



The National Centre for Research on Europe, in association with the European Union Centres Network and the EU Studies Association Asia-Pacific is holding an international conference entitled “**Europe in the Changing World: challenges, priorities and research collaboration**”, to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, from the 25th – 27th of September 2008. The conference aims to promote the collaboration of academics and scholars within a framework of three themes:

**EU Through the Eyes of the World;
Teaching Europe Outside Europe; and
Ideas for Research Collaboration: State of Play and Future Directions.**

The NCRE is part of the EU Centres Network, a unique group of leading academics and scholars in New Zealand which seeks to further enhance research, teaching and outreach on the EU related issues and topics throughout New Zealand and this conference aims to introduce these ideas to the wider community. Participation in this conference will not only help to strengthen ties with European Studies scholars worldwide but will contribute to the growing importance of Europe and European Studies as a discipline. The conference proceedings will also be compiled by a respected academic publisher.

The Conference will be held at the Copthorne Hotel on Colombo Street. Hotel rooms can be booked at the hotel at a special conference rate.

There is no registration fee but participants are asked to complete and submit a registration form by September 5th. Registration forms and a draft programme are available on the EUCN website www.eucnetwork.org.nz

For more information or to be placed on the mailing list for updates regarding the conference, please contact ncre@canterbury.ac.nz



Information for Attendees

Conference Programme

The Conference will officially begin with registrations on Thursday from 4-6pm.

There will be a meeting for the EUSA Asia Pacific at Dudley House at 5pm.

An opening function will be held at the Belgian Beer Café from 7.30.

The programme consists of two full days of conference papers with both themed parallel sessions and plenary sessions and panels discussions.

The conference dinner will be held at the Christchurch Club from 7.30 on the Friday night (26th). A keynote address will be given by **Hon. Margaret Wilson, Speaker of the House.**

The closing reception will be held at the NCRE at the University of Canterbury from 6.00pm.

Updated versions of the programme can be found on the EUCN website. (www.eucnetwork.org.nz)

Location

The conference will be held at the Copthorne Hotel, situated at 776 Colombo Street (overlooking Victoria Square) in the heart of central Christchurch.

Registration and all conference panels will be held at the Hotel.

This venue is easily accessible by bus within Christchurch and is 20mins from Christchurch airport.

Hotel rooms can be booked at the Copthorne for a special conference rate. This rate will be advertised on the website. When booking please state that you are with the EUCN Conference held at the hotel. <http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/copthornechristchurchcentral/index.html>

The opening reception on the Thursday night will be held at the Belgian Beer Café at 7.30 (a 5min walk across Victoria Square.)

The conference dinner will be held at the Christchurch Club at 7.30 on Friday night. The Christchurch Club is located on Worcester Street on the corner of Latimer Square (a 10 minute walk from the Copthorne Hotel). The Christchurch Club has an enforced dress code of 'Smart Casual' and no demins.

The closing reception will be held at the NCRE at the University of Canterbury from 6.00pm. There will be transport from the conference location to the University.

Instructions for Presenters

Please prepare papers that keep to the 15-20 min time limit to allow for questions and discussion. Powerpoint and OHP will be available for presentations. Please bring all Powerpoint presentations on a USB drive to be uploaded prior to your session beginning. If you would like to hand out materials these will have to be emailed to the conference team a week prior to the conference (18th September).

Registrations

Registrations for the conference are now open. The closing date for registrations is the 5th of September.

There is no registration fee for the conference.

To register please fill out the attached registration form (or download a copy from the webpage) and send to

EUCN Conference Registration

NCRE

University of Canterbury

Private Bag 4800

Christchurch Or email to ncrc@canterbury.ac.nz

Transport and Accommodation

Unless under prior arrangement delegates are asked to arrange their own transport and accommodation. It is advised that delegates book as soon as is practical. Links to accommodation and travel providers will be available on the EUCN website.

Cultural Activities

As many delegates are attending the Conference from around New Zealand and overseas we have arranged several cultural activity options for you to take part in on the Sunday (28th) if you choose. These are all at the delegates own expense. Options include: Winery Tours, Maori Cultural Experience, Tour to Akaroa and Alpine Train Journey. All bookings except the Alpine Train Journey can be made through the NCRE. Please indicate your choices on your registration form. More details are available on the conference website.

Further Information and Contacts

For further information please check out the EUCN website or you can email

ncrc@canterbury.ac.nz or manager@eucnetwork.org.nz

You are welcome to phone Rebecca on (64) 3 364 2348 or Sarah on (64) 3 3643477