



European Union Centre on
Shared Complex Challenges

The European Union Centre at RMIT University, the University of Melbourne EU Centre on Shared Complex Challenges and the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia invite you to

A TOAST TO EUROPE!

And a conversation:

BRUSSELS, BORDERS AND BREXIT: MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CHALLENGES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION

On Monday 9 May

11:30am - 1:30pm

To celebrate **Europe Day 2016**, Professor Paul Gough, Proc Vice Chancellor and Vice President, College of Design and Social Context, RMIT, and Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli, President of CESAA, will offer a 'toast to Europe (with European sparkling wine, of course) at 12 noon, precisely. Following the toast, a panel of speakers will lead a conversation about current challenges facing the European Union.

Jean Monnet Europe Day Seminar

The European refugee crisis, the Brussels terrorist attacks and the spectre of Brexit present profound challenges to the European Union (EU). These multidimensional challenges threaten the peace and security of the region; illustrate issues arising from the porous nature of national borders; and raise serious questions about Britain's long-term relationship with continental Europe.

The EU has confronted and dealt with difficult policy challenges before. But the breadth and depth of the current threats to Europe's borders, and security are arguably the most significant since World War II. The EU has never dealt with such a large influx of refugees within its borders, which now threatens to undermine the integrity of the Schengen Agreement. Moreover, if Britain were to exit the EU, it would be unprecedented. No member state has ever withdrawn from the EU, and the economic consequences of a Brexit could be disastrous for both the UK and Europe. How the EU responds to these challenges will have consequences not only for Europeans, but for global peace and development.

SPEAKERS

Professor Philomena Murray is Jean Monnet Chair ad personam at the University of Melbourne and a Research Director at the EU Centre on Shared Complex Challenges. She holds honorary positions at the College of Europe, Bruges; Trinity College Dublin and the UN University Centre for Comparative Regional Integration Studies.

Dr. Remy Davison is Jean Monnet Chair in Politics & Economics at Monash University and a Global Expert for the United Nations, New York.

Ms Antonia Mochan is an EU official currently living and working in Australia as a Communications Consultant. She joined the EU in 1995 and has worked in education and training, international development, foreign policy, communications (employment and then research) and was head of media and head of communication for the European Commission representation in the UK.



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The Council Chamber
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124 La Trobe Street
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