CV.

Accepted candidates will be invited to publish their papers in the [Croatian Yearbook of European Law & Policy](#).

Grants: The authors of accepted papers will be awarded a grant which covers for their accommodation costs in Dubrovnik.

A number of travel grants will also be offered to help cover reasonable travel costs, depending on the availability of the organizer's limited financial resources. The decision on awarding the travel grant will be based on, on one side, merit and quality of the research paper, and on the other side, your need and other available sources of funding. If you wish to apply for a travel grant, please include this request in your email application, in addition to the reference of your other available sources of funding or a lack thereof (such as, for example, your home institution's).

Applications for a travel grant will not affect the decision whether your paper will be accepted for presentation at the conference.

Submission of paper proposals and CVs: 15 February 2018

Contact: For submission of paper proposals and CVs please contact us at [jmseminar.dubrovnik@gmail.com](mailto:jmseminar.dubrovnik@gmail.com).

For all other correspondence or additional information about the Dubrovnik Seminar, please send an e-mail to: [antonija.ivancan@pravo.hr](mailto:antonija.ivancan@pravo.hr)

Further information is available via the link below:

[Dubrovnik\\_2018](#)

### **Eurint 2018 International Conference: Reflecting on Europe's (dis)order: scenarios for the EU's future**

**Closing date: •March 31, 2018**

Location: Iasi, Romania, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

EURINT 2018, 18-19 May, will be focused on the unprecedented challenges that European Union has faced (Brexit, the rise of populism, the devaluation of EU-USA relations) which have represented both a test and an alarm sign for future threats. These challenges have shifted the ordinary political and economic paradigms and have created a new state of affairs for the EU, as well as for its partners. Therefore, new policies are required to help address the urgent economic, political and social challenges. Current strategies are being questioned while new perspectives of the European and global economy are emerging.

The two-day conference features exciting academic program with renowned international experts and keynote lectures.

EURINT 2018 will share the latest academic research results, excellent networking opportunities, possibilities to create links for future academic cooperation (preparing potential research projects, establishing common publishing goals etc.).

The presented papers will be published either in CES Working Papers (indexed in numerous international databases) or in the Conference Proceedings (indexed in Thomson Reuters).

Further information is available via the links below:

[Eurint\\_1](#), [Eurint\\_2](#)

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## Workshops/Forums/Symposiums

### National

**23-24 February**

#### South Australians in France

Location: Flinders University at Tonsley, 1284 South Road, Tonsley, SA 5042

During the First World War, thousands of South Australian men and women contributed to the war effort in France and on the Western Front. To mark the centenary of the 1918 victory and to recognise and understand the enduring connections formed between France and South Australia, Flinders University's College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences is organising a public event titled South Australians in France.

The event, which will involve French scholars alongside Australian experts, will bring to life the revealing histories of many of the material objects held by the South Australian descendants of First World War veterans.

The event is open to all who have an interest in exploring the connections between South Australia and France through the objects that made the journey back to SA after the war ended.

\*NOTE: The event is organised across three sessions; attendees may ONLY register for TWO out of the three sessions.

The program can be downloaded via the link below:

<http://www.flinders.edu.au/sabs/history-files/SA%20in%20France%20program.pdf>

Further information is available via the links below:

[south-australians-in-france-public-event/south-australians-in-france](#)

## Conferences

### National

**21–26 July 2018**

#### Borders and Margins—25<sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science

Location: Brisbane

The Congress will integrate the annual conference of the Australian Political Studies Association and the biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies.

The Congress theme is Borders and Margins. The acceleration of globalisation and the consequences of the 9/11 terrorist attacks have had profound effects on borders. These include empirical borders, such as state, regional, security and “glocal” boundaries, and also conceptual ones, such as social, cultural, economic, religious, ethnic, sexual and linguistic distinctions that

discipline and divide human populations through identity politics and bio-political management.

These borders create margins, through which administrative and military bureaucracies, as well as NGOs, activists, “networks” and more-or-less organized criminals and terrorists operate, empirically and conceptually. Borders between recognized states, de-facto states, sub-states, occupied territories and supra-national governance authorities are spatial creations defined through lines that separate one country, state, province, zone, “union” etc. from another, while borderlands appear to be critical zones at the margins of state control and governing institutions.

However, borders are not simply territorial lines. They have a dynamic character arising from their formal or informal functions and impacts. At a time when entire regions have been destabilized by the implosion of borders – often imposed by former and current imperialisms rather than arising through freely negotiated or democratic means – these margins are now conflict zones and flash points in national and international politics. Such conflicts and controversies are currently presenting very serious challenges to the international governance of human rights derived from the Universal Declaration of 1948, which reaches its 70th anniversary in 2018.

The evolution of information technologies has transformed the traditional “border as a barrier” by virtually enclosing people into groups with common identities and interests. These groups are dispersed throughout the globe, and so lack any form of territorial compactness or contiguity. Electronic “connectedness” challenges the imposition of physical barriers, bureaucratized checks and migration controls in starkly political terms. The challenges posed by these global developments – which make headline news when violence erupts or powerful politicians are exposed – invite us to explore the fundamental dynamics of inclusion and exclusion under an all-encompassing theme “Borders and Margins.”

