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Schuman Lecture

Solidarity and Unity: Charting a course for the EU in troubled times

Monday 30 November, 5.00 – 6.30pm

Speaker

His Excellency Dr Thomas Fitschen, Ambassador of Germany to Australia

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The ANU Centre for European Studies is delighted to present this contribution to our Schuman Lecture Series, to be delivered by Ambassador of Germany to Australia, His Excellency Dr Thomas Fitschen.



In this year's Schuman Lecture, His Excellency Dr Thomas Fitschen will speak about the role of Germany as President of the Council of the European Union and the relationship of the Member States within the EU. In this role, Germany has engaged with the health, environmental and geopolitical challenges currently facing Europe and the world. His Excellency will reflect on this and on the meaning of EU membership in troubled times.

His Excellency Dr Thomas Fitschen is the Ambassador of Germany to Australia (since July 2019). Before coming to Australia he was the German Federal Foreign Office's Special Representative for Cyber Foreign Policy and Cybersecurity. In 2015–2018, he was Director for the United Nations, Counter-Terrorism and International Cyber Policy. He joined the German Foreign Service in 1990. Ambassador Fitschen is a lawyer by training (University of Kiel, Germany) and holds a doctorate in international law from the University of Saarbrücken. He holds memberships in the German Society of International Law (DGIR), the European Society of International Law (ESIL) and the German United Nations Association (DGVN). Dr Fitschen publishes regularly on UN issues, international law and cultural property law, including in English.

This year's Schuman Lecture forms part of the new Jean Monnet project *Liberal Democracy in Action* (2020-2022), delivered with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. It is also the twenty-first lecture in our Schuman Lecture Series.

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The Australian National University has recognised this achievement and foresight by coordinating the annual Schuman Lecture since 1996. The first lecture was delivered by Lord Leon Brittan, the then Vice-President of the European Commission. Since then, the University has coordinated annual Schuman Lectures by many distinguished speakers.



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28 August 2017 – ‘Schuman’s Vision in the Age of Disarray: Whither Europe and the West?’ [Mr David Ritchie AO](#), Former Australian Ambassador to Germany and Member of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group

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19 August 2013 – ‘Culture and Contact: Europe, Australia and the Arts’, [Ms Robyn Archer AO](#), Creative Director, the Centenary of Canberra

23 May 2012 – ‘New Alliances: Australia and Europe in a G20 World’, [Mr Alastair Walton](#), Chairman of the European Australian Business Council

14 February 2011 – ‘The Relationship of the EU Court of Justice with the UN Security Council and International Tribunals’, [Professor Joe Verhoeven](#), Secretary General, Institut de Droit International; Professor at the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

26 February 2009 – ‘EU’s Contribution to Security in the 21st Century’, [Ms Helga-Maria Schmid](#), Director of the Policy Unit of the General Council Secretariat of the European Union

9 May 2008 – ‘Security and External Relations in the EU’, [Professor Robert Jackson](#), Fletcher Jones Endowed Professor of Government and Director of International Relations at the University of Redlands (USA)

11 May 2006 – ‘Australia and Europe: Sharing Global Responsibilities’, [The Right Honourable Alexander Downer](#), MP

9 May 2005 – ‘A More Democratic European Union: Reflections on the Proposed Constitution’, [Professor Sir Neil MacCormick](#), QC, FRSE, FBA, LLD D Litt, Regius Professor of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations at The University of Edinburgh (UK) and Freehills Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales

11 November 2004 – ‘Terrorism and the Democratic Response: A Tribute to the European Court of Human Rights’, [Justice Michael Kirby](#), AC CMG, Justice of the High Court of Australia

30 October 2003 – ‘The EU in the Middle East: My Impressions as Special Representative’, [HE Ambassador Miguel Ángel Moratinos](#), EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

3 July 2002 – ‘European Union Enlargement’, [HE Mr Carlos Bastarache Sagües](#), Secretary General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

19 April 2001 – ‘Sovereignty, Democracy and Constitutions: Finding the Right Formula’, [Mr Chris Patten CH](#), European Commissioner for External Relations

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7 May 1998 – ‘Asia and the European Union’, [Mr Laurens Jan Brinkhorst](#), Member of the European Parliament

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1996 – Inaugural Schuman Lecture, [Lord Leon Brittan](#), Vice-President of the European Commission

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