



Erasmus Mundus 2008

Since 2004, through the Erasmus Mundus Scheme, the European Commission has offered graduate students and scholars from around the world a truly European experience of higher education. Erasmus Mundus is based on the hugely successful Erasmus exchange program which has enabled over a million European students to study at other European universities. As part of the EU's agenda to promote the outstanding quality of European higher education institutions throughout the world, students and scholars from third countries, such as Australia and New Zealand, are encouraged to apply for the generous Erasmus Mundus scholarships to enable them to take part in specially designed Erasmus Mundus Masters Degree Programs. These programs involve several Universities from across the EU and also offer the possibility for third countries to be partners in the program.

While the main language of instruction is usually English, local language courses are offered which makes the Erasmus Mundus experience even more valuable.

The current Erasmus Mundus Scheme is coming to an end but Erasmus Mundus II will start in 2009 and will be expanded to include PhD scholarships.

And it's not just about students! Academics can also take part in Erasmus Mundus and receive a generous scholarship to spend up to 3 months teaching and researching at the institutions involved in the Consortia.

In 2008/9 forty-six Australians and four New Zealanders were granted an Erasmus Mundus scholarship and the Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand is delighted to introduce them to you and hope that their success will encourage others to apply!



STUDENTS

AINLEY, Lara Beth

Having successfully completed a Bachelor of Marine Science at Sydney University (Hons) 22 year-old Lara will pursue her graduate studies with Erasmus Mundus at the University of the Algarve in Faro, Portugal, and in Paris at the University of Pierre and Marie Curie. Lara says "The opportunities and experiences gained from studying internationally will have great benefits for my education and academic and professional careers."

BARNES, Sally

Sally, 29, completed her Bachelor of Commerce in 2001, her Bachelor of Laws in 2005 at the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, and was admitted to the Bar in 2006. She will be studying Law and Economics at the University of Bologna, Italy, and at the Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille III, in Aix en Provence, France. Sally says "my particular interest is in the design of property rights and markets for resources that have been part of the commons, and in particular, water".



BENNELL, Katherine

Katherine Bennell is taking off to study the Joint European Master's Program in Space Science and Technology (Erasmus Mundus 'SpaceMaster'). This means she spends the 1st Semester at the Julius-Maximilians Universität Würzburg, Germany, the 2nd semester at Lulea University of Technology, Kiruna Space Campus and the 3rd and 4th semester elsewhere in Europe. Her passion is astronautics and exploration and has completed her degrees at Sydney University. When she isn't flying aerobatic planes and launching model rockets, she enjoyed surfing, basketball and tennis! She is looking forward to the opportunities not available in Australia, of industry experience and collaborating on projects with like-minded enthusiasts from different cultures and backgrounds.



BUSHNELL, Andrew

24 year old Andrew holds a double Bachelor of Laws and Arts with Honours from Monash University, Melbourne. He is planning to undertake a Master of Applied Ethics at the NTNU in Trondheim, Norway, and Linköping University in Sweden. Andrew believes that "applied ethics is a philosophical discipline that focuses on real-world problems. These problems arise naturally from the interaction of humans in society and are therefore universal. The solutions to these problems, however, might vary based on local factors. Given this, the international character of this program is particularly interesting. There will be students from a variety of backgrounds and the differences and similarities in their perspectives will hopefully help to illuminate the problems we are studying". Andrew applied for the Erasmus Mundus course "in a spirit of adventure!"

DASEY, Michael

Michael is 23 years old and a graduate from the University of New South Wales, Sydney. He will participate in a Masters of Mechanical Engineering which will take him to Trinity College Dublin in the first instance and secondly to the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Spain.



Michael says "My time in Europe will be an amazing experience, one which will be incredibly challenging, sometimes difficult, but always rewarding. The benefits of the course come not only from studying at world class institutions, but from meeting and studying with highly talented people. Becoming fluent in Spanish is also a highly useful life-skill that the Erasmus Mundus program enables me to acquire."

