

## **ESAANZ Conference 2025**

Continuity and change: Europe in time of heightened geopolitical uncertainty

21 November 2025

The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia,

100 Leicester St, level 9, Conference room

**Zoom:** <a href="https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/81370404106?pwd=xmea7TyeqWN3p2EID7lo4cTmtnoxRS.1">https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/81370404106?pwd=xmea7TyeqWN3p2EID7lo4cTmtnoxRS.1</a>

## **PROGRAM**

8:30am – 9:00am Registration

**9:00am – 9:15am** Welcome address by – TBC

9:15am – 10:30am Panel 1: Jean Monnet Policy Network "Challenges and opportunities for EU

heritage diplomacy in Ukraine (HER-UKR)" on digital diplomacy of Ukraine at

times of war, University of Canterbury team (online) (Chair: Gosia Klatt)

10:30 – 10:45 Morning Tea

10:45 – 12:00 Concurrent sessions

Panel	2.1:	<b>Europe</b>	in	the	Asia	Pacific	(Chair:

Serena Kelly), Conference room

Panel 2.2: Social Issues and Europe (Chair: Gosia

Klatt), level 8 meeting room

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- Hyowon Park, (Korea University) Resilient Cooperation for Peace: Middle-Power Diplomacy of the EU, Korea, and Australia in Pursuit of SDG 16
- May Simpson, Jasmine Barry, Serena Kelly, Mathew Doidge, and Dimitrii Ustinov (University of Canterbury) (online) 'From Berlin to the Pacific: narratives on Germany in the Pacific Media'
- Shruti Mishra (Korea University) (online),
  Shared Interests Among Strategic
  Differences: Looking at the Emerging EU-
- Min Lee (Korea University) Lessons from the European Court of Human Rights for Addressing Technology-Facilitated Gender Based Violence in East Asia
- Arthur Simonet (Australian National University) (online) Addressing the European Union's Democratic Deficit: The Case for Strengthening Civic Education
- Dominika Ohana, Ros Cameron, Syed
  Mohyuddin (Torrens University Australia)
  (online) "European Highly Skilled Female
  Migrants in Australia: Should I Stay or Should I Go Now?"

India Partnership Through the Lens of	
Geopolitics	

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

**12:30 – 13:45** Panel 3: Focus on Finland (Chair: Daniela Aquaro)

Perspectives of the Master of Education students on Finland and its Education System: Justin Guiler, Maria Bilske, Pedro Mello, Selina Goldsmityh, Jessica Yang (University of Melbourne)

## 13:45-15:00 Panel 4: European Union's policy challenges (Chair: Matt Harvey)

- Kaye Quek, Julian Lee, Nikkola Mikocki-Bleeker, Jimena Laguna Pineda, Sophie Bottero (RMIT University) "European Union Trade Agreements: What's in store for Australia?"
- Serena Kelly (University of Canterbury) and Maria Garcia (Bath University) "The EU-Aotearoa New Zealand FTA: A Symbol of Aspirations"
- Eun Jee Shin (Korea University), "Leading or Lagging? The EU's Role in Just Energy Transition Partnerships under Geopolitical Strain: The Cases of Vietnam and Indonesia"
- Daniel Hawkey-D'Aeth (*online*), "Europe's Digital Battlefield: Social Media, Disinformation, and the Struggle for Geopolitical Credibility"

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:15 Panel 5: European Union as a global and local actor (Chair: Serena Kelly)

- Milenko Petrovic (University of Canterbury) "Fresh Momentum" or the End of EU Enlargement?"
- Bruce Wilson (RMIT University), "The European Union's International urban and regional cooperation program and sub-national diplomacy: does it add value in turbulent times?"
- César de Prado (Manipal Higher Education Academy) (online), "Transforming Europe by enhancing coherence among capable actors"
- Roderic Pitty (online) "Can the EU influence the resolution of Putin's war in Ukraine?"

16:15 – 17:00 Panel 6: Australian Institute of Polish Affairs (AIPA) Panel discussion – Populist politics and society – example of Poland. (Chair: Gosia Klatt)

- Alexandra Dunwill, AIPA President
- Jan Pakulski, AIPA Vice-President

17:00 Concluding Remarks