Editor's Note

This first issue of *ANZJES* for 2021 marks our thirteenth year and another milestone in the history of the journal.

Bruno Mascitelli, long-time member of CESAA (now ESAANZ) and of the ANZJES editorial board has been the driving force behind both organizations since their inception. Bruno built the organization and established the journal (together with founding co-editors Natalia Chaban and Matt Killingsworth). He leaves behind a grateful team of engaged and dedicated colleagues. I take this opportunity as Chief Editor of the journal alongside co-editors, Natalia Chaban, Gosia Klatt, Mathew Doidge and Marco Brunazzo to thank Bruno for his work as long-running president of ESAANZ and Editor of *ANZJES* on behalf of students, colleagues, and members of the broader European Studies community in Australia and internationally.

This issue of *ANZJES* is the outcome of the ESAANZ conference that took place in Melbourne from December 1 to 3 2020. The conference was held online and attracted over seventy presenters on a wide range of topics from the EU Green Deal to the Western Balkans and Brexit. Addresses were given by EU Ambassadors to Australia and New Zealand, His Excellency Michael Pulch and Nina Obermaier, along with Irish Ambassadors to Australia and New Zealand, Breandán Ó Caollaí and Peter Ryan respectively. While the face to face contact was certainly missed, the online format enabled the simultaneous participation of contributors from around the world in various sessions. Papers submitted to this edition have been revised, blind-refereed and edited by a range of experts and represent a selection of topics covered during three days of intense presentation and discussion.

At the end of this issue you will find the entries of the winners of the Student Essay Competition 2020 for undergraduate or postgraduate students of European Studies. Congratulations to our winners and to all participants for their interesting and engaged contributions.

Peter Morgan

Chief Editor, ANZJES

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