DUCE, Stephanie

Stephanie is 22 years old and will undertake an Erasmus Mundus Masters in Geospatial Technology, having finished her Bachelor of Environmental Science (Hons.) at James Cook University, Townsville. The Masters Program consists of 3, six month long semesters, each in a different country. Stephanie will live and study in Portugal (Lisbon), Germany (Münster) and Spain (Castellon). She says "I am eager to experience life as "local". I know it will be quite different to life in Townsville!" Indeed it will be!



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FALZON, James Paul

At 24, James has already finished his Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering and Arts (French) at the University of Melbourne. Currently he is working for Hydro Tasmania Consulting but will go back to graduate study with Erasmus Mundus next year. James will undertake a Masters in Management & Engineering of Environment & Energy and will study in Sweden, France and Spain. He says



“In the field of sustainable energy engineering, Europe is leading the way. The opportunity to follow a Masters course at leading European Universities and perform an industrial internship in Europe will hopefully increase my ability to assist in bringing about the rapid change necessary to Australia’s energy mix. And of course, the chance to experience a variety of different cultures and learn some new languages is an exciting prospect.”

HARDLEY, Jess

At 24 years of age Jess is off to Utrecht University in the Netherlands to take part in the Erasmus Mundus Masters on Women’s and Gender Studies. She will also study at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. Jess sees her “upcoming experience in Europe as something which will inspire an engagement within



European and International Feminist theory and practice.” She is “particularly interested in having the opportunity to study at two different locations in Europe, thus having the possibility to engage with different teaching/learning methods as well as meeting and working with other students and teachers from within the field of Women’s and Gender Studies”.

HINDS, Sam

After his Bachelor of Mathematics at the Queensland University of Technology, Sam (21) is going to undertake an Erasmus Mundus Master of Quantitative Economics. His studies will take place at University of Bielefeld, Germany, and at the University of Paris – at the Sorbonne. He says “Well, I have never been to Europe before, or in fact overseas, but I can definitely say that I am extremely excited about the prospect of studying in Germany and France. I would have never had this opportunity if it were not for the Erasmus Mundus Scheme and the European Commission. I intend to make the most of my time in Europe and embrace the variety of cultures. I am also very excited, and a little nervous, about living and studying in places so foreign to me. I’m counting down the days and can’t wait until this new adventure begins”.



HOWIE, Laura

Laura (21) holds a Bachelor of Arts and Science (Honours) from the University of Adelaide. Soon she will be studying an Erasmus Mundus Masters in Rural Development, spending time at the University of Ghent in Belgium, on the Agrocampus Rennes in France and at the University of Cordoba in Spain.



She sees her European experience as “a great opportunity to polish up my language skills and work with people from around the globe.” She is “also looking forward to further specialised study in environmentally, economically and socially sustainable agriculture, particularly in developing countries.” “In Australia”, she says “the focus is predominately on Australian issues and concerns, so it will be great to learn how other countries are tackling land management issues.”

KENSY, Julia

Julia Kensity is 24 and completed her BA with honors at Macquarie University, Sydney. She is taking part in the European Masters Program entitled “Global Studies” which will give her the opportunity to study in Austria and Germany. Julia says she is excited to be part of a program that “aims to break down barriers between European countries as well between academic disciplines”. As well she is hoping to be able to improve her German language skills and travel widely.



LAU, Wilson

Wilson is a 22 year-old graduate from the University of New South Wales. He says that as his Masters Degree in Environment Studies will take him to four different universities and countries (Denmark, Germany, Spain, and Portugal, “it is literally a dive into new and changing surroundings,



and amongst people of different nationalities, of an equally keen interest and sharing the same experience. I can’t wait!” Although his “expectations of Europe are quite stereotypical – cold winters, great people and cities, towns and rural areas oozing with history”, he has been told “the natural environment is surprisingly similar to Australia and he “hopes to be amongst a lot of this during my two years in Europe”.

