

**Hong Kong Association for European Studies
Annual General Meeting
President's Report 2017-2018
2 May 2018
Venue: City University of Hong Kong**



1. Seminars

In 2017/18, the Association has held three [seminars](#):

Nov 29, 2017 - Reunification and Reconciliation: Helmut Kohl and the German Question

Oct 25, 2017 - Special seminar "Catalonia Crisis: What are the Options Now?"*

Sep 27, 2017 - Transformative Leadership: Fifth Republic France from de Gaulle to Macron

I am much indebted to members and friends for their support and understanding.

2. Societies Registration

The updates of the Association's particulars since the last AGM were completed in October 2017.

3. Outreach / Contacts

I gave a talk at on "Ever Closer Union" on 27 September 2017 at the University of Science and Technology.

I gave a paper on EU-Hong Kong relations at the EU Conference at the University of Macau in November 2017. In March 2018, I gave a paper on EU approach towards China at the Australian-New Zealand EU Centres Conference at RMIT in Melbourne.

In my capacity as HKAES President, I was interviewed on (a) Catalonia, (b) Russia and (c) Sino-Vatican relations.

I met with the Head of the EU Office, the Polish Ambassador to Holland visiting Hong Kong, a couple of EU officials in charge of Asian affairs, as well as the CGs/Deputy CGs of Italy, Poland, the Czech Republic and Switzerland. More meetings are being scheduled.

4. European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific ([EUSAAP](#))

As EUSAPP board member and paper-giver, I attended the EUSAPP conference in Tokyo in July 2017. The network has successfully obtained EU funding for another three years to run annual conferences in the region and partially sponsor the publication of two academic journals.

The next annual conference will take place in Taipei on 28-29 June 2018.

The network runs two referred journals on European Union studies and members are invited to submit their papers to the editors-in-charge. The details can be found on the EUSAAP webpage.

5. Plan for 2018-2019 for Discussion and Endorsement

“1968—50 Years On”

Prague Spring:

Readers’ club, movie, a talk by Czech CG, photo exhibition, and a publication, to be run in conjunction with a civil society partner, “[Mobile Co-Learning](#)” which has a working office in Wanchai and a growing membership base.

June-October 2018

Events of May 1968 in France:

Movie, light cocktail and a roundtable discussion with CG, academics and French Studies students

Mid-November 2018

Europeans in Hong Kong

Mark Hampton “British People in Hong Kong”

David Pomfret “Trans Colonial Youth of the British and the French”

6. Co-option of Committee Member(s)

Ms Kitty Tse has expressed her wish to leave us this year. I would defer to Committee’s advice as to who to invite to join the Committee for 2018/19.

7. Other suggestions for endorsement

- 1) All Exco members are encouraged to share information about EU/Europe international and local conferences and events which may be of interest to members and friends;
- 2) To include local European scholars and friends as well as non-Hong Kong residents in our database so that they will be able to obtain information from the Association;
- 3) President, Secretary and Treasurer are responsible for the maintenance of one consolidated database including members and non-members;
- 4) To hold Annual General Meeting in May each year in order to match the academic cycle of local universities.

8. Vote of Thanks

I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all Committee Members for their support and advice throughout the year. In particular, we are grateful to Ms Kitty Tse for giving her valuable time to the Committee. We wish her all the best and great success in her career.

Dr. Krszysztof Sliwinski, our Treasurer who has served the Association for eight years, would stand down after the completion of his term next year in order to concentrate on his new responsibilities at the University. We thank him for his dedication during his long and impeccable service to members and we wish him all the best. Please contact the Treasurer (chris@hkbu.edu.hk) or me (kk1chan@hkbu.edu.hk) if you are interested in doing more for the Association.



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