

Series 7, 2025 International Politics

Organised by Jude McKenzie and Linda Gaskin

Members attending are welcome to wear masks.

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures - doing so would be unfair to those on the waiting list.

1 September Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking - what can we do? Kate Russell

A discussion of Hagar's work in combating modern slavery and human trafficking in the Pacific and South East Asia and the emerging threats within New Zealand

8 September Current Challenges for the European Union.

James Headley

The European Union is facing multiple challenges internally and externally. Populism, nationalism and Euroscepticism are apparent in countries across the EU as well as in aspirant states. Defence and security, previously relatively neglected in EU integration, are high on the agenda, especially in relation to Russia. The assumption of close ties with the United States has been shaken by the actions of the second Trump administration.

This talk will explore these issues, assessing the degree to which the crisis is debilitating for the EU or on the contrary, is a motivation for closer integration and continued enlargement.

15 September The World Under Trump.

Maureen Montgomery and Peter Field

Whether we like it or not, the United States plays a significant role in our lives in New Zealand. We have a long history of association and collaboration, but there have been times that have tested us. In this second Trump administration, we are facing challenges to our economic interests in an unstable, globalized world and to our values and integrity in a troubling and dynamic time of international strife.

2025 PROGRAMME DATES:

 SERIES 1: Mar 3 10, 17
 SERIES 4: Jun 9, 16, 23
 SERIES 7: Sep 1, 8, 15

 SERIES 2: Apr 7, 14
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 SERIES 8: Oct 6, 13, 20

 SERIES 3: May 5, 12, 19
 SERIES 6: Aug 4, 11, 18
 SERIES 9: Nov 3, 10, 17

Meetings

are held at The West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Lectures may start a few minutes before 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm, with questions to follow.

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

As a courtesy to our speakers and other members, please

be seated by 1.20 pm. wear your name tag.
turn your cell phone off. no talking during lectures.
wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.
Stand when asking a question,

and wait for the microphone.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Series 7 begins Monday 1 September 2025