MARSHMAN, Sarah-Jo

Sarah (22) graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science (Hons). She will now participate in the Erasmus Mundus Masters of Coastal & Marine Engineering & Management. She will study in three countries - the Norwegian University of Science & Technology, Trondheim, the University of Technology, Delft, the Netherlands, and the University of Southampton (UK). She says she is “extremely excited and grateful at being given the amazing opportunity to study in Europe for the next two years. I grew up in a small coastal town in south-east Australia and have always been interested in the environment, particularly in coastal dynamics. The next two years will be challenging but rewarding, and I look forward to expanding my knowledge in an international context while meeting leading researchers and students in my field.”



MCINTYRE, Alexis

Alexis (24) is a graduate from the University of New South Wales. She will participate in the Erasmus Mundus European Masters of Geo-Information Science & Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management. Alexis says “I am really looking forward to studying in such a unique environment. As it is a Erasmus Mundus course the students are drawn from all over the world and I anticipate interacting with both the different cultures of the countries I am studying in, and also those of my fellow students. Through this course I will also be exposed to some of the best researchers in my field. I am incredibly grateful to have been granted this opportunity.” Alexis will study at the University of Southampton, UK, Lund University in Sweden, the University of Warsaw, Poland, and the ITC in the Netherlands.



NG, Yee-Ling

Yee-Ling (27) has a Bachelors of Commerce and Teaching from University of Western Sydney and is currently a primary school teacher. She will be continuing her studies through the Erasmus Mundus Masters of Special Education Needs at Roehampton University (UK), Charles University (Prague), and Fontys University in Tilburg, Netherlands. She says that she is “excited at the prospect of studying and living in such culturally diverse countries and looking forward to undertaking a world class Masters degree in Europe. I envision myself immersed in a cultural melting pot, whereby there will be an ongoing international exchange of knowledge, as well as the creation of many friendships”.

PLUCK, Michaela

Michaela is 24 years old and obtained a Bachelor of Physical Education from the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2007. She is currently studying for her Masters degree in Adapted Physical Activity at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, and will complete her thesis at Palacky University Olomouc in the Czech Republic. Michaela says that she is ‘so grateful to have been accepted into this prestigious programme and even more grateful to have received a scholarship from the European Commission.’ She plans to use her gained knowledge to teach students with disabilities, either in New Zealand or in Europe.

OBERHOLLENZER, Yvonne

Yvonne, 25, has had a longstanding interest in European foreign and security policy. Following her undergraduate studies at the University of Queensland she is now going to undertake an Erasmus Mundus Masters in Public Policy at the Stichting International Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands and the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionales in Spain. Yvonne says she is very much looking forward to her studies in Europe. She adds that “since I was a child I have always wanted to move to Europe. Throughout my travels to Europe I was always struck by the diversity in politics, culture and society. Now I have the chance to discover Europe, while learning more about an area that I am passionate about and to which I hope to make a strong contribution in the near future”.



SAGALA, Frances

Frances (24) graduated from Monash University, Melbourne, with a Double Degree: Bachelor of Laws with Honours and Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours (French and Hispanic Studies) at Monash University. She will undertake an Erasmus Mundus NOHA Masters in International Humanitarian Action at the Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and the Universidad de Deusto (Spain). She says “I am delighted to have been selected for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship and look forward to pursuing postgraduate study in Europe. I am particularly eager to experience the cultures of Belgium and to further my understanding of Spain. I am excited to meet the other students in the course from all around the world. I am looking forward to pursuing a Masters in Europe, where there is a strong tradition of academic excellence and multidisciplinary teaching”.



SCHOLARS

TURNBULL, Zaccharia

Zaccharia, a graduate from La Trobe university, is 32 and has been awarded a scholarship to take part in the International Masters in Natural Language Processing and Human Language Technology. He will study at the Université de Franche-Comté, France, and at a university of his choice in Spain, Portugal or the UK. Zaccharia says that he will take advantage of Europe's multilingual setting in particular to enhance his studies in theoretical and computational linguistics.



