

Members attending are welcome to wear masks.

U3A lectures are for members only.

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

8 April Navigating Brexit: New Zealand, the EU and the UK. *Serena Kelly*

The British decision to leave the European Union forced the EU and NZ to re-evaluate the relationship, which had previously been dependent on the historical and cultural links between the UK and NZ (NZ's founding document, Te Tiriti O Waitangi, was signed between the British Crown and Māori). More recently NZ has signed a Free Trade Agreement with the EU, which includes several world firsts, such as an indigenous chapter and the right to hold each party to account in their climate change policies. With new foundations for engagement being established, this talk will discuss current relations between the three partners.

15 April Ukraine's European Dream: Does Ukraine have an EU future. *Nick Smith*

This talk will overview what it will take for Ukraine to realize one of its core aims: becoming a member of the EU. EU accession is a difficult and extremely political process and despite warm overtures from key European figures, Ukraine's road to membership is undoubtedly difficult.

22 April Retooling New Zealand's Foreign Policy in the AUKUS Era. *Nicholas Khoo*

The AUKUS security partnership agreement involving New Zealand's treaty ally Australia, the UK, and the US is a metaphor for a more competitive and unstable international environment. How should New Zealand recalibrate its foreign policy in this new era? This presentation reviews the contemporary international environment and engages with the question of whether New Zealand's participation in AUKUS is (or is not) an appropriate policy response.

2024 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 4, 11, 18
SERIES 2: Apr 8, 15, 22
SERIES 3: May 6, 13, 20

SERIES 4: Jun 10, 17, 24
SERIES 5: Jul 1, 8, 15
SERIES 6: Aug 5, 12, 19

SERIES 7: Sep 2, 9, 16
SERIES 8: Oct 7, 14, 21
SERIES 9: Nov 11, 18, 25

Meetings

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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