



# AACaPS – ESAANZ

# Conference 2021

## Call for Proposals

**25-26 November 2021**

**RMIT University Melbourne Australia**

The Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACaPS) and the European Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ESAANZ) invites panel and paper proposals for the joint conference in a hybrid format at the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia (and virtually) on 25-26 November 2021. The event will be hosted by the European Union Centre for Excellence, RMIT University.

### CONFERENCE THEME

**Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Europe, Eurasia and Asia**

### KEY DATES

- Abstract / Panel Submission Deadline 15 August 2021
- Abstract and Panel Acceptance Notification Issued 15 September 2021



## MORE INFORMATION

Most of us have become acutely aware of borders and boundaries since Covid-19 struck! These boundaries are physical, psychological and systemic. No doubt 'borders and boundaries' are acutely relevant to the regions of our interest (Europe, Eurasia and Asia). In adopting 'borders and boundaries' as the theme for this conference, the organisers hope to include analysis of – and/or to cross – as many types of boundaries as possible.

Therefore, there could be consideration of physical borders (eg the problems of joining or leaving the EU, Schengen, NATO, the Eurasian Union, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation or the Belt and Road Initiative; Brexit; territorial disputes), psychological boundaries (eg Russians having to think of themselves as Russians but not Soviets; Serbs seeing themselves as Serbs but not Yugoslavs), cultural boundaries (eg problems of translation; problems of harmonising legislation or systems); political boundaries (eg transitioning from one type of system or regime to another), economic boundaries (eg from free trade to protectionism), historical boundaries (eg impact of certain historical events or actions) or transgressions of various kinds (eg challenges to cultural traditions, historiography, gender stereotypes; criminality; cyber security and digital challenges). Methodologically, there could be papers that challenge or cross discipline boundaries.

In short, there should be room for all at this exciting conference.

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Please send the following to [aacaps2021conference@gmail.com](mailto:aacaps2021conference@gmail.com)

Proposal to include:

- Full name
- Current institutional affiliation
- Title/position
- Contact details including telephone number
- Title of panel or paper
- Panel description or abstract of paper (200 words or less)

If you are submitting a panel proposal, please provide the contact details and abstracts of all panellists, with a maximum of 4 speakers per panel.

Depending on the nature and quality of submissions, we are working on arranging special issues in journals such as *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES)*, *Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| • Standard     |                                                          | A\$120 |
| • Concessional | <i>Current AACAPS/ESAANZ members, full-time students</i> | A\$80  |
| • Virtual only |                                                          | TBC    |

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## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACaPS)
- European Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ESAANZ)
- European Union Centre of Excellence at RMIT University