

6 and 7 July, 2021

European Studies for School Teachers - Sydney

'Challenges for the European Union: Is the Geopolitical Commission the Real Deal?'

The European Union Centre of Excellence at RMIT University, European Studies Association Australia and New Zealand (ESAANZ), and the University of Sydney invite school teachers and educators to 'European Studies for School Teachers - Sydney 2021'.

This free event offers a unique opportunity for teachers to engage with diverse expert speakers on topics that complement secondary school curricula.

** We ask that you pass this invite on to any NSW or ACT secondary school teachers you feel would benefit from the learning that this event will provide **

Themes Covered will include:

- A crash course in European institutions: the who, what and where of how the European Union (EU) operates.
- What does the EU stand for in the contemporary world?
- How does the EU relate to the US, China, and the UK?
- What is the European Green Deal?
- How will Australia manage its relationships with the EU and with the UK?
- What are the post COVID-19 challenges for the EU.

The program will feature interactive sessions with senior academics and practitioners, an interdisciplinary approach, and multiple case studies which can support learning in classroom settings.

Detailed program available in June 2021.

Who Should Attend?

Those teaching in the fields of:

- History
- Global/international politics
- Social and cultural studies
- Economics
- European languages

When

6 and 7 July, 2021

9am-5pm

Where

Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts
280 Pitt Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Cost

Free

Registration

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Event Flier

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More Information

The 'European Studies for School Teachers - Sydney 2021' will review recent socio-political developments in the EU, noting the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the EU's approach to tackling a broad range of issues, and will provide an opportunity to consider how these issues can be covered in learning and teaching activities in Australia.

The EU has set out to reshape itself into a “geopolitical force”. European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, has stated she wants to lead a “Geopolitical Commission” with the European Green Deal as the centrepiece of its strategy. Being the largest market in the world with the second highest defence spending, and the world's largest development-assistance budget, the EU has significant transformative potential.

The EU, however, is limited by the fragmentation of the European power both between and within EU institutions and member states. The challenge of economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic has shown the need for greater solidarity among European leaders. At the same time, the pandemic provides an opportunity for boosting European integration internally and for implementing a new external geopolitical vision.

Partners

- European Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ESAANZ) *
- European Union Centre of Excellence at RMIT University
- The University of Sydney
- With support from the European Commission.

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