



EU IN THE INDO-PACIFIC JEAN MONNET NETWORK

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1

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WELCOME MESSAGE




My name is Nicholas Ross Smith and I have the pleasure of being the "academic lead" of the EU in the Indo-Pacific Jean Monnet Network (EUIP), based at the University of Canterbury's National Centre for Research on Europe.

This is a Network that promises to achieve a significant amount over the next three years as it brings together leading EU-focused academics from 28 different universities across 19 different countries, spanning geographically from Dublin to Wellington.

The question of what role for the EU in the Indo-Pacific is often overlooked in international political discourses yet one can confidently say that the EU is both ambitious and influential in this "super-region". The release of its Indo-Pacific Strategy in 2021 and, more recently, the launch of its Global Gateway initiative, is a clear message that the EU means business.

Therefore, this is an important time to be doing research on the EU in the Indo-Pacific and this Network will seek to uncover policy relevant insights for the EU and the wider region over the next three years.

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OVERVIEW OF THE NETWORK

AIM & SCOPE

This Network – run by the National Centre for Research on Europe and encompassing 28 EU and Indo-Pacific partners – assesses the critical question of “what is the most effective role for the EU in the Indo-Pacific?” The EU’s effectiveness in the region will rely on accurate contemporary knowledge of the states of the Indo-Pacific. This Network will create a unique grouping of EU and Indo-Pacific expertise (involving a mixture of academics, think-tankers, and foreign policy officials from both the EU and third countries) to conduct interviews, engage in Delphi style policy debates, and “policy sandpits” in nine Indo-Pacific locations: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. The Network will provide high-level foreign policy analysis, forecasting, and outputs that will be of significant use for practitioners in the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Commission (particularly DG Trade and DG DEFIS), and the analyst and think tank community involved in foreign policy consultation (in Brussels and Europe).





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FOCAL LOCATIONS

This Network will canvas opinions and perceptions of the EU's Indo-Pacific role amongst foreign policymakers in nine specific Indo-Pacific locations: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

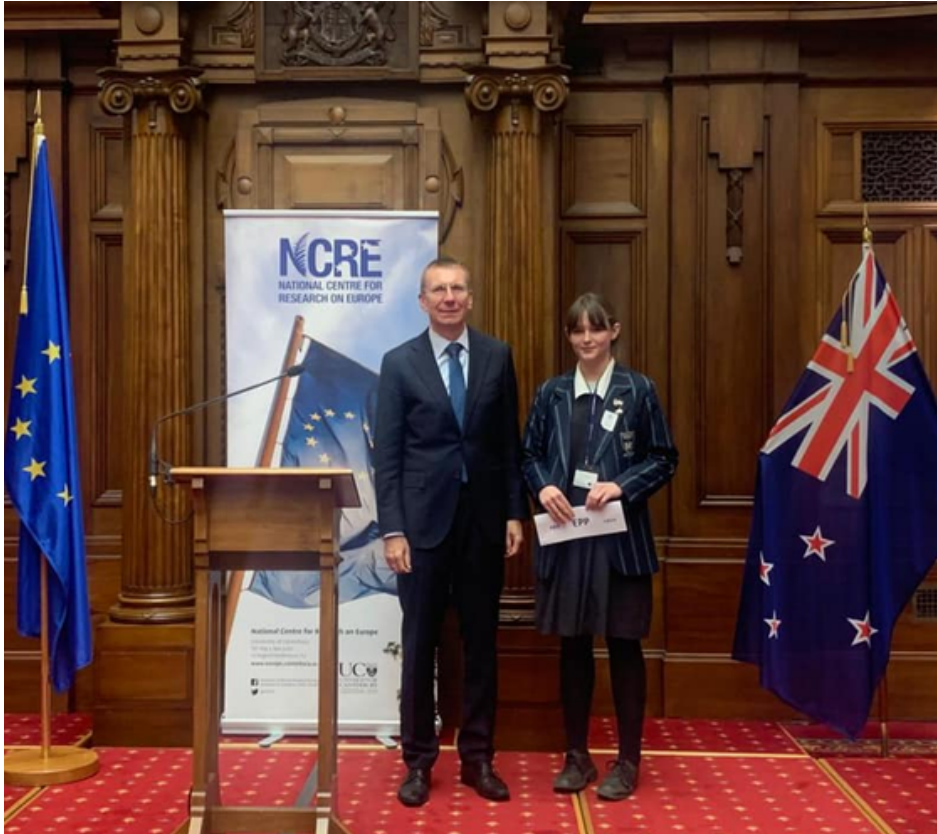


THE LAUNCH EVENT

In early February 2023, the Network convened at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. The event was an opportunity to meet for the first time and discuss, in depth, the structure and plan for the following three years of the project. His Excellency, Ambassador of the EU to Thailand, David Daly, opened the event.



INTRODUCING THE NCRE



The National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE), based at the University of Canterbury, is New Zealand's only research centre devoted to the study of Europe and the European Union (EU). It fosters research on the EU that is regionally relevant, such as EU development policy in the Pacific, and the EU's identity in the Asia-Pacific region. It is a focal point for the study of Europe in New Zealand. It attracts visiting academics from all over the world, and hosts the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in European Studies, which is funded by the European Commission.

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OUTPUTS

Journal articles

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FUTURE EVENTS



EUSA ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE 2023.BANGKOK, THAILAND

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 June 2023

Twenty-five Years of EU Studies in the Indo-Pacific: challenges, changes, prospects.

ISA Asia-Pacific Region Conference 2023, Tokyo



GLOBAL ROLE OF ASIA-INDO PACIFIC IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: ANTHROPOCENE, PEACE AND SECURITY

August 8-10, 2023

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan



Non-traditional panel:

What Role For The EU In The Indo-Pacific?

Wednesday, 06/Sept/2023: 9:00am - 10:30am



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