

# CHALLENGES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION: IS THE GEOPOLITICAL COMMISSION THE REAL DEAL?

## EUROPEAN STUDIES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS SYDNEY 2021

**JULY 6 - 7**  
**9 AM to 5 PM**

**SYDNEY MECHANICS' SCHOOL OF ARTS**  
**First Floor, 280 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000**

### A TWO DAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

The 'European Studies for School Teachers - Sydney 2021' will review recent socio-political developments in the European Union (EU), noting the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the EU's approach to tackling a broad range of issues, and will provide an opportunity to consider how these issues can be covered in learning and teaching activities in Australia.

The EU has set out to reshape itself into a "geopolitical force". European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, has stated she wants to lead a "Geopolitical Commission" with the European Green Deal as the centrepiece of its strategy. Being the largest market in the world with the second highest defence spending, and the world's largest development-assistance budget, the EU has significant transformative potential.

The EU, however, is limited by the fragmentation of the European power both between and within EU institutions and member states. The challenge of economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic has shown the need for greater solidarity among European leaders. At the same time, the pandemic provides an opportunity for boosting European integration internally and for implementing a new external geopolitical vision.

This European Studies for School Teachers is a two-day intensive program for teachers of:  
History - Global/international politics- Social and cultural studies- Economics - European languages.

**FREE EVENT**

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**  
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## A TWO DAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF EUROPEAN STUDIES

This event will provide a unique opportunity for teachers to engage with diverse expert speakers on topics that complement secondary school curricula. Themes covered:

- A crash course in European institutions: the who, what and where of how the EU operates?
- What does the EU stand for in the contemporary world?
- How does the EU relate to the US, China, and the UK?
- What is the European Green Deal?
- How will Australia manage its relationship with the EU and the UK?
- What will be the post COVID-19 challenges for the EU?

The program will feature interactive sessions with senior academics and practitioners, an interdisciplinary approach, and multiple case studies which can support learning in classroom settings.

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### FOR MORE INFO

See registration link [european-studies-for-school-teachers-sydney-2021.eventbrite.com.au](https://european-studies-for-school-teachers-sydney-2021.eventbrite.com.au)

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