

**The Contemporary Europe Research Centre (CERC),  
The University of Melbourne  
in association with the  
Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA)**

***Call for Papers Extended to Friday 2 May 2008***

**National Workshop**

**The European Union:  
National and International Perspectives**

**Friday 30 May 2008**

Contemporary Europe Research Centre  
The University of Melbourne  
Room 212, Level 2, 234 Queensberry Street, Victoria 3010

The Workshop will consist of three sessions:

***Session 1: The EU as a Global Actor***

This session will examine how the EU is developing into a Global Actor. It will address some of the key challenges and opportunities facing the EU and its interlocutors in the short to medium-long term, as well as conceptual debates concerning the EU's international role. Papers in this session may address:

- Is it possible to talk of the EU as a 'Global Actor' or is it better understood as a 'Regional Actor'.
- Is the EU a normative actor?
- Can we talk of the EU as more than an economic superpower?
- How effective are the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) in projecting the EU globally?
- What are the implications of the Lisbon Treaty for the EU's foreign policy?

***Session 2: New Perspectives on EU-Australia Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

The relationship between Australia and the EU has become more multifaceted, dynamic and broad, particularly over the last decade. The aim of this session is to examine how the relationship has evolved and areas of future cooperation. Papers in this session may address:

- EU-Australia – more than economic relations?
- Growing relationship within areas of soft and hard security (immigration and people-smuggling, counter-terrorism, civilian and military operations)
- Is there scope for developing common interests in Asia?
- Climate change
- Perceptions of the EU in Australia and of Australia in the EU. How are they changing?

### ***Session 3: European Studies in Australia***

Following the first National Workshop on European Studies held in August 2007, this session will work towards establishing initiatives aimed at fostering greater support for scholars working in European Studies in Australia

Suggested themes include:

- What is the state of European Studies in Australia?
- What are the major rewards in developing European Studies
- Approaches for strengthening European Studies Programmes in Australian universities
- Examples of best practice and how these examples might be applied nationwide
- Is there a need for the establishment of a network support scheme for scholars working in European Studies, especially for Early Career Researchers?
- How do we research and teach about the EU as a global actor and EU-Australian relations

Researchers interested in presenting at the workshop should submit by **Friday 2 May 2008 (extended date)**:

- Title of proposed paper
- An abstract of up to 200 words of the proposed paper
- A short biography

A final copy of accepted papers (approx 5,000 words) will need to be submitted no later than **Wednesday 21 May 2008**.

Please submit your abstract via email, together with full contact details to Margherita Matera at [mmatera@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mmatera@unimelb.edu.au).

A small registration fee of \$35 will be charged to all participants. Light refreshments, lunch and an evening reception will be provided.

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