UMAKANTHAN, Sujatha

Sujatha is currently working as a project planner for Westinghouse Rail Systems. She is 33 and a graduate from the Queensland University of Technology. Sujatha is going to participate in the Masters in Strategic Project Management. Her Erasmus Mundus programme will take her to Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Politecnico di Milano and Umea University in Sweden. Sujatha feels that an Erasmus Mundus degree will give her a decisive advantage for her future international career. She believes that gaining an internationally recognized degree in Strategic Project Management will be a significant milestone and an investment of a lifetime. In addition, "socialising and networking with students from all over the world, picking up different cultural insights and language skills will give me the edge I need to succeed in my career and personal life."



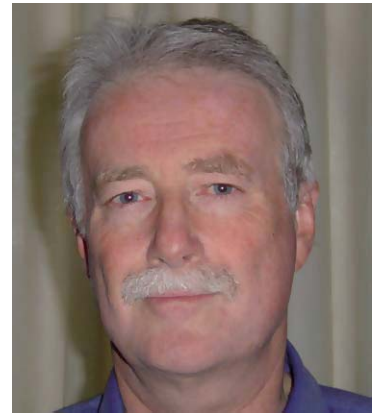
WOTZKO, Rebecca Anne

Rebecca will be studying a Master of Arts in International Performance Research at Warwick University in the UK and the University of Amsterdam. She is 22 years old and recently graduated from Charles Sturt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Theatre and Media at First Class Honours level. Apart from being excited to visit Europe for the first time, Rebecca is certain that she will be inspired by Europe's rich theatre history.



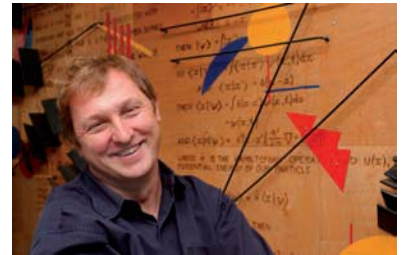
COWELL, Peter

Dr Peter Cowell is a member of the Geocoastal Group (School of Geosciences) at the University of Sydney Institute of Marine Science. Peter will contribute to the Coastal and Marine Engineering and Management (CoMEM) programme at Delft University, drawing from his 25 years of research on coastal and continental-shelf sediment deposits. Two recent graduates from the Sydney's Geocoastal Group are also part of the 2008 intake of Masters students in Erasmus Mundus marine programmes: Sarah Marshman and Lara Ainley.



DALE, Robert

"I'm really looking forward to my time as an Erasmus Mundus invited scholar in Nancy and Saarbruecken in early 2010. I'll be working with Claire Gardent, who I know from years ago when we were both at the University of Edinburgh in the early 1990s. This visit will give us the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and tackle some problems of common interest head-on. I'm excited already!"



DE VERE, Ian

Ian is the Program Coordinator of the Product Design Engineering course at Swinburne University of Technology. His Erasmus Mundus scholarship is linked to the Global Innovation Management course at Strathclyde University in Glasgow. This association with Strathclyde and other European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU) partners will facilitate international student and staff exchange, joint research activities and global collaborative. Ian's research is based around an examination of teaching creative and human-centred design in an engineering context. The opportunity to be involved in the delivery of a global innovation course in Europe will significantly inform this research.



DODD, Barbara

Barbara Dodd is a Professional Fellow at the University of Queensland's Centre for Clinical Research. Her field of expertise is speech-language pathology. Ms. Dodd will be undertaking research on phonological disorders which affect monolingual and bilingual children, while teaching an Erasmus Mundus Master course on paediatric communication disorders as a visiting professor at the University of Potsdam in Germany. Professor Dodd is looking forward to expanding her cross-linguistic perspectives on childhood communication difficulties.