Along with those who constitute the current majority/minority or other identity “mix” within a state, there are also those caught in marginal zones, such as immigrant groups that are physically “inside” but are said by some not to “belong.” They are typically central to a politics of multiculturalism/cosmopolitanism, or nationalism/assimilation, or expulsion/genocide. The politics of “Borders and Margins” has a common centre of gravity: that of “otherness” or “otherisation,” which, in turn, determines the borders and creates marginalizations. It is these practices which further determine inequalities of wealth and power, now very extreme in global terms. “Borders and Margins” offers participants in IPSA’s 25th World Congress broad scientific possibilities within the ethical dimensions through which the discipline operates.

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These conjunctions of empirical activities and conceptual claims generate new methodologies in cognate disciplines that political scientists are keen to adopt. The Congress theme should be taken to include further perspectives including history, geography, international relations, international law, philosophy, sociology, political psychology, cultural studies, feminist and gender studies, queer perspectives, security studies and similarly engaged forms of scientific enquiry. In these fields there are crucial debates on sovereignty and identity, rights and obligations, just and unjust warfare and “interventions,” democratic theory and practice, and international governance, among other areas of concern.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[2018 IPSA Congress](#)

## International

**23-27 April 2018**

### **16th Dubrovnik Jean Monnet Seminar ‘Advanced Issues of European Law’**

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The Dubrovnik Seminar is organized by the EU Law Department of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Dubrovnik\\_2018](#)

**16-18 May 2018**

### **Protecting and Projecting Europe**

Location: Brussels, Belgium

In the current difficult environment, will the EU be able to protect its citizens while also projecting its values into the world? In what ways has the EU's international role and standing been subject to change? We invite paper

abstracts and panel proposals (deadline 23 October) for the sixth European Union in International Affairs (#EUIA18) conference (16 - 18 May 2018 in Brussels), a multidisciplinary biannual event at which international studies scholars and policy practitioners debate the role of the EU in the turbulent realm of international affairs. In 2018 it will focus on the theme of 'Protecting and Projecting Europe'. We look forward to receiving your fascinating abstracts and proposals!

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Protecting & Projecting Europe](#)

**18-19 May 2018**

### **EURINT 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Reflecting on Europe's (dis)order: scenarios for the EU's future**

Location: Iasi, Romania, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

**EURINT 2018** will be focused on the unprecedented challenges that European Union has faced (Brexit, the rise of populism, the devaluation of EU-USA relations) which have represented both a test and an alarm sign for future threats. These challenges have shifted the ordinary political and economic paradigms and have created a new state of affairs for the EU, as well as for its partners. Therefore, new policies are required to help address the urgent economic, political and social challenges. Current strategies are being questioned while new perspectives of the European and global economy are emerging.

During the two-day conference, an exciting academic programme, featuring renowned international experts and keynote lectures, will be offered to our participants: PhD candidates, post-doc fellows, researchers, civil society activists, NGO representatives, consultants, policy advocates and many more.

EURINT 2018 will share the latest academic research results, excellent networking opportunities, possibilities to create links for future academic cooperation (preparing potential research projects, establishing common publishing goals etc.).

The presented papers will be published either in CES Working Papers (indexed in numerous international databases) or in the Conference Proceedings (indexed in Thomson Reuters).

Further information is available via the links below:  
[Eurint\\_1](#)  
[Eurint\\_2](#)

**21-22 May 2018**

### **Current Populism in Europe: Culture, History, Identity**

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

The conference is dedicated to the claim to represent the "will of the people", the rejection of "elites", the concept of "a glorious past", nationalist narratives, and a certain understanding of identity and culture promulgated by populist parties, leaders and movements across Europe. In order to fully understand the goals and

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successes of these actors in European politics, it is essential to look at the respective historical context in which they have emerged and to analyse their politics of history and culture. Within the scope of the 4th Prague Populism Conference, the organisers encourage applicants to submit papers on the following issues:

- Populism in historical and cultural perspective
- The use of historical and nationalist narratives in populist communication
- Comparative studies of current populist parties and movements in Europe
- Populism and the politics of identity

Further information is available via the link below:

[populism Europe](#)

### 13-15 June 2018

#### **Bringing IR back in: The European Union and the world**

Location: Paris, France

The series of crisis Europe went through in the last decade had significant implications from an International Relations perspective. They have put the EU's foreign policy system and its external relations under significant pressure, challenging the EU's role and its ways of conducting its policies in the world. Maybe more deeply, they also revealed important discontent among public opinions and tensions between the member-states. International cooperation among EU countries, and between the EU and the World, will remain a persisting challenge for the years to come.

