

Editors' note

As was announced in November, the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies* is now Scopus indexed. This is an exciting outcome for the journal, but to maintain this position we must continue to publish the high-quality research articles that have led us here. We therefore encourage you to consider us for your future publications – your support is essential to maintaining this important asset for European studies in our region.

In our final issue of 2024, we bring together the work of senior Australasian academics, alongside that of those newer to the academic field. Here we include: an examination of European Union leadership following the 2024 elections to the European Parliament, the appointment of a new College of Commissioners and the naming of Presidents of the EU's three main institutions; a review of Dagmar Myslinska's new volume *Law, Migration, and the Construction of Whiteness: Mobility Within the European Union*; and we are pleased to present the winners of the ESAANZ Essay Prize for 2024.

Student Essays

The ESAANZ Essay Prize is awarded annually for the best undergraduate and postgraduate student essays in Australia and New Zealand. We congratulate this year's winners.

Australian winners

Undergraduate co-winners:

- Alexander Buchen (University of New South Wales): *L'affaire Dreyfus: looking beyond accusatory histories*
- Charlotte Gadea (University of Melbourne): *Spotlighting Eurovision as a political stage: Exploring how Turkey and Ukraine use the ESC to further their political agendas*

Postgraduate:

- Alge White (University of Melbourne): *Europeanisation in migrant integration policies and practices based on the study trip to Belgium and Poland*

New Zealand winners

Undergraduate:

- Emma Hartshaw (University of Canterbury): European Union commitments and policies towards Indigenous People's human rights- a case study of the Sámi people and the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act

Postgraduate:

- Sophia King (University of Otago): Genocide in the Lachin Corridor: An investigation into the frameworks and conditions of atrocity crimes.

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