FABRICIUS, Katharina

Katharina Fabricius works as principal research scientist at the Australian Institute of Marine Science focusing on coral reef ecology. As part of her participation in the Erasmus Mundus Master in Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation she will be teaching a course titled "Coral Reefs – Biodiversity, Threats, Conservation and Management" at the University of Bremen, Germany. Additionally, Ms. Fabricius will conduct research on the effects of changing environments on coral reefs and hopes to revive her former cooperation with German academics.



LINLIN, Ge, and RIZOS, Chris

Professor Chris Rizos (pictured below) and Associate Professor Linlin Ge (right) of the School of Surveying & Spatial Information Systems at the University of New South Wales are both going to participate in the Erasmus Muncus MSc programme in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling



and Management at the ITC in the Netherlands, the University of Southampton, Lund University, Sweden and Warsaw University. Their visits are intended to lay the foundation for research and teaching collaboration between the GEM consortium and UNSW in the Earth Observation field.

HILL, Peter Stewart

Peter Stewart Hill is an Associate Professor in International Health Policy at the School of Population Health at the University of Queensland. His host universities in Europe will be the Queen Margaret University College Edinburgh, the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam and the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Mr. Hill will cooperate with European colleagues on research about the relationships between public health and development and hold seminars on this for Erasmus Mundus students.



HUGHES, Roger

Roger Hughes' current position is Chair of Public Health Nutrition at the University of the Sunshine Coast. He will soon be teaching and researching at the Dublin Institute of Technology. His research interests include public health nutrition, in particular the evaluation of community based public health interventions. Professor Hughes will share his knowledge on this topic with Irish students and considers it a great opportunity to have access to the European research community during his stay in Dublin.

HYLAND, Paul

Professor Paul Hyland is a Professorial Research Fellow in the School of Natural and Rural Systems Management at The University of Queensland. He will be teaching in the Global Innovation Management (GIM) MSc programme, which is delivered and awarded jointly by Aalborg University, University of Strathclyde, and Hamburg University of Technology. Professor Hyland's research focuses predominantly on innovation management and business development. His participation in the Erasmus Mundus scheme will be the continuation of a longstanding cooperation with the European Union.

MACKENZIE, Catriona

Dr. Mackenzie is an Associate Professor in Philosophy at Macquarie University, Sydney. In Europe she will be based at the Ethics Institute of Utrecht University, Netherlands, where she will be involved in teaching in the Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Applied Ethics, which is also involves Linköping University in Sweden and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim. Dr. Mackenzie intends to use her stay in Europe to personally meet her international colleagues and extend her professional network.



MORESI, Louis

Louis Moresi is a professor at Monash University Melbourne. In Europe he will be teaching in the Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Computational Mechanics. He is planning to work closely with his European colleagues from the Ecole Centrale de Nantes, France, on extending his Lagrangian Particle Finite Element work to include internal frictional interfaces. Although the European numerical modelling community inspires an extensive amount of his work Professor Moresi is interested to compare Australian and European views on his area of expertise.



MYBURGH, Sue

Sue is a senior lecturer in the School of Communication at the University of Adelaide. In Europe she will be teaching in the Erasmus Mundus Master in Digital Library Learning at the University of Parma, Italy. Furthermore, she will be conducting research on the internationalisation of education in library and information science for the knowledge economy in cooperation with her European peers. This will give her the chance to improve her Italian language skills as well as to learn more about the experiences of international students in her discipline.



NASH, Christopher

Chris is a professor of journalism at Monash University and will be collaborating with partners in journalism education at the Aarhus Universitet, Denmark. Professor Nash says they will “develop the framework for collaborative teaching and learning using web-based software”, answering “methodological questions surrounding the role of journalism as a university-based exercise in research and publication: what does it mean to be a journalist in a university? and what is the contribution that journalism as an intellectual activity can make to the humanities and social sciences? Our European partners have done some exciting work around these questions, and I look forward very much to extending my own thinking with them.”



