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## **ESAANZ NEWS.**

### **ESAANZ Website**

We are excited to announce the new and updated ESAANZ website has now been launched. Committee would strongly suggest all scholars and those interested in EU - Australian affairs to stay 'tuned' to the [ESAANZ](#) website. This page contains up to date ESAANZ activities and it is also the site where you can find the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) publication.

### **ESAANZ Blog Series**

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a blog series that will be on our website. Issue 1 'The EU Recovery Fund: Negotiation and Contention among EU members' by Dr Remy Davison has been released. View the blog via the link [HERE](#)

## **AUSTRALIA—EU NEWS**

### **Aus-EU FTA**

The 7th round of negotiations took place virtually due to the travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19

pandemic. The round covered most aspects of the agreement including sustainable development, geographical indicators and technical barriers to trade. The negotiations allowed for progression and both parties stated a commitment to helping both economies recover from the effects of the pandemic. Read the full report below.

[7th round](#)

## **NEW ZEALAND - EU NEWS**

### **NZ - EU FTA**

The FTA of NZ-EU has also finished their 7th round of negotiations once again these were held virtually. Commissioner Hogan and Minister Parker confirmed the shared objective to intensify efforts towards a conclusion of negotiations. The round saw progress on the issue of geographical indicators and provisional agreements on other areas. The full report can be read below.

[7th round - NZ](#)

## **EU NEWS**

### **Brexit and the UK**

Informal negotiations between the UK and the EU continue with a formal session scheduled for mid - August. Differences between the two sides persist in the areas of state subsidies, fishing waters and level playing field conditions to prevent the undercutting of social, labour and environmental standards. Unless both sides are willing to make some compromises a free trade deal will be unlikely.

## Polish Elections

Andrzej Duda was elected for another five year term this month with 51.2% of the vote. The results allow the continued rule of populist party PiS who have clashed with Brussels over recent months and this could lead the rocky relationship continuing.

## European Recovery Agreement

The Commission shall be able to borrow funds on the capital markets on behalf of the Union to the value of EUR 750 billion (2018 prices) and these funds will be dispersed to MS in the form of grants to value of EUR 390 billion and loans of EUR 360 billion. The funds will be for the sole purpose of addressing the consequences of COVID-19 .

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

*Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*  
Volume 12 (1) is now available.

[Volume 12 \(1\)](#)

## EVENTS

### Call for Papers

#### ANZJES - Call for Papers

We encourage the submission of papers from research on contemporary European studies across all disciplines. Submission for consideration in the journal can be found [here](#)

### Conferences .

#### National

#### Poland Presidential Election - Political Polarisation, EU Confrontation?

Friday 24 July 2020, 12.30 - 2.00pm AEST

ESAANZ, the European Centre of Excellence at RMIT and the Australian Institute of Polish Affairs (AIPA) are co

hosting this FREE online event on the recent POLish Presidential Elections.

Guest speakers are Professor Emeritus Jan Pakulski of the University of Tasmania & Collegian Civitas (Warsaw) and Dr Robert Mezyk of Australian Catholic University and University of Technology Sydney.

Please RSVP [HERE](#)

#### SDG 15 - Life on Land

Tuesday 28 July, 2020, 12.30 - 2.00pm

#### Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series - ONLINE

From 2018–20, the [Jan Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) Seminar Series will address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each seminar focuses on an individual Goal, offering an opportunity to explore the intent of the Goal, its targets, and some of the initiatives being undertaken to deliver on them. Each seminar will be accompanied by a [Policy Brief](#).

Panellists include Dr Sally Box, Professor Sarah Bekessy and Michal Ruchel.

Register for the FREE event below

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### Seminar - EU Recovery Fund

August 13, time TBA

ESAANZ will be holding a seminar to discuss the EU Recovery Fund decision by the European Council.

Guest speakers will be Dr Remy Davison and Dr Nina Markovic Khaze

#### International.

#### Diplomatic Seminars 2020 - The European Union New Directions and New Leadership

A series of thought provoking roundtable seminars with European diplomats presented by University of

Canterbury with National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) and ESAANZ

#### **14 August at 2pm, NCRE**

Ambassador Mira Woldberg - Dutch Ambassador to New Zealand

Register for this FREE event [HERE](#)

#### **19 August at 2pm, NCRE**

British High Commissioner to New Zealand Laura Clark

Register for this FREE event [HERE](#)

#### **21 August at 2pm, NCRE**

Irish Ambassador to New Zealand Peter Ryan

Register for this free event [HERE](#)

**POSTPONED - Date to be confirmed at a later stage**

#### **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.

#### **IPSA World Congress -POSTPONED to JUNE 2021**

IPSA is pleased to open an additional call for Proposals from **1 September to 20 October, 2020** to give the opportunity for new participants to take part in the 2021 IPSA Congress.

New and revised Paper and Closed Panel Proposals will be accepted for the following sessions:

- Research Committee (RC)
- General Sessions (GS)
- Local Organising Committee Sessions (LOC)

More information can be viewed at the website

[IPSA Home](#)

## **Opportunities**

### **Other**

#### **PhD Opportunities in the EU**

EURAXESS Australia and New Zealand in collaboration with Embassy of France, Embassy of Italy and Embassy of the Republic of Poland are holding a webinar for those interested in doing a PhD or a Postdoc.

Register [HERE](#)

#### **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 ESAANZ Membership**

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

For further information on joining ESAANZ,, see the ESAANZ website at [cesaa.org.au](#)

## **Contributions**

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

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