

INVITATION

# FRANCE'S POLITICAL TURBULENCE

**THURSDAY 04 MAY 2017**

6:00pm - 7:30pm

**RMIT, CITY CAMPUS**

Building 16, Level 7, Seminar  
Rooms 1&2 (Storey Hall)

336-348 Swanston St,  
Melbourne VIC 3000

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In a year of political elections in Europe, the April 23 French presidential contest is closely scrutinized in the old continent and around the world. It is a new test for the future of Europe and its unpredictable democratic system.

The French election's centre of attention is undoubtedly the fortune of the far-right National Front's candidate, Marine Le Pen. Will Marine Le Pen translate her poll ratings into electoral success and make it to the second round? If she does, who will face her? Will it be the political newcomer Emmanuel Macron? And how about François Fillon, once regarded as a safe hands now embroiled in a major political scandal. Can France live up to its revolutionary history and deliver a totally unexpected political result?

In an election marked by uncertainties, there is one certainty: no matter the result in the April 23 election, the French political landscape will likely suffer a major earthquake.

On May 4th, the Monash European and EU Centre, RMIT's EU Centre and Centre for Communications, Politics and Culture are joining force to organize a panel discussion on the future of French politics, the implications for Europe but also the Western world, more broadly.



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