NELSON, Lindsay George

Dr. Nelson is a former senior lecturer from the University of Tasmania and is currently working in the area of Human Resource Management consultancy. As part of his participation in the Erasmus Mundus scheme he will be teaching in the Master on Work, Organisational and Personnel Psychology at the University of Valencia, Spain. Dr. Nelson’s most recent research has been in “worker alienation and human resource management”.



OLIVER, Gillian

Dr Oliver is a senior lecturer in Archives and Records Management at the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. She will be teaching and conducting research in information and knowledge management as part of the International Master in Digital Library Learning. the DILL program is offered in cooperation between the Oslo University College, Norway, Tallinn University in Estonia, and Parma University, Italy. Gillian says “I am delighted to have been awarded this scholarship as it gives me a unique opportunity to continue my research into information cultures with an ethnographic study.”



RYAN, Christopher

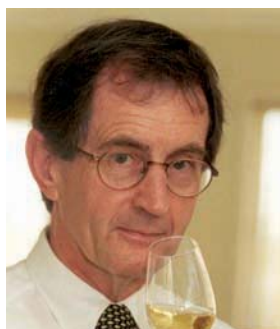
Chris Ryan is Professor of Eco-Innovation at The University of Melbourne. He will be attached to the Erasmus Mundus Master of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, where he will teach at Lund University, Sweden, the Central European University in Hungary, the University of Manchester and the University of the Aegean in Greece.



More information on Erasmus Mundus can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/programme/back_en.html
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SCOLLARY, Geoffrey Robert

Dr. Scollary has recently completed his term of Foundation Professor of Oenology at Charles Sturt University. He will take part in the Erasmus Mundus Master “Vintage”, Vine, Wine and Terroir Management during which he will, among other teaching activities, hold a series of lectures on the chemistry of wine and advances in winemaking and conduct research on the analytical methods for assessment of grape and wine composition at the Ecole Supérieure d’Agriculture d’Angers, France, the University Corvinus in Hungary and the Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore in Italy.



STUCKEY, Peter

Peter Stuckey is a Professor at the University of Melbourne in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering. He will take part in teaching the European Masters Programme in Computational Logic which is offered by the Dresden University of Technology, Germany, the Free University of Bozano, Italy, the New University of Lisbon and the University of Vienna. Furthermore, he will engage in research on model analysis of combinatorial optimisation problems at the Technical University of Madrid.



WALKER, Derek

Derek Walker is a Professor of Project Management at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. At the Umea University in Sweden he will assist in the European Masters in Strategic Project Management offered in cooperation with the Heriot Watt University in Scotland and the Technical University of Milan. Professor Walker has a longstanding interest in Europe as the major hub of diverse ideas. Teaching and researching in Scandinavia will be a valuable new experience to him.



WALKLEY, Jeff

Jeff Walkley is an associate professor in the School of Medical Science at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. He will be undertaking research and teaching in the area of “approaches to measuring physical activity among people with a disability using accelerometry as well as proxy respondents” within the Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity. This Masters programme is offered jointly by the Palacky University of Olomouc, Czech Republic, the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, the University of Limerick, Ireland, and the Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education.



WOODROFFE, COLIN D.

Colin Woodroffe is a professor in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Wollongong with expertise on coastal morphodynamics and environmental risk assessment, as well as on geospatial techniques and the application of geographical information systems (GIS) to the coastal zone. He will take part in the Erasmus Mundus Masters in Coastal and Marine Engineering and Management, based at the University of Southampton. The consortium involves three Delft, Trondheim and Barcelona polytechnic universities and the University of London City. Colin says “I am enthusiastic to contribute to the Master in Coastal and Marine Engineering and Management program, where it is possible to interact with an appropriate size international group of motivated students. I have enjoyed participation in a focused course of this sort and I look forward to sharing my experiences with this group. I will also particularly value the opportunity to continue collaboration with Professor Robert Nicholls on aspects of the vulnerability of coasts to climate change”.

