

Call for Papers

The External Relations of the European Union: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

A global Conference of the Monash European and EU Centre, the Monash Asia Institute (Monash University, Melbourne), the National Centre for Research on Europe (University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand), the University of New South Wales, Sydney, the European Studies Centre (Sichuan University, China) and the Machiavelli Centre for Cold War Studies (CIMA), University of Florence

Monash University, Melbourne, **24-25 September 2009**
The closing date for abstracts is 31 March 2009

Given the changing architecture of global economic and political power, the role of the EU in the world is increasingly the focus of a vigorous debate. As a powerful trade negotiator and a leading player in global issues such as the environment, development aid, social policy and human rights, the EU is increasingly recognized as a new force for global security and welfare. Certainly the EU sees itself as a growing political and strategic presence. But is this perception shared by non-EU countries and organisations? Exactly how is the EU perceived by the international community and how have these perceptions developed since the creation of the European Communities in the 1950s? Has the EU been perceived to be more of an economic actor or a political force? Is the EU seen as a regional model that could be emulated? Which countries are favourable and which hostile to a growing EU influence in their region or internationally?

In particular, the conference aims to promote the collaboration of academics and scholars on the following themes:

- **The EU, its origins and evolution from the 1950s to the 21st Century as seen from the perspective of non-EU countries and regions (e.g. China, India, the Asia-Pacific, New Zealand, Australia, the US, Russia, the Middle East, Africa etc)**
- **The postcolonial heritage in EU external relations**
- **The EU and its view of the Asia-Pacific**
- **The EU and international organizations: past and future challenges**



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Selected papers from the conference will appear in a refereed publication and/or a major journal. Papers should be submitted one month prior to the conference.

Abstracts of up to 500 words for papers aligned with the above themes, along with your affiliation and full contact details should be submitted via email to Ms Patricia Arnold, Event coordinator, Monash European and EU Centre: patricia.arnold@general.monash.edu.au Ph. +61 3 9903 4638.

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