

## **JMC Activities and Results, 1 September 2017-31 August 2018**

The first year of the project was concerned with establishing EU-related courses at the University of Adelaide, contacts with other EU centres in Australia and with academics in Europe, and a website. On 27-28 November, the JMC attended the *Jean Monnet Kick-off Meeting and Biennial Conference* in Brussels.

Two new full-semester courses to be taught to senior undergraduates and to postgraduate students were created at the University of Adelaide. One course (ECON3526) on the economics of European integration is an advanced applied economics course. The other course (ECON 3527) on EU-Australian economic relations is intended to appeal to a wider range of students with law, business or international relations backgrounds. Each course involves 39 contact hours (three hours per week in a 13-week semester) plus examinations and grading of assignments and papers.

The EU-Australia economic relations course is intended to include a study tour to Europe. As a trial, a non-credit two-week study tour was organized for ten University of Adelaide final-year undergraduate students to Brussels and Paris from 25 September to 7 October, 2017; it was led by the JMC and included visits to the Australian embassies, the OECD and the EU Commission, as well as lectures and seminars at universities and thinktanks (including joint classes at SciencesPo and UPEC in Paris. In January 2018, the JMC taught the ECON 3527 subject as an intensive course over three weeks to a group of visiting EU students (under the SCRIBE21 program) and four Australian students; it included study trips to Australian businesses trading with the EU.

The economics of European integration course was taught by the JMC as a regular undergraduate course. Enrolment was somewhat disappointing, ten students completed the course, but student evaluations were enthusiastic and positive, boding well for offering in 2019.

At the University of Adelaide, the JMC also gave presentations to student groups and public lectures to wider audiences. He gave guest lectures on EU-related topics and participated in round tables and other events in South Australia.

The JMC gave short courses and guest lectures at other institutions, primarily reporting his research on EU relations with Central Asia and China. Johns Hopkins Bologna Center (February and 5/4/2018), ERIA Jakarta (3/3/2018), University of Halle (21/3/2018), various institutions in Bishkek (15-17/4/2018), Corvinus University, Budapest (27/4/2018), University of Malta (11/6/2018), UNIDO Vienna (18/6/2018), Singapore conference (26/6/2018).

### **Public Lectures and Conference Presentations included:**

6 October Public Seminar: *Australia/EU FTA: Agribusiness Opportunities and Challenges* 2.30 to 5.45 pm, at University of Adelaide – round table with the Delegation of the EU in Canberra and 12 representatives from EU embassies in Australia.

16-17 October *Fulfilling the Vision: EU Futures*, a joint EU Centres' Conference at RMIT City Campus, Melbourne – paper presented in the session "Towards an EU-Australia FTA".

23-25 October OECD *Eurasiaweek* (co-funded by EU) in Almaty. Peer reviewer of reports on Armenia and Uzbekistan.

22 November presentation on *Australia in the Global Economy* organized by CEDA in Adelaide; audience including officials, private sector and politicians.

February-May 2019 short courses on international trade and on Central Asia, including EU content given at the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center.

- 11-13 February – presentation on the EU-China Landbridge at *Asian Development Bank meetings on transport in Central Asia and the EU-China landbridge*, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- 2-3 March presentation on China-EU Landbridge at the *ITT/ERIA services workshop*, Jakarta.
- 19 March presentation on global value chains at UNIDO, Vienna.
- 5 April presentation to the International Political Economy Club in Bologna on EU-China railway links.
- 15 - 17 April, *Asian Development Bank follow-up meetings on transport in Central Asia and the EU-China landbridge*, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- 24 April lecture on the EU-China Landbridge at Corvinus University, Budapest.
- 18 June keynote speaker at conference on global value chains at UNIDO, Vienna,
- 25 - 26 June *Fourth Australia-Singapore Relationship Conference*, Singapore
- 29 July – 2 August World Economic History Congress, Cambridge MA, presented paper on sports economics.
- 22 August Talk on "The EU-China Landbridge and the Belt and Road Initiative" at the Confucius Institute, University of Adelaide.

Meetings to establish networks and partnerships included:

Scott Newton, Chair of the SOAS Centre for Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus in London (29 January 2019), Roman Mogilevskii University of Central Asia (11 February), Johns Hopkins University Bologna staff (Arthur Appleton (trade lawyer, Bern), Jacky Mazza (World Bank), Justin Frosini (Bocconi University) on 20 January), Sir Michael Leigh, EU deputy DG for External Relations 2003-6, and DG for Enlargement 2006-11 (21 February and 1 May), Martin Petrick, IAMO, University of Halle, Germany (20-21 March), OECD staff (Jibran Punthakey, Susan Stone, Jonathan Brooks - 9 April), Christopher Hill University of Cambridge (30 April), John Taylor and Leon Vinokur, Queen Mary University, London (9 May), Jean-Paul Larçon, HEC Paris (20 May), Maxi Scherer and Anna Gray, University of London in Paris (25 May), Boris Najman, Université Paris Est Créteil (5 June), Roderick Pace (JMC) and other researchers at the Institute for European Studies, University of Malta (11 June), Michael Plummer, JHU Bologna Center (29 June – to organize a joint conference), Stéphane Dudoignon, EHESS Paris (6 August), Maria Glatsanos, South Australian state government (responsible for economic relations between SA and EU – 10 July).

As well as frequent communication with other JMCs and EU Centre Directors in Australia and the EU Delegation in Canberra

Publications:

(with Patricia Sourdin) "Value Chains in Europe and Asia: Which Countries Participate?" *International Economics* 153, May 2018, 34-41.

(with Patricia Sourdin) "Where will your next Holden come from? The 2004 EU enlargement and trade with Australia", *Australian Economic Review* 50(2), June 2017, 181-94.

The Eurasian Landbridge: The Role of Service Providers in Linking the Regional Value Chains in East Asia and the European Union, *ERIA Discussion Paper ERIA-DP-FY2018-01*, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta, May 2018 - available at <http://www.eria.org/publications/the-urasian-land-bridge-the-role-of-service-providers-in-linking-the-regional-value-chains-in-east-asia-and-the-european-union/>

(with Patricia Sourdin) "Business to Business Relationships: Pursuing a Free Trade Agreement in the Era of Global Value Chains", in J. Drake-Brockman and P. Messerlin (eds.) *Potential Benefits of an EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement: Key issues and options*

(University of Adelaide Press, Adelaide, 2018), 105-21 - available at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/press/titles/eu-trade/>.

Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA): *Australia's Place in the World*, November 2017 – Chapter 1.2 “Australia in the Global Economy”, pp. 30-8.

“Australia as an EU Partner”, lead article in *ShowCASE 51*, Center for Social and Economic Research, Warsaw, 6 November 2017 – available at [http://www.case-research.eu/files/?id\\_plik=5293](http://www.case-research.eu/files/?id_plik=5293)