Externally, the multiplication of hotspots ranging from Libya to Syria and Ukraine, the refugee crisis, tensions with Russia and Turkey, and the destabilisation brought by the Trump administration in the transatlantic relationships are some of the most pressing questions that the EU has to deal with internationally. Internally, the Euro-crisis and more recently, Brexit, have created tensions and uncertainty in the EU's project in general, and will entail repercussions on the entire EU's system of international relations. At the same time, however, these crises also offer opportunities for change and revision, as, for example, some moves in the field of defence cooperation seem to suggest.

In this challenging and continuously changing environment, scholars are invited to explore numerous empirical developments as well as to enrich their theoretical toolkit to explain relations between the member states and European foreign policies. This section aims to bring back the attention on International Relations theories and Foreign Policy Analysis approaches in the study of old and new puzzles in EU studies, and to the contribution that the study of European foreign policies gives to the development of IR and FPA. Traditional perspectives as well as newer approaches focusing on practices, narratives, emotions etc., which have gained traction in the IR and FPA literatures, are

welcome to offer new insights on International Relations in and of the EU. This section invites panels and papers considering these aspects, from a variety of theoretical, methodological and disciplinary perspectives

Further information is available via the links below:

[IR](#)

[IR\\_2](#)

### 28–29 June 2018

#### **2018 EUSA AP Annual Conference: The Future of the EU and European Integration in the Aftermath of Crisis**

The 2018 EUSA AP Annual Conference and Postgraduate Student workshop will be held in Taipei on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June 2018. The Postgraduate Workshop will take place on Day 1 and Postgraduate students are encouraged to attend the conference on Day 2.

Since the outbreak of sovereign debt crisis in Greece in 2010, the EU as a whole has been confronted by a series of crises both internal and external. Though some of these crises have yet to be resolved, the EU has proved resilient and even been able to promote the integration process further, through initiatives such as the Banking Union and closer defence cooperation, which had been unimaginable a decade ago. Elections in the Netherlands, France and Germany in 2017 have addressed rising extremism, nationalism and Euro-skepticism although the consequences of Brexit remain unresolved.

It is time to rethink the future of the EU and European integration as a whole. The conference will discuss research findings on sub-themes in relation to the future of the EU and European integration and its impact upon global governance and the world order.

Asia Pacific countries have significant connections with Europe and the EU. Therefore, any changes in European politics and EU policies will affect the regions. Consequently, EUSA AP see it as timely to hold a conference focused on the future of European integration in the aftermath of crises since 2010. Is there more continuity or change in the EU - Asia Pacific relationship? How do different groups perceive the EU and is there any change in its relationship to the region?

The conference seeks to discuss the following sub-themes in greater detail:

- The Future of EU External Relations - CFSP, CSDP, Trade and Development
- The Future of the EU Global Strategy, Normative Power and Principled Pragmatism
- The Future Relationship between the EU and the Great Power
- The Future Relationship between the UK and the EU
- The Future of EU-Asia Pacific Relations
- Debates over the Finality of the European Integration process
- Future enlargements
- The Future of European Neighborhood Policies

- The Future EU Agenda for Global Governance
- Culture and the Future of European Integration

The aim is to investigate these topics from both, a European and an Asia Pacific perspective. The conference will be multi-disciplinary in focus. As relationships are not single-faceted, we aim to pool expertise from a wide range of fields to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities of the relationships and understand the broad range of areas that can be impacted by international political and economic issues. The EUSA AP is by nature multi-disciplinary and previous conferences have drawn together experts from disciplines such as History, Political Science, Law, Economics, Sociology, Geography and Cultural & Language Studies. With this conference we invite participants from other disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities to join us.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[28-2018-eussap-cfp](#)

### 3-5 September 2018

#### UACES 48th Annual Conference

Bath, United Kingdom

A three-day interdisciplinary conference covering all aspects of European Studies, at which over 450 research papers will be presented.

Please note: call for papers opens in October 2017.

Further information is available via the link below:  
<http://uaces.org/events/conferences/bath/>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### 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](#)

#### Erasmus+ Programme—2018

##### Closing date: project dependent

The 2018 call for proposals for Erasmus+, the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport is now open. As a general rule, organisations participating in Erasmus+ projects must be established in a Programme Country. However, some Actions are also open to participating organisations from Partner Countries such as Australia. The specific conditions for participating in an Erasmus+ project depend on the type of Action supported. Please consult the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for more details.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[2018-erasmus-call-guide-published\\_en](#)

#### DAAD Scholarships for Doctoral Candidates

##### Closing date: 28 Feb 2018

Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bamberg, Germany.

Further information is available via the link below:  
[daad-scholarship](#)

#### 2020 Early Stage Researchers - Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central and Eastern Europe

##### Closing date: 28 Feb 2018

Institute of European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Further information is available via the link below:  
[Early Stage Researchers](#)

## CESAA MEMBERSHIP

#### 2018 CESAA Membership

Individual, student and institutional memberships to CESAA for 2018 are now available

For further information on joining CESAA, including the membership form, see the CESAA website at [cesaa.org.au](http://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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